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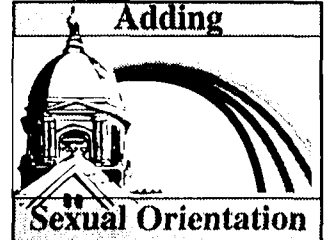
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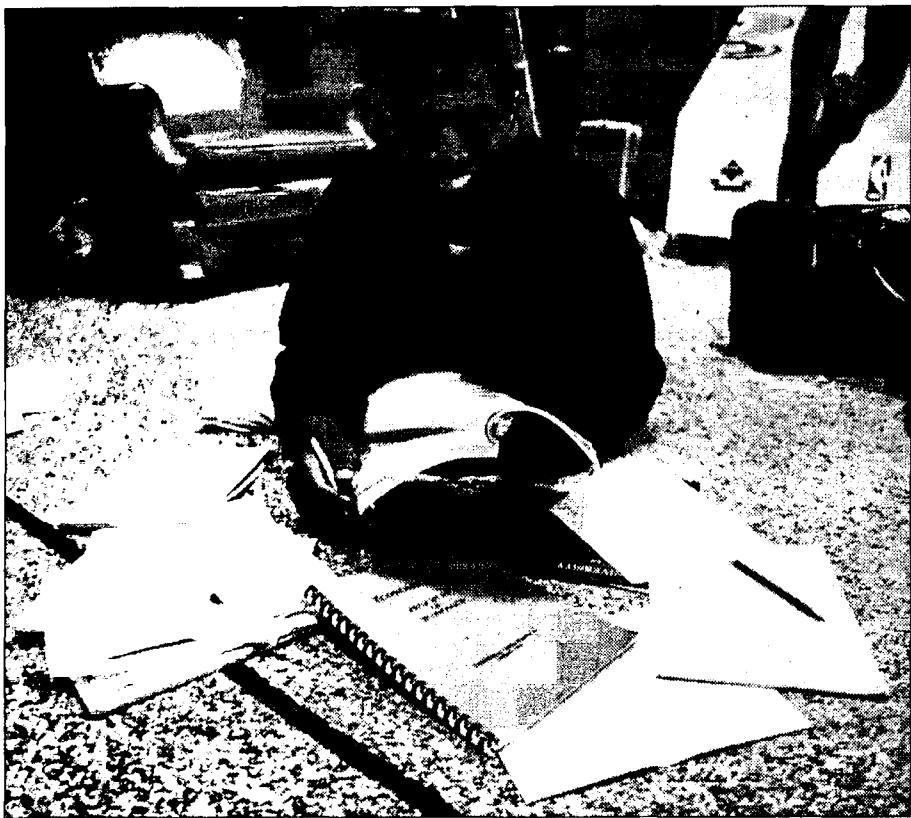
The Big Ten

Editor's Note: On Friday, Feb. 5, the Board of Trustees will meet in London to discuss, among other issues, Notre Dame's position on joining the Big Ten and the possibility of adding the protection of sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause. Throughout the days leading to that meeting, The Observer will take a comprehensive look at the history and people behind these two issues as well as possible ramifications of decisions that the board might deliver.

Adding



Big Ten: People won't come here anymore



Freshman lineman Tony Weaver said independent status helps Notre Dame recruiting. Many players say they were drawn to the school by both its football and academics.

By JOEY CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

Next Wednesday Notre Dame head football coach Bob Davie and his staff will get something tangible from all those long flights traveling across the country, miles in rental cars and nights spent in hotel rooms in towns from Big Stone Gap, Va., to Seattle, Wash.

That reward will come in the form of signatures from some of the best high-school athletes in the country, representing their intent to accept scholarships to the University of Notre Dame.

On Feb. 5, a decision made across the Atlantic could change Notre Dame football and affect that recruiting process.

The 1998 version of Notre Dame football included 27 players from Big Ten country and 78 outside, with a significant number of players from recruiting hotbeds such as Florida, Texas and California.

By comparison, Michigan's 1998 football team had 69 players from Big Ten states with 39 from outside the Big Ten. Forty-one of Michigan's players

were home grown.

Bob Chmiel, the coordinator of football operations who directs all administrative aspects of the Notre Dame recruiting process, said that that recruiting process will not change.

"As far as the linguistics go and everything else, we wouldn't change our approach," Chmiel said. "Recruiting comes down to two things: hard work and enthusiasm."

But several players feel that if Notre Dame joins the Big Ten, it may lose some of its national appeal.

"I definitely think we would be known more as a Midwest school than a national school," freshman defensive lineman Tony Weaver said. "Joining a conference will make us like everyone else, average. I think we need to definitely keep our individuality."

That independence gives Notre Dame tough, varied schedules and mini-rivalries with teams scattered across the nation. In upcoming seasons, Notre Dame will play both Nebraska and Tennessee — but if the Irish join the Big Ten, the necessity of localized conference play would make more of those high-profile match-ups unlikely.

This year's senior class played in 13

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• "ND's 'inclusion' not unusual"

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Krupa named new Observer editor-in-chief

By SARAH J. HILTZ
Associate News Editor

With almost three years of experience in The Observer news department, Michelle Krupa was elected editor-in-chief of The Observer for the 1999-2000 year by a vote of the newspaper's General Board Wednesday night.

Krupa, a junior from Arlington Heights, Ill., lives in McGlenn Hall. An American studies and spanish double-major in the College of Arts and Letters, Krupa plans to pursue a career as a reporter and possibly an editor for a major newspaper.



Krupa

"I'm so excited about the opportunity to be involved in all facets of The Observer," said Krupa, who has been The Observer's news editor since August. "I've been working toward this since my freshman year."

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate against joining Big Ten

By TIM LOGAN
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate sent a strong message to the Board of Trustees Wednesday when it voted unanimously to recommend that the Board reject Big Ten membership for Notre Dame.

After considering issues of academics, athletics and Notre Dame's institutional character, the members reached a consensus that the University should work to maintain its undergraduate focus and its national identity. The senate also decided that membership in the Big Ten and its academic coalition, the Consortium on Institutional Cooperation, would be detrimental to that mission.

"I think we've got a pretty good thing going here, we shouldn't mess with that," said Siegfried senator Tom Ogorzalek. "We shouldn't embark on a path that might lead us down a slope in the wrong direction."



Big Ten committee chair Pat Roy addressed the Student Senate last night. The senate unanimously voted to recommend Notre Dame reject Big Ten membership.

Senators agreed that the potential exists for a significant decrease in the focus on undergraduate education if Notre Dame joined the CIC, a coalition of schools renowned for their research prowess. Supporters of the change

have pointed to the improved possibilities for research as a strong selling point of CIC membership.

While the Faculty Senate voted 25-4 in December to support join-

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■ **INSIDE COLUMN**

It's a squirrel world after all

I was walking around campus yesterday, and I noticed that there were many more squirrels out than usual. There were a group of squirrels in particular who were running around North Quad like they were searching for something. Being the curious and somewhat bizarre person I am and my plain affixation with squirrels on this campus, I began to wonder what would cause these squirrels to be in such a hurry. Let me share with you my thought process during this time. It went something like this ...

Josh Bourgeois
Wire Editor

I wonder what squirrels do during the winter. I'm sure that there are scientific responses to this inquiry, but what if the squirrels here have been influenced by us and established a society similar to Notre Dame? In other words, what if the squirrels' society mimicked Notre Dame's society? If this was true, what would their world be like?

Most importantly, what would these squirrels do for fun? Would they congregate at different spots around campus, hang out, dance a little, and maybe even sip out of those half-empty beer cans we find around campus after a typical weekend here? Would these places be called "bars" to them? How much beer would it take to get a squirrel drunk? Is there a law about climbing trees while a squirrel has drunk? Would some bars be popular on Thursday nights and others on the weekend? Would a squirrel have to be a particular age to join in the fun at these "bars"? Would there be some "bars" where the Notre Dame squirrels hang out and others where the "townie" squirrels hang out?

Let's say a squirrel had to be a year old to enjoy the bar atmosphere. Would squirrels that were almost one year old claim that they were both older than they really were and from a different forest just so that they can get into these bars? What would happen if a group of squirrels got into trouble because they were caught using false identifications for themselves?

On the other hand, I'm sure many female squirrels could get into these bars if they did not mind shaking their bushy tails a bit. Wouldn't all male squirrels at these bars who card these female squirrels be suckers for these beautiful tails? Why is it that female squirrels have it easier than male squirrels?

What if a squirrel was not into hanging out at these "bars"? Would they have anything to do? Would there be other places where underage or other squirrels could meet? Probably not. All of the other squirrels would be out at the bars. So, if you wanted to be with your other furry friends, then you would have to at least attempt to go to these places. What if the squirrels ...

Forget it! The squirrels were probably just searching for some nuts. You might ask why I have such an obsession with squirrels. Truthfully, I do not know why these furry animals intrigue me.

But just think about what those squirrels are REALLY doing next time you see them running like a chicken with its head cut-off.

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

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Outside the Dome

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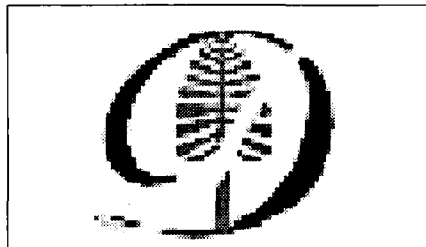
Dartmouth targeted by anti-affirmative action campaign

HANOVER, N.H.

A conservative public-policy firm placed full-page advertisements in approximately a dozen campus newspapers across the country, including Dartmouth's, yesterday with the headline "Guilty By Admission" accusing "nearly every elite college in America" of violating affirmative action laws when making admissions decisions.

The ad, placed by the Washington-based Center for Individual Rights, urges students to download or send away for a free handbook on how to investigate their colleges' adherence to laws on race and admissions. The handbook also details what students can do if their institutions are in violation of those laws.

The new ad campaign specifically targets 15 high-profile colleges, including three Ivy League schools — Dartmouth, Columbia University and



the University of Pennsylvania.

According to the center's Senior Counsel Terence Pell, CIR targeted these particular schools because, according to a study conducted by the Center for Equal Opportunity, race plays a larger role in admissions selection at more competitive institutions.

Pell said that the colleges chosen for ad placement were selected to represent a variety of institutions, and that Dartmouth was not chosen for any specific reason. He said Dartmouth's

selection does not necessarily mean that CIR is accusing the College of having illegal admissions policies.

College President James Wright defended Dartmouth's admissions policy, asserting that any accusation that the College is in violation of racial preference laws would be "incorrect."

"We're not in violation of any law and we are going to continue at Dartmouth to admit a rich and diverse student body," Wright said.

"I'm not at all uncomfortable with the process we use in admitting students."

Wright emphasized that Dartmouth has been striving to admit a diverse student body since it was established.

"Dartmouth has made it clear for a very long time that diversity and affirmative action are very important here. It has been an ongoing commitment," Wright said.

■ **UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

Dorm life broadcast on Internet

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

Eight students attending New England colleges will have their lives broadcasted in real time over the World Wide Web beginning Monday, and those launching the program plan to expand it to Florida and across the country. The student-run company, CollegeWeb.com, hopes to provide a true-to-life picture of college life by capturing constant snapshots of students' activities and posting them on WebDorm, <http://www.webdorm.com>. "It doesn't get any more accurate than this," said Alex Chriss, founder of CollegeWeb.com. Photos will be captured every 30 seconds by QuickCam VC digital cameras located in the students' bedrooms. The site will broadcast the pictures 24 hours a day, along with biographical information about the students. Company spokeswoman Allison Mahoney said WebDorm.com is a valuable resource for high school and college students. "It will give prospective students an idea of what it's like to be in a college dorm," she said.

■ **OHIO UNIVERSITY**

University attacks hate crime e-mail

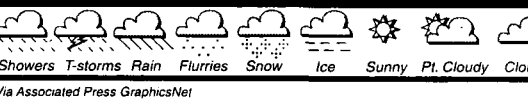
ATHENS, Ohio

Hate crime hit home for some Ohio University students and employees when they checked their e-mail earlier this week. The Ohio University Police Department is attempting to find an alleged e-mail hacker, who accessed an OU graduate student's e-mail account and posed as that student to send a hate message to students and employees at OU's main and regional campuses, OUPD officer George Anderson said. The message, which called gays, lesbians, and bisexuals "disgusting" and "ugly as sin," threatened to send a "gay beaters club" to their homes. OUPD officers have not found evidence that the OU student's account was accessed without permission. OUPD has no suspects and has not charged anyone in connection with the e-mail message, Anderson said. But he said that it is possible to type in another person's e-mail address and access another person's account to send mail.

■ **SOUTH BEND WEATHER**

5 Day South Bend Forecast
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Saturday	32	21
Sunday	39	35
Monday	40	30



■ **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

Students express concern about prof

MADISON, Wis.

The sentencing of UW-Madison Professor Leon Shohet to three months in prison for falsifying grant requests leaves his engineering students in the unusual situation of changing professors after the semester's start. According to Willis Tompkins, chairman of the department of electrical and computer engineering, Shohet is currently scheduled to continue teaching until his prison term begins Feb. 19. After that time Engineering Professor Amy Wendt will take over the class, Tompkins said. "The professor who is taking over has a lot of experience teaching this class," Tompkins said. "She is a great teacher." But students are concerned about changing professors after the semester has begun. "It will be weird changing professors halfway through," junior Shannon Fogel said. Senior Matt Genack agreed with Fogel about the difficulty of changing professors mid-semester. "He seemed to be pretty knowledgeable," Genack said. "It's kind of disappointing."

■ **UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA**

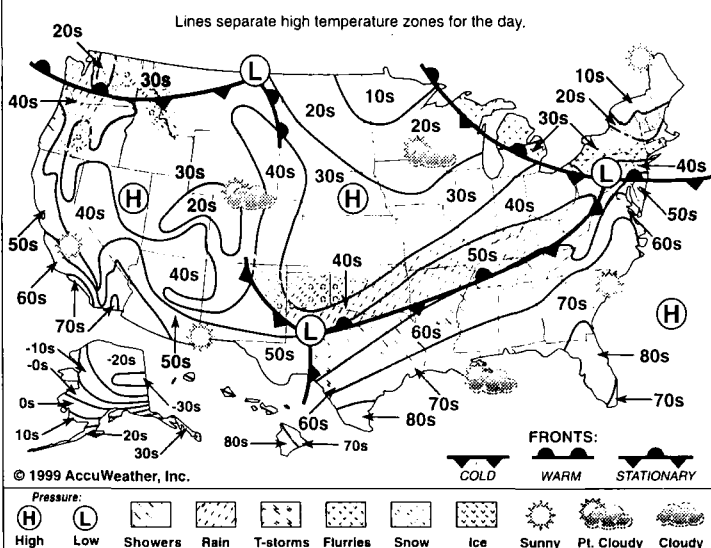
Long-haired student denied court case

LINCOLN, Neb.

NU College of Law administrators and professors found themselves tangled with a hairy issue Tuesday after one of their students was denied permission to argue misdemeanor cases in court this semester. Thayne Glenn, a third-year NU law student, was told he could not participate in the Criminal Clinic offered through Lancaster County, Attorney Gary Lacey's office unless he cut a substantial part of his shoulder-length hair. Some NU professors are questioning whether students can be discriminated against based on their appearance, though Lacey stands behind his decision. "I understand (Lacey's) rationale. It's a very conservative establishment," Glenn said. "However, this has become an issue of principle." Glenn has never met Lacey. "He made his decision, and I made mine," Glenn said. "I wasn't going to cut my hair." When contacted by the Daily Nebraskan, Lacey would not comment on his reasons for not letting Glenn attend the clinic.

■ **NATIONAL WEATHER**

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Jan. 28.



Atlanta	70	51	Dallas	55	51	Miami	81	70
Baltimore	56	44	Denver	39	17	New York	44	38
Baton Rouge	75	56	Honolulu	79	70	Phoenix	61	39
Chicago	32	30	Indianapolis	47	41	St. Louis	43	41
Columbus	53	43	Los Angeles	68	46	Wichita	40	30

John Paul II visits St. Louis

By BETH MAYER
News Writer

ST. LOUIS

Anxious for her students to see Pope John Paul II in person, Mary Beth Mecca took a sizable gamble.

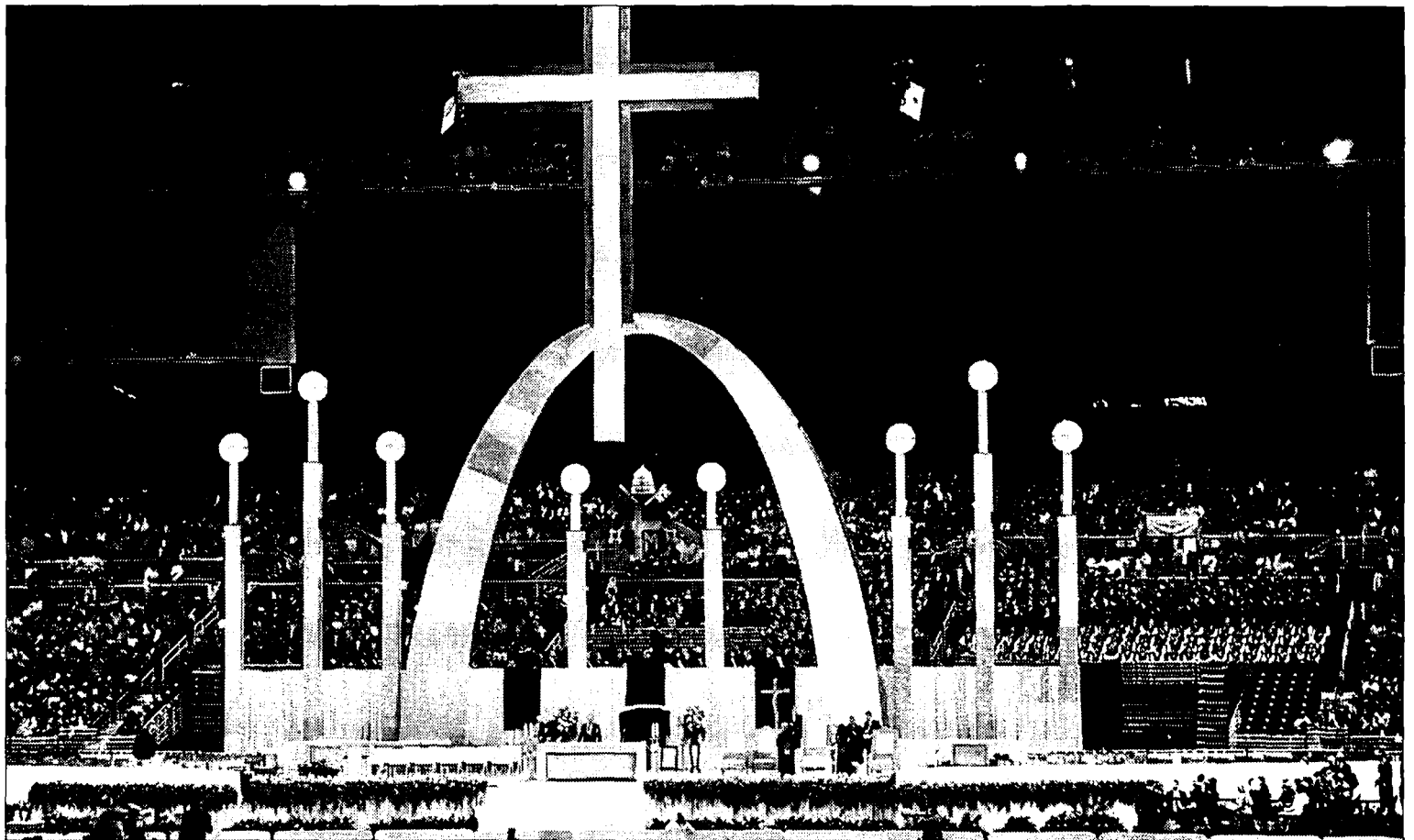
Holding just two tickets in hand, Mecca brought seven students to St. Louis from Overland Park, Kan., in the hope that the good spirit surrounding the papal visit might bring a little luck her way — and she lucked out.

"We found extra tickets from people," she said. "And we hugged every one of them."

Spectators and volunteers arrived at the Trans World Dome as early as 1:30 a.m., eager for a glimpse of the Pope after nine months of planning and anticipation. And at 9:58 a.m., the payoff came.

In front of 110,000 worshippers Wednesday, Pope John Paul II slowly walked to the makeshift altar in the Dome and presided over a Eucharistic Celebration before returning to Rome later in the evening.

The celebration was the largest indoor Mass ever celebrated in the United States. And as soon as images of the Pope arriving appeared on huge screens, a hush fell over the crowd. It was then that Monsignor Paul Swain "knew that something great was going to happen."



The Pope's entrance was greeted with camera flashes combining for a bright strobe effect, and spectators chanted, "John Paul II, We Love You!" His Holiness circled several convention areas in the America's Center before Mass

began.

St. Louis Archbishop Justin Rigali welcomed the Pope under a 45-foot replica of the Gateway Arch and a suspended Cross.

"For months we have prayed for your health and good weather," he said.

During the homily, the Pope spoke from a prepared speech. He touched on many core issues of the Catholic faith, speaking about family, abortion, suicide, capital punishment and racism.

The St. Louis Archdiocese has a large number of Catholic schools, which prompted the Pope to talk about Catholic education.

"Catholic schools have proven to be of priceless value to generations of children, teaching them to know, love and serve God, and preparing them to take their place with responsibility in the community, he said"

A large portion of his homily

centered around the family. He stressed that parents are fully supported by the Church and society.

The loudest applause during the homily was after the Pope said, "As the family goes, so goes the nation."

The Pope spoke about suicide, abortion and euthanasia, saying that the acts were a "terrible rejection of God's love," and that "the Church needs followers of Christ who are unconditionally pro-life."

Racism is a prevalent problem in St. Louis, and the Pope pointed this out.

"[T]here remains another great challenge facing this community of St. Louis — and the whole country: to put an end to every form of racism, a plague which your bishops have called one of the most persistent and destructive evils of the nation," he said.

Interspersed with two coughing fits from the Pope, and shouts from the audience of

"Vivo il Papa!" the homily drew to a close with the Pope's final appeal to the congregation.

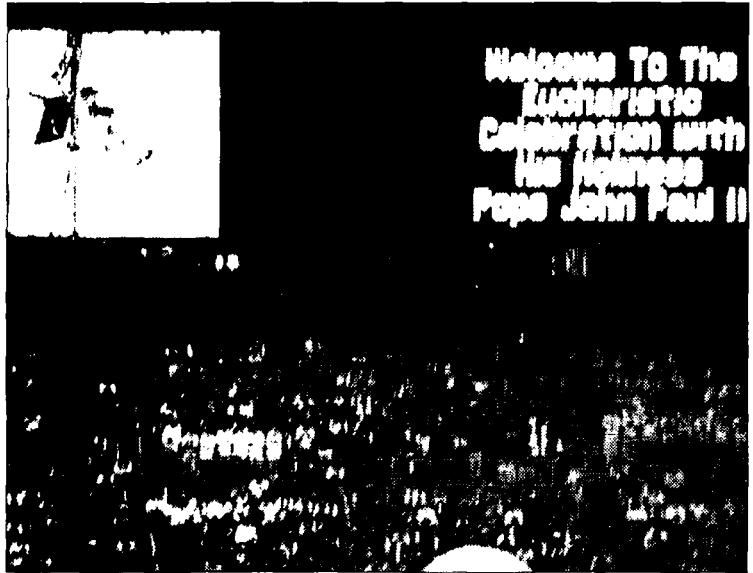
He urged everyone that on the eve of the Great Jubilee of 2000, "Christ is seeking you out. Is this not the moment for you to experience the joy of returning to the Father's house?"

Waiting for his flight back to Madison, Wis., Bishop of Wisconsin, William Bullock reflected on the Pope's 31-hour visit to St. Louis.

He will always remember seeing the Pope "look up and respond to the faith of the people — the gleam in his eyes, the crack of a smile."

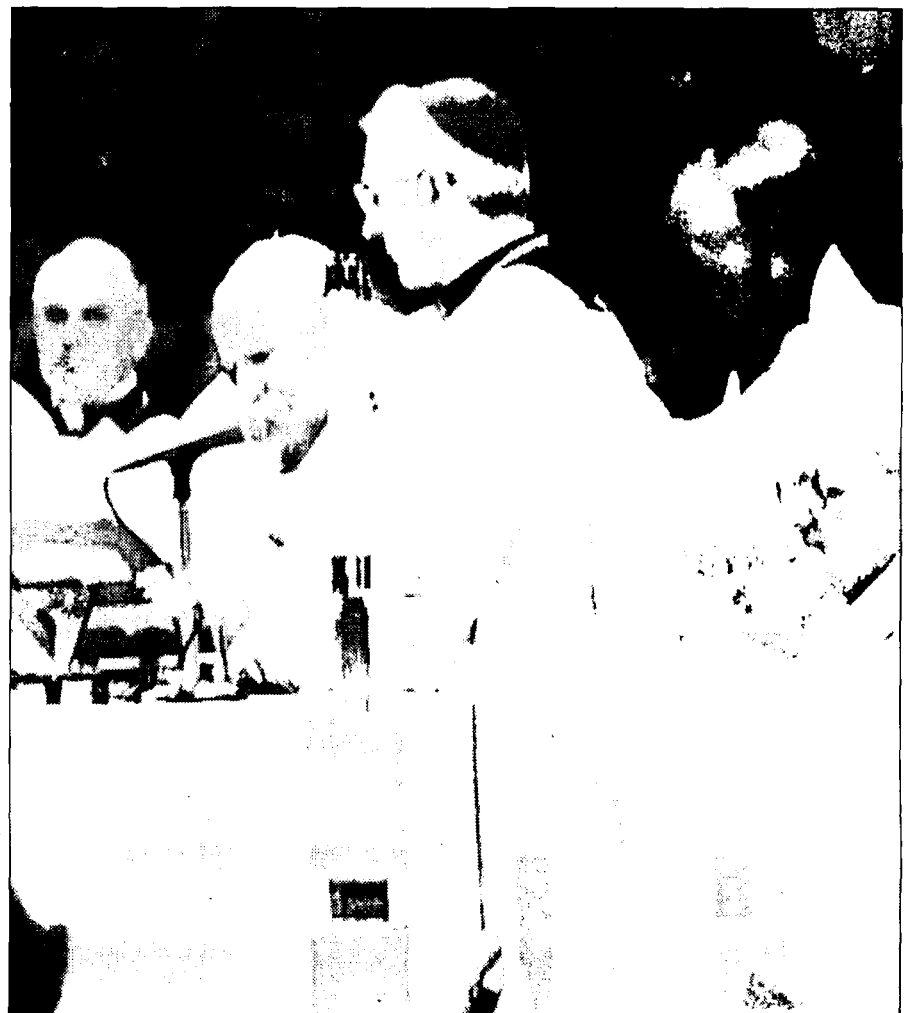
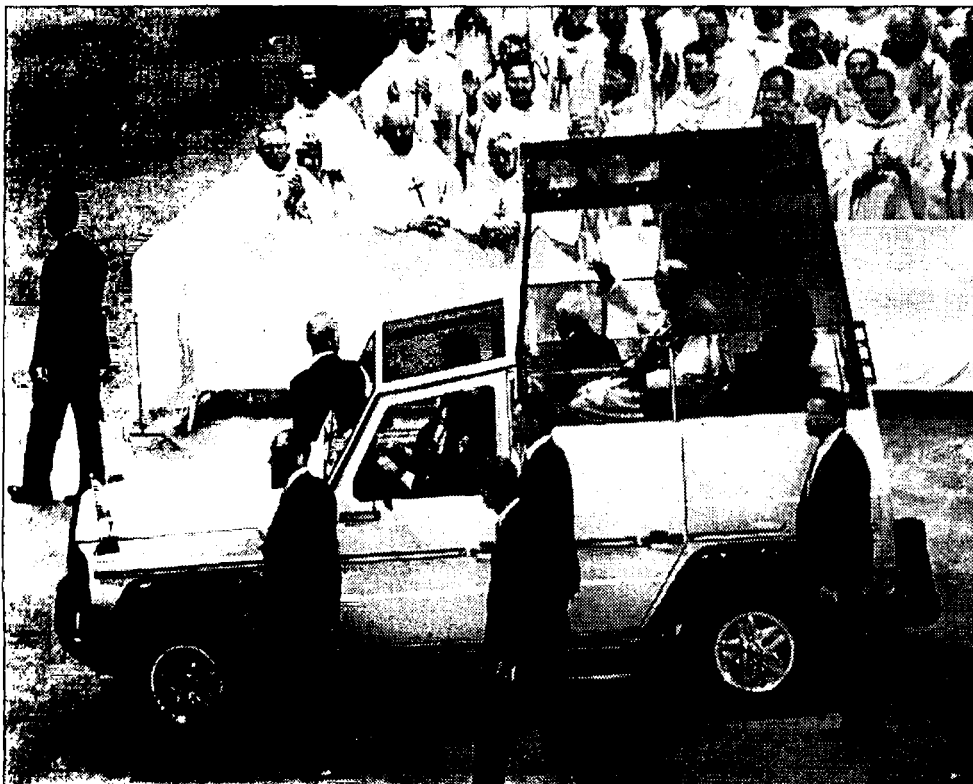
Bullock, a 1948 Notre Dame graduate who received his masters in Theology and Religious Study from Notre Dame in 1963, also had a message for college students.

"The Church welcomes them, and wants to work with them. [The Church] will keep opening the door," he said.



Top: The majestic altar erected for the Pope
Above: Signs in the Trans World Dome welcome worshippers
Right: The Pope celebrates Mass
Below: The Pope, in the popemobile, cruises the streets of St. Louis

Photos by Beth Mayer for The Observer



Recruiting

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different states ranging from Hawaii to Massachusetts, and even crossed the Atlantic to play Navy in Ireland.

"National recruiting is a big part of Notre Dame football," said 1998 tri-captain Mike Rosenthal. "When we do play a national schedule it lets kids from California and other places play around their hometowns so their parents can see them play. The way we do it now, to play a national schedule does appeal to a lot of kids around the country."

It appeals to kids like Arnez Battle from Shreveport, La., located in the heart of Southeastern Conference (SEC) territory.

"I believe we would lose some national recognition because we won't get to play teams like Arizona State and Louisiana State," Battle said. "It would be all Midwestern football and I believe that will hurt us a little bit."

Even if Notre Dame joins the Big Ten, Davie and his staff will still be making those trips to California, Texas and the rest of the South.

"We'll go wherever it takes to find the finest players that are also a good match for Notre Dame," Chmiel said. "There are schools in the Big Ten that recruit nationally. I don't think you would have to change the demographics of recruiting."

The question remains: will the Irish be able to sign those players with such frequency?

Battle, who also considered Nebraska and SEC schools Georgia, Tennessee and Auburn, indicated that recruiting on a national level could be more difficult for Notre Dame, especially without a national television contract.

"It would be tougher for Notre Dame to get people in the South because I didn't really know much about the Big Ten," Battle said. "I couldn't really tell you who was in the Big Ten because I

grew up watching Notre Dame being independent and the SEC teams like Florida, LSU and Georgia. Those were the games we get on television down South. If you're from California you would watch Pac-10 games."

Notre Dame recruiters have been able to lure kids across the nation with the attention the NBC television contract entails and a contract with the Big East that allowed Notre Dame entrance into the Gator Bowl.

"That [NBC contract] is what gave Notre Dame an edge over a lot of team — that they were on national television every week," Battle said. "Athletes across the country watched them play every week."

"As long as we have the NBC contract and as long as we have the second-tier bowl alliance with the Big East, I think those two issues puts us in an enviable position across this country as an independent," Davie told the South Bend Tribune. "We've got so much to sell. I like going in those living rooms [of recruits]. We have something different to sell. As long as you have something to sell that's different you have a tremendous opportunity. You can see that in the results we're having in recruiting."

The current corps of recruits back up Davie's statement. Of the 19 verbal commitments thus far for the Irish, three are from Big Ten states.

California native Mike McNair, who chose Notre Dame over USC, feels that Davie and his staff would still have an easy product to sell because of the Notre Dame reputation.

"I'm not really sure [if being in the Big Ten will hurt Notre Dame's national recruiting]," McNair said. "Notre Dame has a name for itself if it is independent or if it is in the Big Ten."

"We talk to young people about the opportunity to play in a lot of different venues across the country," Chmiel said. "The great appeal is the great tradition of Notre Dame and the great education that an individual receives when he comes here. Is the opportunity to play a lot of different places a fac-

tor? Yeah, but I don't think it's the most important factor."

For Battle, Weaver, McNair and Rosenthal, the decision to attend Notre Dame did come down to those other factors.

"Mainly it was the academics and the tradition involved with this school," Weaver said who also considered Syracuse, Miami, Michigan and Wisconsin.

"It's a known school world-wide," Battle said. "Just having the name can take you a long way academically and athletically."

"I wanted to be able to say that I graduated from Notre Dame," McNair said. "That really affects people when you say that."

Players cited other reasons aside from pure academics and athletics, including the type of people that come to Notre Dame.

"I came to Notre Dame because of the coaching staff and the guys on the team," said Rosenthal, who picked the Irish over UCLA, Colorado, Michigan and Penn State. "I felt like the guys on the team really welcomed me in and it was a family and it is a tight knit group and that's what appealed to me."

Said McNair, "One reason I wanted to come here was because of the kind of players that go here are a lot different than the kind of players that go anywhere else. The spirit and tradition really got me and coming to practice and seeing how everybody is really spirited and they all get along."

Regardless of the decision in London Feb. 5, the focus of Davie and his staff with regards to recruiting will not waver.

"The decision will be made with the best interests of Notre Dame in mind," Chmiel said. "It will be made by people who are very well-versed in what's good for Notre Dame and I'm certain they will research this to the hilt before any decision is made. Whatever decision that these people make will be the direction we'll move in with confidence."

Senate

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ing the Consortium on account of membership's research benefits, its student counterparts chose to value a different side of the educational equation.

"Notre Dame is about undergraduate education, that's why I came here" said Dillon senator Jason Linster. "I don't want to see my education suffer so that we can get higher [U.S. News and World Report] rankings."

Another issue discussed by senators related to Notre Dame's national identity, both in academics and athletics.

Several members mentioned that the Big Ten schools are by nature defined by their Midwestern locations, and most are very focused on the region. Meanwhile, Notre Dame's national athletic schedule allows alumni all over the country to see the Irish play.

"Quite frankly, we do regionalize our athletic program if we join the Big Ten," said Pat Foy, chair of the Big Ten committee.

Foy also pointed to the large national following of so-called subway alumni which Notre Dame developed by playing other colleges throughout the country, and discussed how that athletic support crossed over into support for the University and interest in it academically.

The motion will also be considered by the Campus Life Council on Monday. A final decision on Notre Dame's Big Ten membership will likely come next Friday.

In other Senate news:

- Student body president Peter Cesaro delivered his State of the Student Union Address Wednesday, focusing on his administration's accomplishments thus far and plans for the rest of the term.

"These are the golden times at Notre Dame," he said. "The Student Union is moving forward with vigor because of our collaboration to make students' lives better."

Encouraging collaborative study opportunities, promoting eating disorder awareness and formalizing student involvement in the commencement speaker selection process were among Cesaro's proposals for the next three months.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Military rule ends in Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Decades of military dominance formally ended Wednesday when the Honduran commander-in-chief turned over control of the armed forces to a civilian president. Brig. Gen. Mario Hung Pacheco handed his baton of command to President Carlos Flores Facusse, one day after the Honduran legislature voted unanimously to end more than 41 years of military autonomy. Legislators from five parties on Tuesday ratified constitutional reforms approved in September that eliminate the position of commander-in-chief of the army and disband the Superior Council, the top military body. Stripping control from a once-powerful military that for decades had toppled governments "was necessary to strengthen our country's democracy," Flores said.

Livingston declares Feb. 28 as date of resignation

WASHINGTON — Rep. Bob Livingston, who last month made the surprise decision to leave Congress just weeks before he was to become speaker of the House, said Wednesday he will formally resign on Feb. 28. Livingston, R-La., said he met with Louisiana Gov. Mike Foster over the weekend, and they agreed on the date so that special elections to fill the seat could take place in the spring. "After having consulted with legal counsel and the governor of Louisiana, it has become apparent that in order for a special midterm election to be held this spring, I have no choice but to vacate my office by no later than Feb. 28, 1999," he said in a statement. He formally announced his resignation date in a letter to Louisiana Secretary of State Fox McKeithen. Livingston, who has represented his state's 1st District centering in Metairie since 1977, stunned his colleagues when he announced during the debate on impeaching President Clinton on Dec. 19 that he would not seek the House speakership and would step down from his seat.

Denmark votes on brothels

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Hoping to end the use of underage girls and desperate immigrant women as prostitutes, Dutch lawmakers began debating a plan Wednesday to overturn a 1912 ban on brothels. Although prostitution itself is legal in the tolerant Netherlands, operating bordellos remains against the law. Still, they have long been allowed to operate in certain restricted districts as long as they followed strict hygienic standards and fire safety regulations. The legislation now before parliament's lower house would reverse the ban. Supporters say that by legalizing and tightly regulating brothels, it will be easier to crack down on the exploitation of teen-age girls.

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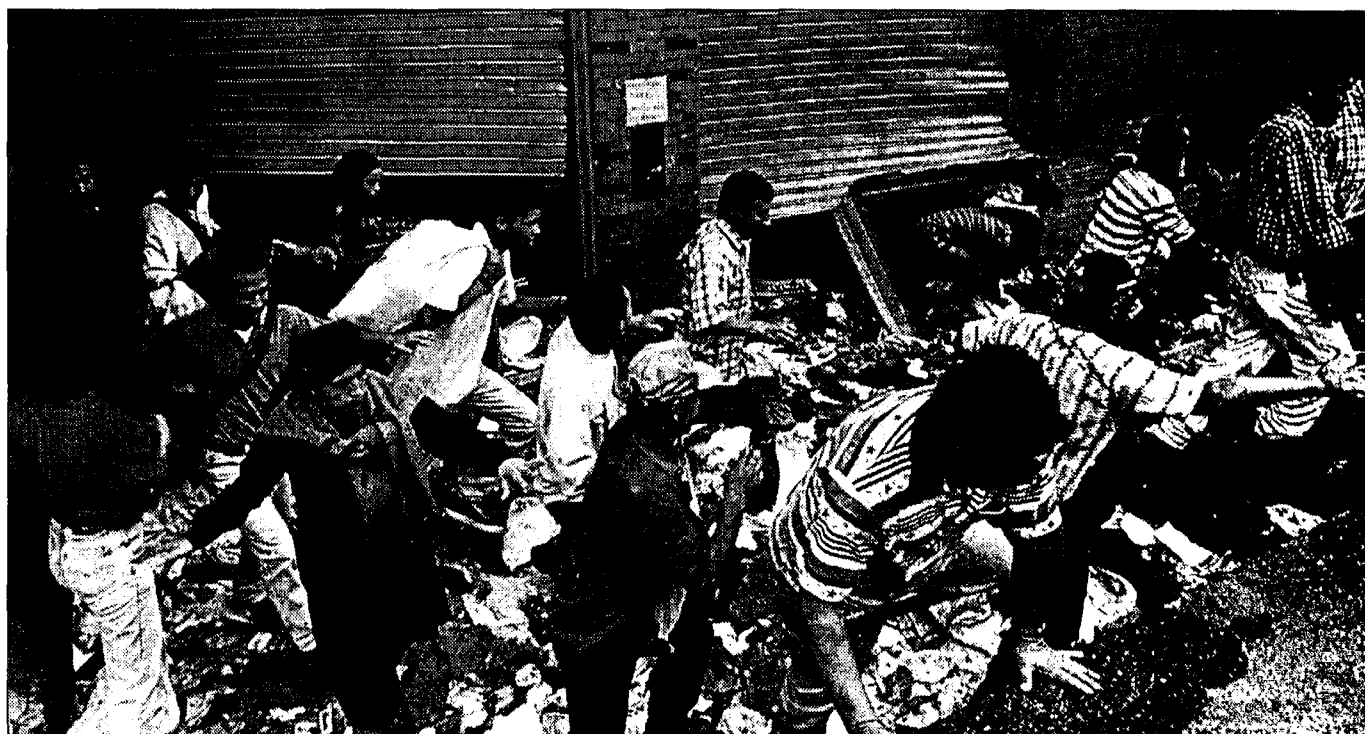
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COLUMBIA

Hungry survivors loot after earthquake



Driven by hunger, survivors of a deadly earthquake clashed with police and stripped supermarket shelves clean as shortages of food and antibiotics worsened the misery wrought by one of Colombia's worst disasters.

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Driven by hunger, survivors of a deadly earthquake clashed with police and stripped supermarket shelves clean Wednesday as shortages of food and antibiotics worsened the misery wrought by one of Colombia's worst disasters.

The toll from Monday's magnitude-6 earthquake in western Colombia reached 878 dead and more than 3,410 injured Wednesday, Red Cross spokeswoman Maria Perrelet said. That number was expected to rise as more debris was cleared.

Hundreds of residents broke into stores in Armenia, the city hardest hit, and carried away liquor, furniture, appliances and food. Some threw rocks at police in riot gear trying to stop the mayhem. At least six civilians, including a local TV reporter, were injured by stones.

As the chaos grew, President Andres Pastrana headed to Armenia to direct the relief effort himself. And

authorities dispatched scores of additional military police to try to restore order to the streets.

Rescue teams arrived from Britain and the United States to help find survivors and pull bodies from hundreds of downed buildings in this city of 300,000 people. Using heavy machinery, rescuers uncovered corpses throughout Armenia, but hope of finding new survivors was dwindling fast.

With need overwhelming available supplies, Armenia's residents took matters into their own hands, breaking down the gates of a downtown supermarket and stealing rice, cooking oil, flour and rum.

Debris fell from the upper reaches of the damaged four-story building housing the store, sending panicked looters fleeing into the street in fear the building would collapse.

In all, 27 aftershocks have struck Colombia since Monday, and a 5.4-magnitude quake rocked the northeast Wednesday but caused no damage.

Luis Valderrama, 30, and two friends pushed a red supermarket cart loaded with goods toward their home in the El Pradito Bajo neighborhood.

"It isn't stealing. The store's totally destroyed, and nobody has a house, nobody has food. All this is to share with the people," he said.

Armenia police Chief Col. Dagoberta Garcia watched helplessly. "We don't have the capacity to stop it," he said.

Other police expressed sympathy for the looters.

"You can't fight against hunger," said police Lt. Jorge Duque.

Throughout Armenia, people formed block-long lines at relief stations for food and clothes. Others jammed the city's main access roads in an attempt to leave.

"There's nothing to eat. There's no milk. There's nothing," said Edgar Angulo, 38, who stood despondent next to a rapidly emptying supply jeep.

Victims approached any stranger asking for help.

Senate blocks dismissal for impeachment case

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WASHINGTON

The Republican-controlled Senate blocked dismissal of the impeachment case against President Clinton on Wednesday and then voted for new testimony from Monica Lewinsky and two other witnesses — but by margins well short of the two-thirds that would be needed to oust the president.

In a pair of roll calls in the hushed Senate chamber, all 55 Republicans voted against dismissal and for the witnesses opposed by the White House. They were joined by a single Democrat, Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, leaving them far below the 67 needed for conviction.

"The president will not be removed from office," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle declared moments later in comments swiftly seconded by the White House.

"For the good of the country and in keeping with the Constitution it is

now time to end this trial."

Even before the votes, Daschle and Majority Leader Trent Lott were at work trying to fashion a bipartisan agreement for the balance of the trial, including videotaped depositions of Ms. Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal.

By late afternoon, Lott told reporters the two parties had exchanged offers and he said he was hopeful for agreement by Thursday on a timetable for a final vote on the articles of impeachment by mid-February. He suggested the witness depositions — possibly videotaped — could take place over the weekend or Monday, and left open the question of whether the White House might then decide it wanted witnesses of its own.

Daschle, too, said he was hopeful of an agreement within 24 hours. There was no debate on the Senate floor before Wednesday's two votes, but numerous senators issued written statements afterward.

"I believe it is premature to dis-

miss this case at the present time," said Richard Shelby, an Alabama Republican who had previously expressed misgivings about witnesses. He said he believed the prosecution "should be allowed the opportunity to demonstrate whether there is new and significant information that would justify live testimony."

Apart from Feingold, Democrats were unanimous that whatever Clinton's wrongs, they weren't impeachable offenses. "However reprehensible that conduct was, I do not believe it is constitutional grounds for removing from office a president elected by the people," said North Dakota's Byron Dorgan.

White House lawyers have warned repeatedly that calling any witnesses would mean protracted delays to allow for time for a review of documents thus far withheld from the president's team. But in a prepared statement he read to reporters in a Senate corridor, Special Counsel Gregory Craig omitted any mention of a drawn out process consuming

In Focus

A bi-weekly feature from The Observer News Department

Today WHAT FICTION PORTRAYS

The Observer looks at the reoccurring stereotypes of women portrayed in television, advertising and film.

Advertising failing to persuade public of social evolution

Savvy advertisers are aware that their markets are dominated by female consumers

By MEGHAN DONAHUE
News Writer

In an era where women have become supposed equals in society, much has yet to change.

More and more women have left the realm where housework is their only full-time job, moving into a world where they split their time between the home and the workplace. Media stereotypes assume they still remain primarily at home, and these stereotypes adhere because society continues to buy into media commercialism.

"Step back and ask who's creating these images," said Susan Alexander, assistant professor of sociology at Saint Mary's College. "The truth is women are molded to keep clean homes. Otherwise they risk their respect and integrity in the eyes of the community."

Despite the changing proportions of women in the workplace, Hilary Radner, associate professor of film, television and theater at Notre Dame reminds that, most of the consumer population is female, so ads targeted towards women continue to be effective.

Radner also said that women are vulnerable because females identify with the ideals

of perfection.

Alexander agreed, saying the advertisers understand and exploit this perception of an ideal woman. Consequently, the tall, blonde woman sells clothes, food and beauty products.

Even though some advertisers attempt to break the gender gap and remind viewers

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LINDA BERDAYES
SMC PROFESSOR
OF COMMUNICATION

about how silly ideals can be, society continues to support the industry.

"I can see the deconstruction of my self-image when I witness this," Alexander said.

Regardless of whether commercials use their reverse psychology or not, companies still make a profit.

"I can't answer to whether they are correct in presenting these different stereotypes,"

said Linda Berdayes, assistant professor of communication, dance and theatre at Saint Mary's College.

These various stereotypes range from career women to housewives. Much of the media is directly and unabashedly aimed toward women.

"Research and analysis are targeted at specific women," said Berdayes.

Yet this practice must work or otherwise companies would not spend the time or money interviewing and tracking consumer results.

"There isn't just one stereotype the advertisers pick anymore, each one has a different characteristic, and we fit it," said Berdayes.

"I've seen those Kellogg commercials with men criticizing their bodies. I know about Lifetime cable television. I wonder if only having a few isolated examples of a woman's perspective is supposed to make up for the lack thereof everywhere else in life," said Alexander.

Radner said, "Advertisers are savvy and have been aware for a long time that women do work. They know what they want and need. They know women will pay for it."

Perhaps buying into the stereotype, and perhaps perpetuating it, is the assumption that all women want to be traditionally feminine somewhere in their life.

"Television is a market of time and money. They're smart," Radner said.



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Magazines are one of the most prevalent examples of gender-stereotypical advertising. Many women rely on the advice available in various publications regarding love, health, beauty and career.

Women's role in film and television growing off camera

By JESSICA DELGADO
News Writer

As the year 2000 approaches, women have begun experiencing a more recognized role in the film industry, earning positions of power that can impact women's lives.

"More women directors and screen writers are coming to the forefront and finally being recognized," said Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece, a Notre Dame student filmmaker.

Sherry Lansing, 54, rebuilt Paramount Pictures into Hollywood's No. 1 studio. Since her arrival six years ago, Paramount films have won three Oscars for Best Picture. She topped Paramount's market share for 1998 by 20 percent with record-breaking profits.

"Women's social and professional gains are being accompanied by an advertising trend that undermines women's equality and even safety," said Mary Peacock of Women's Wire.

Movies from the 1930s to 1940s referred to women as housewives and servants. At that time, a woman's role in society was not depicted as much more than taking care of the children, cleaning house and cooking for their husbands. They were not seen as educated or intelligent.

"Take a look at your typical James Bond movie, women are still seen as just objects," said Szczepaniak-Gillece. "Women are seen as sex objects because film is so visual."

As a result of the 1970s women's movement, females in advertising finally received serious attention. Researchers found that magazine ads reflected four stereotypes: women either as homemakers, indecisive decision makers, dependents on men, or sex objects.

Not only have women suffered in the film and advertising industry, but minorities have been singled out by advertisers as well. Chinese women are sometimes



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Due to the highly visible and accessible nature of television, sexual stereotypes in the media are easily spread to vast audiences, portraying false representations of reality and gender in particular.

portrayed as beautiful, sexually available, exotic, and loyal but submissive.

From the University Record, author Anita Chik interviewed Yili Wu, a Yale Chinese history doctoral student who explained the possible reason for such stereotypes.

"If you examine the history of China, you'll find that many Asian women try to fulfill the desire of Chinese men. Chinese women, for example, used to be passive," Wu said.

Said Peacock, "The only improvement was more black women in 'white' fashion magazines, though they wore a disproportionate number of animal prints."

As the acceptance of homosexuality continues to grow, so does the visibility of lesbians in film. Suzanna Walters of Georgetown University spoke of the issue of lesbians in a pre-gay cinema.

"There are more incidental lesbian characters in movies today, like the lesbian daughter in 'First Wives Club' or 'Chasing Amy,' Walter continued, citing a report from Indie Wire by Dimitra Kessenides. "Both works point up the current 'cinematic hipness' of lesbianism and both continue to contribute to a narrowing of lesbian culture and politics."

With the new millennium coming, the light at the end of tunnel may be brighter for women entering the film industry. Even though they have come this far there are still needed advances ahead for women to

have equality within the film industry.

"You feel like you're trying to break into an old boy's club," said Szczepaniak-Gillece.

"The change that will happen will have to do with the audience. Hollywood is based on what is happening in society and the attitude of the people. Movies that do well are shown through their support of society," said Jeff Spoonhower, a Notre Dame student filmmaker.

Cartoons, children's books draw from stereotypes

By LISA MAXBAUER
In Focus Editor

Once upon a time, people spent little energy fretting about what children read or watched on television, but today, choosing quality materials for adolescents is hardly child's play.

In recent years, parents and educators have begun questioning whether seemingly harmless children's media may potentially bear harmful ideas to kids.

"Television does have a powerful influence on society [and may send] subliminal messages about gender and material goods," said Saint Mary's education professor Loretta Li.

Li's colleague, education professor Minerva Straman, agreed that children cannot avoid picking up on the stereotypes that recur in children's literature and television programming.

Lower elementary students are very conscious of the gender roles articulated in "grown up" cartoon characters "because they look to adults as models," explained Straman.

This consciousness intensifies throughout upper elementary and junior high as adolescents try to find their own identity, according to Straman.

After researching the lack of parental figures in feature-length Disney cartoons, Saint Mary's communication major Janice Weiers said she believes children's entertainment media say a lot more than most viewers realize.

Out of the 20 cartoons she studied, 15 father figures were present, while only five cases of mothers appeared. She discovered that many films featured single-parent compositions, often father-daughter relationships where the father portrayed as a king or ruler, like in the movie "The Little Mermaid."

"[Often] young girls lived with their fathers, but by the end of the movie they had moved on to another man, usually a love interest," said Weiers, who performed the research for her senior comprehensive project. "They were never shown liberated and independent."

Weiers said female characters like the mother in "Aladdin" are occasionally eliminated from final scripts because they serve no function.

Weiers thinks habitual sexual biases portrayed in cartoons can affect children's understanding of gender identity.

Straman agreed, "[Negative] consequences depend on how often [a gender role] is portrayed and how often it is stigmatized."

Said Weiers, "I don't think all kids will be influenced. Only those who don't have positive role models in their life may be negatively affected."

Weiers is unsure whether such family patterns and gender biases present in Disney films ultimately reach young audience, but she is confident that children take cartoons very seriously.

"Adults can reason that cartoons characters are fictitious, [but] children's reality is what they are watching," she said.

Knowing these cognitive differences, Li said she finds it frightening how many hours children watch television. She said parents should pay attention

to children's programming, since many kids "would rather sit down and watch television instead of going outside to play."

Li cited chain-smoking, leather-clad Joe Camel as evidence of the power of cartoon characters. Because Congress feared that the character enticed young people to smoke, federal legislation passed calling for, among other things, the retirement of Joe

Camel.

Straman and Li are encouraging their students as future educators to teach with a greater awareness regarding some issues raised in cartoons and storybooks.

Saint Mary's senior Jennifer Mazurek said she learned that "education changes every year." The ways Mazurek and her fellow elementary education majors are being instructed to teach have evolved drastically during the past generation.

As a result, the Saint Mary's education department adapted the performance criteria of the Indiana Professional Standards Board. This confirms that teachers will strive to "communicate in ways that demonstrate sensitivity to cultural and gender differences."

Mazurek recalled the books she read when she was young such as *The Babysitters Club* and *Sweet Valley High*, admitting that educators today frown on this type of literature because it lacks quality content.

Still, books like *Hatchet* and *Maniac Magee* "were popular when she grew up, and continue to be taught in schools. Both those books feature

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EARLY CHILDHOOD
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A kindergartener at the Early Childhood Development Center on Saint Mary's campus demonstrates her newly learned ability to read. The Center strives to furnish only quality children's literature to their young readers.

male heroes. "Stories containing male heroes are still taught more often, not on purpose, but because they are established as classics in elementary literature," Mazurek said. Mazurek said she is encouraged that "more books today deal with female heroes."

Terri Kosik, executive director of the Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) at Saint Mary's, stresses the importance of positive literature.

"The literature we share with children should be quality," said Kosik. "It should not restrict them."

Kosik thinks quality children's literature should "empower girls, similar to how books empower boys."

"[It is] not helpful to have them focus on [gender] roles [or] feature girls who are helpless, not innovators and not free thinkers," Kosik said.

Kosik organizes the Saint Mary's Story Book Festival, through which she

reminds the public that a genre of children's literature exists outside of fiction and fantasy.

The nonfiction genre known as bibliotherapy is "very helpful in aiding children work through their emotions," Kosik said. Stories qualified within this category could explore issues of divorce, death or the responsibilities of owning a pet.

Kosik confirmed that only books bearing positive messages can be found at the ECDC or the Story Book Festival. "All quality books, only the classics, no Disney, no commercialized stories," she said.

Even though escaping the bombardment of stereotypes in children's media may seem impossible, the next generation of enlightened educators are striving not to enforce them.

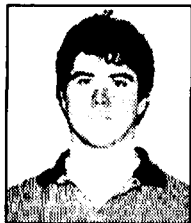
"Educators are just keeping their options open," said Mazurek.

WHAT FEMALE CARTOON CHARACTER WAS MOST MEMORABLE FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD?



"Smurfette because she was always around guys, but that didn't matter. I liked her because she was the sane one, she was always working things out and giving stuff to people with a motherly touch."

Drusille Mowl
Freshman, Holy Cross



"Strawberry Shortcake and My Little Pony were both so integral in my childhood that I can't distinguish between the two. Their opinions on morality have molded me into the man I am today."

Jed Donahue
Senior, Off Campus



"She-Ra because she was pretty and strong. I liked He-Man and she was the female form of him."

Mariecruz Segura
Sophomore, Le Mans



"I remember when Bugs Bunny dressed up as a woman."

Mike McConnell
Sophomore, Off Campus



"Wonder Woman because she had those gold bracelets that could deflect bullets. My brother used to pretend he was her."

Bernie Hessley
Senior, Off Campus



"Sally, from the Peanuts, because Charlie Brown always took care of her like a big brother. She was just a cute kid."

Carah Smith
Senior, Off Campus

ND's 'inclusion' not odd at Catholic universities

By MICHELLE KRUPA
News Editor

With the Aug. 27 publication of the "Spirit of Inclusion" letter, University officials took a step toward officially recognizing "the uniqueness of all persons" in the Notre Dame community, including gays and lesbians.

But this recent step at Notre Dame is one that other Catholic universities took long ago, and many have gone so far as to protect the rights of homosexual students in their non-discrimination policies, which Notre Dame has chosen not to do.

Some also recognize gay and lesbian student groups, providing them all rights granted to other student groups, a right the University has denied to GLND/SMC.

Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., has a non-discrimination policy including a clause that specifically protects the rights of students with regard to sexual orientation.

Gay and lesbian groups are also recognized as sanctioned groups and can hold meetings and events on campus, according to Matthew Umhofer, assistant director of public relations at Georgetown.

"We feel that it's consistent with our heritage as a Catholic university," Umhofer said. "The university demonstrates concern for the dignity and respect of all people — students, faculty and staff. That, of course, includes the gay and lesbian members of our community."

Catholic University, also in D.C., does not offer specific legal protection of the rights of students of homosexual orientation. The school has not added such a clause because those rights are already protected by civil law, according to Father Robert Friday, vice president of Student Life.

"Our [non-discrimination]

policy as it is stated doesn't specifically protect those rights, but we're in the District of Columbia, so the civil law does bind us on the issue," Friday said. "As for the wording of our policy, no one has ever challenged us on that."

Notre Dame students' rights are not protected under such a legislation since the St. Joseph County Code makes no mention of specific protection with regard to sexual orientation.

Catholic University also has had a recognized gay and lesbian student group since 1988. Friday noted that the group "is educational, not recreational," and therefore does not conflict with the institution's basic Catholic foundation.

"The group's focus is to say that it is not right to discriminate against persons on the basis of sexual orientation or race or religion or for any reason," he said. "It is to enlighten others, to educate on the rights of human persons."

Missouri's St. Louis University also has a recognized, chartered Rainbow Coalition organization that has "been in effect for several years," according to Jeff Konkel of SLU's news bureau.

The university's handbook policy protects the rights of students of any group to meet peacefully and to accept members regardless of race, sex, color, religion or sexual orientation.

According to Konkel, the Catholic character of the university demands the acceptance of all people.

"There are always voices of dissent in issue like this," he said. "But I think there's a lot of support for the rights of those groups to meet."

Research by Brad Prendergast contributed to this report.

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Krupa

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Krupa joined The Observer staff in August of her freshman year as an assistant news editor. Her sophomore year she served as associate news editor until she won the news editor

position in March 1998 as part of a team with Matt Loughran, who graduated in May and held the position while Krupa studied in Chile.

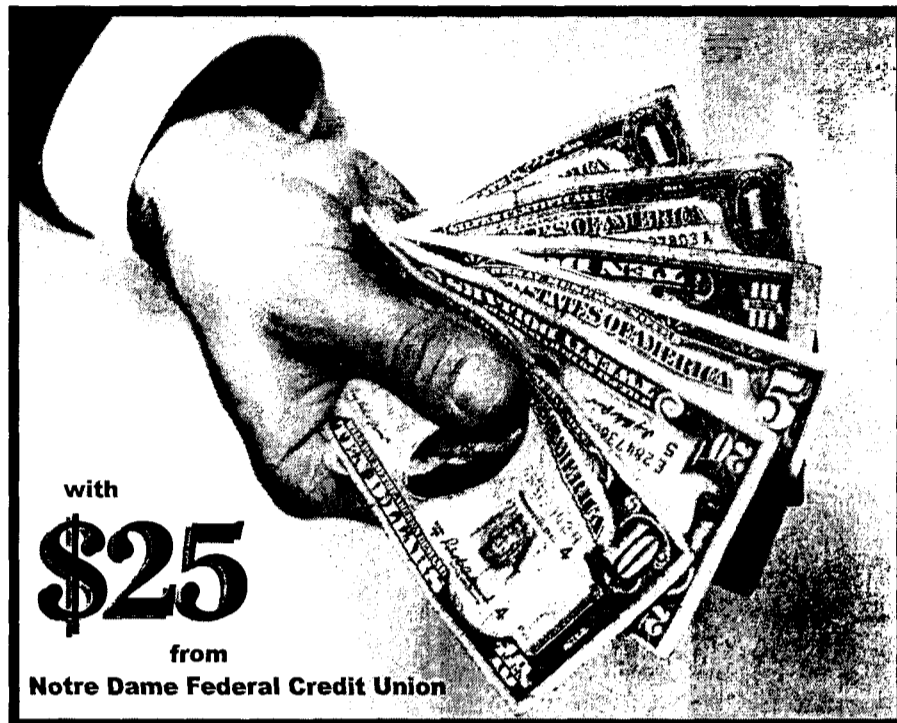
In addition to her on-campus experience in journalism, Krupa wrote for the Aurora Beacon-News and her hometown newspaper, the Daily Herald. She was also published

in the Chicago Tribune.

"Michelle will do such an outstanding job," said Heather Cocks, the outgoing editor-in-chief. "I've worked with her since she started here, and I am thrilled to pass along the position to someone as dedicated and talented as she is."

Krupa will assume the position after spring break.

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■ WASHINGTON

NEH chair speaks to leaders, students in D.C.

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Washington Correspondent

Before a crowd of media personalities, political and business leaders and the students on the Semester in Washington, D.C., program, William Ferris, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), spoke on the role of the NEH in the coming century in a luncheon Tuesday at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

"The humanities are absolutely essential to the United States in the next century," he said. "As we rush hell-noll into the new millennium, the humanities will guide us."

Following up on President Clinton's suggestion in his 1999 State of the Union address, Ferris discussed what needed to be done in the area of education.

"The chief battle of the 21st century will be educational and cultural, not political or military," he said.

He compared education in the next century to the Cold War in the present one. Its immense importance as an issue was demonstrated by the last election in which education was cited as the No. 1 concern.

Ferris pointed to several already-existing NEH programs which demonstrate the relationship between the endowment and education. These included re-education programs such as summer seminars and institutes for teachers and classroom resources in the humanities.

"While we cannot find wisdom in a computer chip, that chip can help lead us to self-knowledge," said Ferris.

Many of his suggestions for further

links between the NEH and the nation's classrooms would operate via the Internet or other computer technology.

"My dream is to bring the humanities within an arm's reach to every American — no more than a mouse click or a library away," he said.

He also felt that the development of regional centers for the humanities was essential to this mission.

"We must make 'King Lear' and 'Huck Finn' relevant to youngsters in Peoria and South Central," he continued.

Ferris explained his belief that the region from which a person comes largely defines their perspective. Ferris's Mississippi heritage is evident from both his accent and his interests in the blues and southern culture. He wrote the Encyclopedia of Southern Culture during his professorship at Ole Miss.

At one point in the talk, Ferris broke out his guitar and treated the audience to a rendition of "Bee Bopp a Loola."

"Within the music, we really can see a microcosm of social changes," he explained afterward.

He touched on the importance of rock and roll as serving to bridge the gaps between the white tradition of country music and the black tradition of blues. He also commented on the importance of the development in racial and cultural relations in the United States during the twentieth century.

"[The United States] constantly welcomes and celebrates diversity. It's not always been easy, but show me a nation that has done it better," he said.

Elizondo: U.S. Catholics differ from Latin Americans

By LINDSAY FRANK
News Writer

Catholicism in Latin America differs greatly from that found in the U.S., according to Father Virgilio Elizondo, winner of this year's Laetare Medal.

Discussing unity and diversity within the Catholic Church at Wednesday night's Kellogg Lecture, Elizondo has served as an integral part in the effort to build a center for Latin American studies at Notre Dame. A theologian with interests in liberation theology and popular religion, Elizondo stressed the unique aspects of Latin American Catholicism.

"Latin America religion and culture are deeply integrated," said Elizondo, adding that because of this, religious conversion is a very difficult and rare occurrence in Latin America.

"In the U.S. converting to a different religion is easy because it involves changing churches within a culture. However, conversion in Latin America is painful and in essence involves the death of a culture," he said.

Born after both the Council of Trent and the Reformation, Catholicism in the U.S. was for a time long the religion of immigrants and laborers. In contrast, the Church in Latin America has always been parallel in power to that of the government, according to Elizondo. Because of these differences, Catholicism seems more rigid in the U.S. than in Latin America.

"Catholicism in the U.S. is based on efficiency and organization and the sense of being registered as a member of a parish. In Latin America, Catholics are more concerned with devotion; there is hardly a sense of parochial obligation, the concept of Sunday envelopes means nothing there," said Elizondo.

Catholicism in Latin America stems

from traditions found in two major geographic regions. A combination of Islam, Judaism, Christianity and Gypsy culture in the Iberian Peninsula greatly influenced the image-oriented aspect of religious life in Latin America.

"Our Catholicism is very rich in imagery, public rituals and devotion to Mary," said Elizondo.

"There is a huge importance placed on sacred space and sacred moments. We love to take religion into the streets," he said.

After the lecture, Elizondo fielded questions from the audience. When asked about the role of the Church in the U.S.-Mexican border area, Elizondo spoke of his own experience in dealing with immigrants.

He spoke of one woman who was crossing the border by train with her baby. To avoid being caught by INS officials without legal documentation, she jumped off the moving train with her child.

Although the baby remained unharmed, the woman lost both of her legs when they became tangled underneath the train. Elizondo played a role in fitting this woman with artificial legs.

But despite his efforts in helping many immigrants to become legalized citizens, he said he believes the Church can do more.

Elizondo also stated that he fully supported the idea of ordaining married men in order to solve the shortage of priests.

"I've known many married men that would be perfect religious leaders within their communities," said Elizondo.

He also said that the priesthood has not welcomed the poor and indigenous people and that both of these solutions should be considered.

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■ JORDAN

Jordanians pay respects to new crown prince

Associated Press

AMMAN
 Hundreds of Jordanians crowded into a hilltop palace to pay respect to their new crown prince Wednesday as anxiety grew over the health of King Hussein, who has suffered a relapse of cancer.

The demonstration of support

for Prince Abdullah — which included the king's brother, who was removed as crown prince Tuesday — underlined Jordanians' hopes that any transition of power will be smooth in the kingdom, a nation poor in resources and at the crossroads of a turbulent region.

The United States quickly signaled its support for the king's

decision to appoint the 36-year-old heir to the throne. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright decided to stop in Jordan on Thursday to meet the new crown prince.

"We will stand by Jordan and hope this transition is one that does not create problems," she said in Cairo, Egypt.

Hussein had abruptly returned

to the United States on Tuesday for medical treatment.

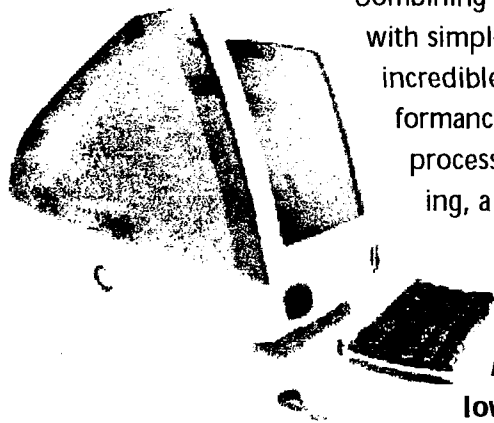
The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., announced Wednesday the king was in "stable condition" but had suffered a relapse of lymphatic cancer after undergoing six months of chemotherapy.

"He is receiving treatment for a relapse of non-Hodgkins lym-

phoma. His Majesty immediately began treatment upon arriving at Mayo clinic," said a statement issued on behalf of the king's doctors.

Sources in Jordan, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said Hussein might undergo a second stem cell transplant to try to fight the disease.

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FOR A MORE JUST AND HUMANE WORLD

Make Your Own History

Greetings from Philadelphia. I graduated from Notre Dame last spring, and while I have enjoyed resettling back home on the East Coast, I would like to offer all undergraduates, particularly

Tim Vieira

first year students, an opportunity that may make your time in South Bend more rewarding. As a senior last year, I worked as a student assistant at the Center for Social Concerns moderating the various social service clubs and helping coordinate first year programs, namely the Neighborhood Roots Program (NRP). No, this program doesn't consist of trekking through South Bend neighborhoods searching for forgotten, dying trees and uprooting them; instead it exposes first year students to the historical landmarks, area attractions and volunteer service program sites that the South Bend community offers to every Domer.

While I believe the CSC's first NRP in the fall of 1998 was successful, I would like to encourage you all to do what I wish I could have done when I was a first year student.

It's embarrassing but true: college football is my favorite sport but I never visited the College Football Hall of Fame

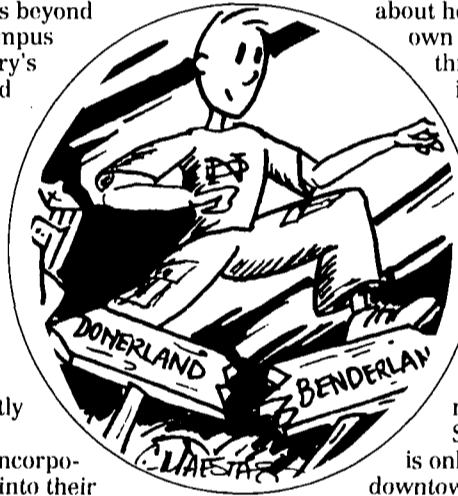
in downtown South Bend. Pretty pathetic, right? Well, while the NRP does not actually visit the national attraction, you learn of its presence. And that's the whole point of the program:

learning what lies beyond Notre Dame's campus besides Saint Mary's running trails and the Barnes and Noble bookstore on Grape Road with the fabulous Starbucks coffee. The goal of the NRP is to expose students to the South Bend community so that they may then independently venture past Domerland and incorporate Benderland into their Notre Dame experience.

One stop during the tour is to the downtown area around the St. Joe River. It's a great place to relax on a warm, weekend afternoon. If I had had the chance to participate in a program such as

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Neighborhood Roots, I don't think I would have been so pathetic and would have veered off the usual route to CJ's or Blockbuster and headed downtown to jog along the St. Joe River for a change. One of the most rewarding parts of the program is a visit to the Center for the Homeless. A tour of the facility accompanies a video presentation and sit-down discussion with center residents who reflect on how the Center has challenged them to seek a more stable and happier



life. In a sense, that is why the CSC offers this program. It is a way to learn about the history of South Bend, passing such places as the Studebaker Factory. Most importantly, it is a way to learn more about how you can make your own history in South Bend

through direct involvement in community organizations. Just as residents at Logan Center and the Center for the Homeless welcome the support and love from volunteer Notre Dame students, it is these same students who may benefit more through their decision to interact in a new community. So while The Windy City is only a hundred miles away, downtown South Bend is only a few miles away. Of course South Bend is not Chicago. But, not to impersonate JFK, it may be more rewarding to find out what you can offer the community, not just what the big city can offer you. So do yourself a favor and contact the CSC to learn more about the Neighborhood Roots Program.

The spring semester NRP will be held on Saturday, February 27 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Lunch is included. Sign-ups will be held at the dining halls and the Center for Social Concerns February 10, 11 and 12.

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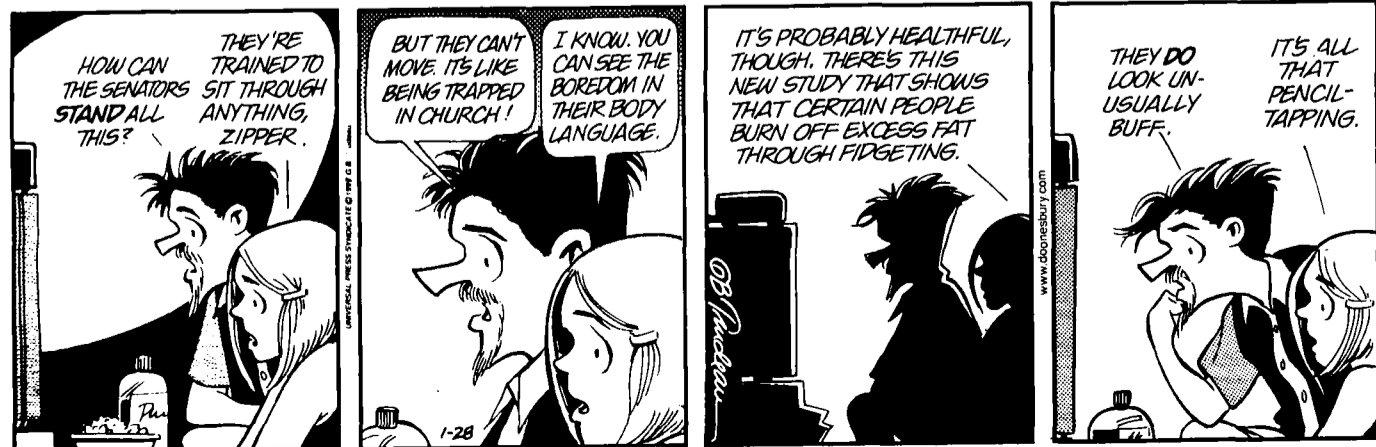
Henry Hyde Readmitted

To be very blunt, Professor Billy's editorial ("Henry Hyde Dismissed") shocked me. It shocked me because I thought English professors were more than grammar police. I also thought it was universally known among all educated people — especially English professors — that a word's definition often changes as the context in which the word is used changes. "Dismiss" might also mean "to stop considering; rid one's mind of; dispel" (American Heritage College Dictionary). In the opinion of most "with a grasp of the English language" and any knowledge of the impeachment proceedings against President Clinton, Mr. Hyde's statement was not only used correctly, it was, in fact, correct in asserting that a dismissal of the case WOULD be a casting aside of the charges against the president. His overly pedantic and unfounded editorial leads me to wonder whether the column was written in an attempt to show all readers his mastery (?) of the English language or to make Mr. Hyde appear ignorant. In any case, it backfired. Also, if the editorial was an attempt to embarrass a conservative Republican by picking apart his rhetoric, Professor Billy might want to balance the scale by taking a close look at some of the statements made by our President; his incredible ability to twist words into a giant pretzel of unimaginable, yet legally untouchable, dishonesty and deceit have made a mockery of the language Professor Billy teaches.

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January 27, 1999

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Love is not the dying lmoan of a distant violin — it is the triumphant twang of a bedspring.'

— S.J. Perelman

■ THE BEAT

The Scarlet Letter "P"

On November 11, 1996, journalist Stacey Harrison introduced her news article in *The Daily Iowan* by inviting her readers to extend their literary imaginations. She asked, "Have you

Brittany Morehouse

ever really wondered if tomorrow really was another day for Scarlett O'Hara? Or what Hester Prynne was like before the events that transpired in *The Scarlet Letter*?" Good question.

I wish to propose a similar question to my fellow Domers. To all members of the student body, faculty and administration, that is, to my family: have you ever wondered if tomorrow really changed in the eyes of an intimidated freshman the day after he/she heard that powerful welcoming speech delivered by Patty O'Hara? Or wondered what a DuLac delinquent was like before he/she faced a punitive destiny? More importantly, do such individual destinies matter — are they of consequence?

I wear a scarlet "P". I broke parietals and I am paying the consequences. It would be inappropriate for me to complain about the injustice of having been kicked off campus. I fully assume responsibility for violating DuLac guidelines and I realize that I contracted to obey University policy when I decided to join the Notre Dame family. Thus, even though I am legally an adult ... as long as I am a student here, I shall be questioned at great length, reprimanded and then punished if I do not uphold University rules and regulations. *Je comprends*.

I will not dwell on the many personal details of my case which mitigate by culpability, such as how my lifelong, exhausting, discouraging struggles with a learning disorder (ADD) are the root of my tunnel-vision focus and my characteristic impulsivity during times of stressful, novel experiences. Both proved the primary causes of this parietal violation. Or, how my first violation occurred quite innocently freshman year during my first-ever academic vacation, when parietal hours were changed. Such particulars rightfully deserve a separate discussion on the role of "exceptions" when deciding the fates of DuLac sinners.

Today, two other issues concern me: first, what it means to be exiled from dorms and second, what it means to live off campus at this University (whether forced or by choice). The crux of the problem is this: off-campus housing creates ideas, feelings and ways of living that are in severe contrast to the two most distinctive characteristics of Notre Dame and of what it hopes to foster. Those two goals are a strong sense of belonging to 'family', and a deep respect for and/or devotion to Catholicism.

As a "community committed to Christian ideals" (Du Lac, p. 52), Notre Dame is at all times responsible for upholding the essence of our faith. What are the only two commands of Jesus Christ? Love God and Love Your Neighbor. All other church law and policy are just that: church law and policy, which may sometimes contradict Christ's most basic commands. Christ never excluded anyone ... especially sinners. Part of God's greatest mystery is that we will never completely understand and experience what He is: agape, or, unconditional love. So, we simply accept our role as believers, implementing faith and role-modeling of Jesus Himself to imitate his example as best as we can.

When standing in judgment of those who trespass the boundaries of Du Lac, the proper role

of Christ-like forgiveness and acceptance needs to be implemented. It is sorely lacking from the policies as currently upheld. For those who have been at the 'mercy' of Du Lac judges, forgiveness is not to be felt while standing, banished, outside the back door of one's former dorm, nose pressed to the window. To arbitrarily and rather whimsically heap banishment from other dorms on top of this ignominy flies even more in the face of the basic teachings of Christ. Jesus repeatedly asserts the value of every lost lamb, teaching that we are to go to great risk to get the lost one back in the fold. Christ's teachings assert without question that each individual destiny is in fact a matter of great consequence.

Du Lac also claims that "we strive to create a setting in which personal growth can take place, deep friendships can be formed ... We believe, therefore, in values that foster the human respect needed for people to live, work, study and socialize together as a community." Whoa — have I misunderstood? Were my "deep friendships" not tied to my former residential hall? Am I supposed to surrender my right to receive "human respect"? Doesn't my "personal growth" require being pushed in the right direction, not being pushed away? Am I no longer a part of the "community," since I am now off-campus?

Words can not describe how empty it feels to walk on such a beautiful landscape ... my home away from home ... and know that I am not welcome and not permitted to visit in three dorms. This is not family. As Robert Frost wrote, "A Home is the place, where, when you go there, they have to take you in."

I get the feeling, and I am not alone in this, that the University doesn't want ANYTHING to do with off-campus students. We are forced to search for campus news; almost all campus activities are dorm-oriented.

The net effect is that it is difficult to receive important messages regarding campus activities and impossible to be contacted while we are on campus. We are The Leper Colony, excluded, isolated, different.

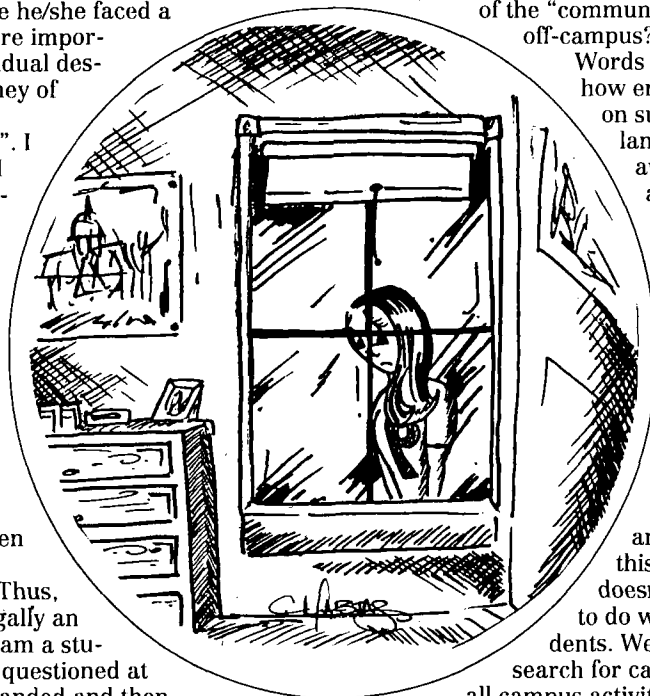
These problems can be easily solved. Why not formulate an e-mail list of all off-campus residents so that they are kept posted on upcoming events, informed with campus news and included in polls, questions or surveys? How about employing a central voice mail system (like the one we use for silent messages) and personal digit codes so that off campus students always have a way to be reached? Point no. 8 in the Student Life Policies section of Du Lac affirms that "the only appropriate manner in which to assimilate members into this community is to welcome them." I think if you ask off-campus students whether they feel "assimilated" to on-campus social organization, most would answer in the negative.

Notre Dame has a mystique that no other University can claim. My personal cross to bear has not embittered me and I still feel that mystique, love the campus, and honor Notre Dame, Our Mother. My final suggestion is that the time is long overdue to correct the glaring inconsistency between Du Lac intentions and Du Lac methods. It is time to make the actions match the noble words so that Christ's most essential lesson is embodied.

I still feel part of the Notre Dame family. I just consider myself a distant aunt instead of a resident sister.

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■ EXERPTS FROM LETTERS

Vinck Illogical, Hateful and Just Plain Wrong

Instead of engaging in an honest and open dialogue about the possible Non-Discrimination Clause, Sean Vinck chose to cloud the matter by using words triggered at eliciting an emotional response when arguing against the clause.

— Conor J. Murphy, Freshman, Zahm Hall

Mr. Vinck's statement that the non-discrimination clause requests some kind of "special rights" is not only legally and factually incorrect, it is indicative of the hostility and anti-gay sentiment that pervades this University.

— Mary Margaret Penrose, student, Notre Dame Law School

Mr. Vinck, you claim that the PSA hosts "meaningless events" with "semi-coherent" speakers. I formally and publicly challenge you to present to me and the rest of this campus any evidence of incoherence by speakers at our events. You cannot do it.

— Paul A. Ranogajec, Freshman, Morrissey Hall

The PSA does not force its views on anyone, but it does call for open-mindedness. It calls for us to make sure we have a foundation for all of those beliefs we cling to, many of which are centered around Catholicism and the PSA also asks that we make sure our beliefs follow the best interests of our religion.

— Emily Dagostino, Freshman, Lyons Hall

■ SO, WHAT'S MY POINT?

Terrorist Islam is the Minority

First we had Iraq. Then we had the Taliban. Now, we have Osama bin Laden making pronouncements promoting the swift and ruthless execution of all of us Yanks who pay taxes.

It appears that we Muslims are not, to put it mildly, the greatest at public relations. Iraq has a dictatorship that seems to be bent on making nuclear and biological weapons (the U.S., however, is as much, if not more, to blame in the whole Gulf War scenario, but that's the topic of an altogether different article).

The Taliban, unfortunately, have decided to forcibly enforce their idea of Islam on the entire country of Afghanistan. Thus, women have been forced to quit their jobs, leave their schools and universities and are unable to receive medical care. Moreover, they cannot, by law, leave their homes unescorted, and are all buildings in which women are reside have to have all of their windows painted black — blocking sunlight from women who can't leave. All of this has been done in the "name of Islam."

Just this week, an interview with supposed terrorism promoter Osama bin Laden was broadcast. In the interview, bin Laden stated that it was a "duty" of all Muslims to kill Americans whenever and wherever possible. By Americans, bin Laden didn't simply mean military and government officials working in embassies. Oh, no. Bin Laden wants to kill all of us Americans, even if we are not working in the military or for the government, because we pay the taxes that support the military and the government.

It is disturbing that so many in the U.S. believe the propaganda of the Taliban and bin Laden who tout their beliefs as being "Islamic." In truth, neither of the groups remotely represent Islamic ideals, beliefs or teachings.

But because Muslims are but a small percentage of all Americans, and because they receive little favorable or understanding coverage by the mainstream American press, Islam as a religion has been misunderstood. It seems that the only

"believers" willing to speak up about Islam have nothing to do with religion, and everything to do with power and politics.

Religion has always been used as a political tool, a weapon to wield power over the masses. And in most cases, religions have been misrepresented and twisted to mean whatever the rulers want it to mean — whatever is most beneficial to further their own political power and clout.

In the United States, the Christian Coalition, headed by Pat Robertson, is a similar organization. Ostensibly, the Coalition is a religious organization. Yet few would deny that the Christian Coalition is heavily and substantially involved in political activities, and it can be argued that the organization itself is in fact more political than it is religious. The Coalition favors many of the same issues that the Republican party does — anti-abortion, lower taxes, more breaks for business. Moreover, the group has been one of the major forces both in campaign-fundraising and in picking candidates in Republican primary elections.

Yet, there are many Christians who wholeheartedly disagree with the Christian Coalition's agenda, their beliefs and especially their perceived intolerance. Many people who consider themselves Christians also vote Democratic. The point here is this: no matter how vocal representatives of a religious group may be, that does not mean that they speak for every member of the entire group, or that they are even accurately representing their religion.

Therefore, it behooves those Americans who have little to no contact with "real" Muslims to think of the terrorist factions of Islam not as the mainstream followers, but as deviants furthering their own political ends.

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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Which Side? One of Justice

I am deeply disturbed to read two of the articles contained within Tuesday, Jan. 26 Viewpoint page. The articles, by seeming polar opposites Sean Vinck and Aaron Kreider, betray events on the campus which seem to make little sense. Vinck reveals to us that the PSA is scheduled to have another rally, and Kreider urges us to fast for justice. What on earth are we to sift out of their rhetoric?

I can understand Vinck. Vinck seems only to be revealing something which has oddly enough been kept secret from us, the rest of the student body. I actually had heard vague rumors, and even e-mailed Kreider asking if they were true; there has not however been any public announcement of the PSA's intentions. It strikes me as suspicious that Kreider refers to King and yet his organization practices things that are most un-Kinglike. It would seem that with the rally impending (if it is truly scheduled as soon as next Tuesday) one would want to get the word out about great speakers coming to campus to proclaim justice.

It is really the choice of speakers I find most interesting. I find myself curious that the predecessor of Jerry Springer has such a burning passion to bring justice. I find it curious that the PSA would invite someone who was condemned by the House for homosexual child molestation to speak for the cause of gay rights — someone who fits the stereotype of homosexuals perfectly. I find it curious that they would invite someone like Jackson who seems so bitterly opposed to the Catholic mores which this University aspires to. The only speaker which would help the cause to persuade a conservative administration seems to be the bishop, though for those who know of his record, it is highly doubtful if he would persuade very many conservative Catholics.

It seems that the purpose of the rally is not the lofty claim of justice which Kreider makes. If he really wanted justice, he would

not bring those speakers, but ones which would have a chance to not only excite but persuade. As it is, the PSA is only inflaming those set against them further. They seem to have done nothing to serve their cause, only to increase tensions on campus.

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I would be in favor of an organized, intelligent, reasoned conversation of the possible need for more rights for homosexuals. That however is not what this rally is. This rally can only inspire hate and feelings of self-righteousness which are certainly not in the spirit of King. King was reasoned, and his aim was not victory.

King argued from the Christian traditions of nonviolence and from the Old Testament prophets of justice. Somehow I have not heard any mentions of Amos from the PSA, nor anything which vaguely resembles an argument from the tradition of Christ. The only things which I have heard are libertarian philosophies of individual rights, arguments which are destructive to people and society. Kreider's notions of fasting fall completely outside the Christian understanding of fasts for justice, and he performs it for the wrong reasons.

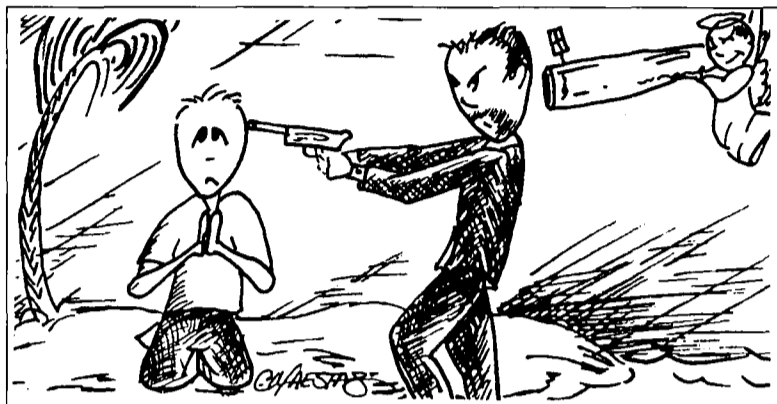
When the PSA begins to understand that their goal should not be victory, perhaps they will have a chance at achieving true justice. True justice for homosexuals does not reside in our recognition and acceptance of their homosexuality. That would turn them into little more than a concept, robbing them of personhood.

Instead, true justice lies in recognizing them as people in need of our Love. Only then will justice be achieved.

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"On Abortion" Column off the Mark



You're in dire straits. Stranded on a desert island, with no food or fresh water. Or, you're being held at gunpoint by a crazed mass murderer. Whatever. Anyhow, it's a matter of life and death. What do you do?

Well, it seems that the suggestion of a particular Inside Columnist would be not to pray. Yes, that's it. Don't pray. It doesn't do anything.

It's not fair to take her suggestions out of context, so we will put them back in: "Protesting will not stop abortion. Praying Rosaries will not stop abortion. Even legislation will not stop abortion..." After some digression, she then suggests that the only thing that will end

abortion is "a serious addressing of the issues behind it."

So, let us address the issues behind it. Succinctly put, one of the arguments put forth by pro-lifers is that abortion is the taking of an innocent human life. Since murder is wrong, abortion is morally wrong and should be prohibited legally.

An argument put forth by those arguing pro-choice might start with some sort of premise that humans have rights over their bodies. Since a fetus is at some point a part of a woman's body, she has the right to do with it as she wishes. Therefore, they conclude, abortion is a matter of women's rights over their bodies. And these rights should not be tampered with legally.

Therefore we have two arguments, both logically valid in and of themselves, and their conclusions ensue. The differences lie in the two premises, yet the premises are not such that they can be matched against one another with rational objections in mind. Each of these premises was invoked using a different set of claims: the pro-choicers using a person's rights over self, the pro-lifers using a person's right to life. These premises can hardly be weighed against each other. Though each argument has some sort of inherent rationality, nevertheless, in the end, the conclusions are at odds with one another, irreconcilable with one another. As it has been sug-

gested before, it seems that we approach the debate with an end in mind, and though we can accept bits and pieces of the opposition's argument, we cannot accept it as a whole.

Seemingly, there is something non-rational that preempts this moral debate. (Above represents an attempt, however abortive, to do justice to ideas mentioned in MacIntyre's After Virtue.)

What estranges the two sides is the question of the presence of the human soul. Pro-lifers would

'WHO ARE WE TO TURN TO FOR DIRECTION, GUIDANCE AND WISDOM ESSENTIAL IN THESE MORAL MATTERS? SUGGESTION? THAT POWER BEHIND THE REAL MORAL LAW.'

argue that the pro-choice argument is not a rational one to hold if the woman's rights over self annihilate that of the innocent child's. And whether or not the soul is

present, even if it's an uncertain matter, should be the turning point of the debate. Pro-choicers, of course, have (contrary to evidence?) asserted time and time again that the fetus is not human and thus should not be granted rights accordingly. They regard the young life as parasitic cellular matter subject to the mother's whim.

What, then, are pro-lifers to do? It feels as if dialogue with the opposition is fruitless, for it finds an end in a matter of sentiment. Until others can be convinced of personal sentiments, what individuals regard as truths, a great schism divides the two sides. How is one to assert the presence of a human soul? If this were an issue that could be swept under the table, the straits might not be so dire. But this is a matter of life and death. Who are we to turn to for direction, guidance and wisdom essential in these moral matters? Suggestion? That Power behind the real moral law. Though the final answer lay in the conversion of society, in the meantime let it be suggested that we continue to pray.

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"If nobody ever said anything unless he knew what he was talking about, a ghastly hush would descend upon the earth."

— Sir Alan Herbert

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Previewing the KEENAN The annual comedy production 'The 20th Century in'

By LOUBEL CRUZ
Assistant Scene Editor

Imagine a theatrical extravaganza complete with musical acts, comedy skits and a packed auditorium with an audience begging for more. Throw in twin jugglers and a couple of male coeds dressed as girls and you get the show of the year.

No need to travel to Broadway or turn on Comedy Central for this must-see event. It's right here at Notre Dame.

Yes, the Keenan Revue is upon us again, and students are ready for the crazy antics and side-splitting jokes that make it one of the most famous and sought-after tickets of the year.

The 23rd annual Keenan Revue opens at 7:30 p.m. tonight, with the first of three shows held at O'Laughlin Auditorium on St. Mary's campus. The theme for this year's show is "20th Century Revue" in honor of the end of the millennium.

"This is going to be the last Revue in the 20th century and we want it to be the best," said musical director Ben Stauffer.

"I don't want to compare Revues, but I promise you this one is dynamite," said producer Charley Gates.

The Keenan Revue began in 1976 when a few Keenan Knights decided to hold a variety show in the residence hall's basement. From the start, Keenan wanted to furnish a source of fun and animation for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

"We want to be able to provide other students an enjoyable three nights of entertainment," said Stauffer.

"It is our pleasure to rejuvenate people's spirits by making them laugh at themselves and at the singularities of life at school," said Gates.

The show is purposely set for the second semester when the campus is less social without the football games or SYRs every weekend.

"The Revue is Keenan Hall's gift to the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community during the bleak winter semester, a time when the social scenes on both campuses tend to slow down enormously," said Gates.

Never in the history of the Revue has there been

a charge for admission. Keenan shows the Revue with no cost to students who get tickets for free on a first come, first serve basis.

"We are extremely proud that the show is free for the audience," said Stauffer. "It makes it more fun for us as well."

"The Revue is our gift to the community, and who would charge someone for a gift you give them?" explained Gates.

Gates insists that the purpose of the show is not to raise funds or money for the dorm, but says the purpose is "nobler."

"We put on the show to provide a night of hilarious hijinks for our friends at no cost to them," he

'WHAT A BETTER WAY TO SPEND AN EVENING [THAN SEEING THE KEENAN REVUE]? IT COSTS NOTHING, IT'S HILARIOUS AND IT'S A NOTRE DAME TRADITION..'

CHARLEY GATES
PRODUCER, KEENAN REVUE

said.

The cost of producing the Revue is approximately \$11,000, which is completely collected through fundraising by Keenan residents.

"As producer, my staff and I began work back in late August to raise this massive sum for the show," said Gates.

The residents conduct a Keenan Hall alumni mailing soliciting donations from former Knights in addition to selling advertisements to local campus organizations and businesses for their program. They also create and sell original Revue t-shirts and receive a grant from the Hall President's Council.

Lead by Director Bill McNamara, about 175 Keenanites participate in the show, with duties

ranging from actors, set crew, musicians to ushers.

"We encourage as many Keenanites as possible to get involved," said Gates.

"I would say a majority of the dorm is involved whether they be in the skits or in fundraising," said Stauffer.

Preparation for the Revue began the week students returned from summer vacation when McNamara and Gates provided applications for their staffs. They conducted interviews and chose who would work in which position. The fundraising takes up most of the time and groundwork.

However, the skit auditions for the show take place just five days before opening night.

"The actual show itself comes together in less than one week," said Gates. "I am amazed at how fast everything comes together in the end, but it always does."

The Revue not only gives the audience a enjoyable event, it is also a special time for Keenan residents. The time and work put into the endeavor unifies and brings together the men.

"The unity that the show builds within the dorm is incredible," said Gates. "I had the opportunity to work with some of Keenan's finest men and I have a lot of fun."

Every ticket for the show was handed out last week to students who waited for hours to receive one. Keenan predicts more than 5,000 people will see the show over the course of three nights.

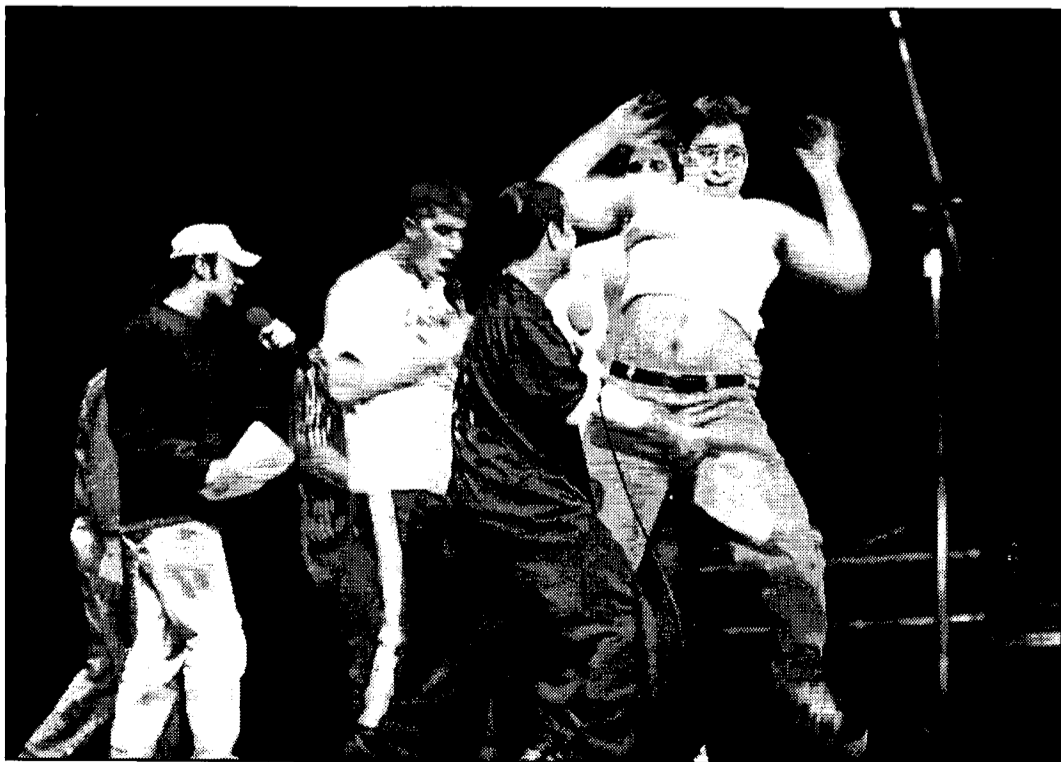
"What better way to spend an evening?" said Gates. "It costs nothing, it's hilarious and it's a great Notre Dame tradition."

When the curtain closes on Saturday night, the final showing of the 1999 Keenan Revue, there will be sense of loss among all the dorm's residents.

"In a lot of ways I'll be like NATO after the Cold War," said Gates. "I just won't know what to do with myself."

But the curtain will open again next year for the first show of the 21st century.

"If the audience enjoys the show half as much as I did helping put it together, then we're all in for a real treat," said Gates.



Keenan residents get excited during rehearsals for this year's "20th Century Revue."

The Observer/Liz Lang

THE KEENAN REVUE

**When: Thursday, Jan. 28 -
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**Where: Saint Mary's campus
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**Admission: Free, but tickets
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Josh Gerloff of the Keenan band practices his act for the Revue.

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Keenan residents rehearse a comedy skit for the Revue opening Thursday night.

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■ SCENE THROUGH OUR EYES

Bathroom humor and beyond

By MIKE VANEGAS
Assistant Scene Editor

To the left of this column, you will see a preview of this weekend's 'must see' event, The Keenan Revue. Though the Revue is a campus tradition that has endured for more than two decades, it is only now, at the end of the millenium, that its characteristic bathroom humor has come to the forefront of American society.

Yes. The Keenan Revue is the originating point for all that is wrong and too funny about America. Please, let me explain.

This past summer, we all hopefully saw the hit comedy "There's Something About Mary." As one of the more successful movies in years, of any genre, "Mary" proved that American audiences can embrace anything, from bodily fluids as hair gel to killer zippers.

This is not to say that the Keenan Revue pleases Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students with such far-out maneuvers — Brother Bonaventure would never allow it. But the Revue does subscribe to the innuendo and sometimes subtle and humorous interplay that feeds into the concrete uproar of "Mary."

This is the key to the Revue's infiltration of Notre Dame society — it creates an atmosphere where what is socially accepted is gradually lowered to the more disgusting and more reprehensible.

But there's nothing wrong with that. For America — at least the America into which we all hope to enter upon graduation — has cast a harsh spell on all parties who support the raunch that provides a foundation for the Revue. And we students are often the subjects of ridicule when it comes to this "contamination of American society." We students are also the bringers of the future; it is us who will be leading this nation into the next millenium.

So we must do as we please — whether it be accepting our peers' scorn, or french-kissing our pooches. This transitory malaise that exudes this gross quality of humor is the only healthy way of transforming our childlike, family humor into the sophisticated and respected adult humor that characterizes our parents and grandparents.

The Keenan Revue is a necessary factor in the metamorphosis of all students in the Notre Dame Family. It is the only way that we can focus our days on intense study and unfortunate doubts of the future, while still maintaining a zeal for life and all that is fun in this world. Though this necessary focus on studying will prepare us for our futures, the inclusion of zealous fun is the sole reason we keep that focus.

Some may call such events as the Revue a safety valve that merely releases the tension of everyday life without providing permanent resolutions to the tension. Of course, the people who say this are those who cannot and are unwilling to try to understand the real impetus behind the Revue's long history — it is a chance for students to facilitate their creative capacities in a place (this university) where creativity is abandoned for strict guidelines and rigid analyses.

The Keenan Revue, hence, is a champion of the students out there who just wish that there was someone or some group who cares for them, not intimately or in the way that a mother cares for a child, but as people who need and want to smile or laugh.

Why else would "There's Something About Mary" end up grossing over \$175 million in the U.S.? Why else would Adam Sandler become a household name and be able to command \$20 million per picture? Why else would the Revue garner a full house at each of its showings?

It's the new American way.

The views expressed in Scene Through Our Eyes are those of the author and not necessarily of The Observer.

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■ GOLF

Nicklaus out for six weeks with hip replacement

Associated Press

The next time Jack Nicklaus makes one of his revered runs at Augusta National, he'll be doing it on a ceramic left hip.

Nicklaus, 59, had hip replacement surgery Wednesday in Boston and will be on crutches for the next six weeks. He will miss the Masters for the first time in 40 years and possibly the U.S. Open in June, but the doctor who operated on him said there was no reason to believe Nicklaus would not be competitive again.

"Everything went well," Benjamin E. Bierbaum, head of orthopedic surgery at New England Baptist Hospital, said after the 1-hour, 45-minute operation. "No complaints. No surprises. I was pleased with how everything came along."

Nicklaus, winner of a record 18 professional majors, had a degenerative left hip that had troubled him for years. He tried to avoid hip replacement surgery with a rigorous exercise routine, but finally yielded when the hip began to affect his quality of life as well as his game.

Nicklaus was resting Wednesday afternoon and unavailable to comment.

But Bierbaum said he was in good spirits after the surgery — and before. Nicklaus told the doctor as the procedure was getting started, "I would rather

be one down walking up the 18th fairway in Augusta than be here."

The surgery will give him that chance.

"I'm very much looking forward to what it can do for me down the road," Nicklaus told Golf.com last week. "For the last three to four months ... I haven't been able to do much of anything. I'm not used to that. That's not the way I've lived my life."

"I've been playing on one leg, essentially, for several years."

Nicklaus agreed to use a ceramic replacement as part of a study directed by Bierbaum and involving 10 hospitals. Ceramic is smoother than materials typically used in hip implants and is believed to last longer.

Nicklaus will remain in the hospital for six days before returning home to Florida. Bierbaum said Nicklaus would be on crutches for six weeks so the bone and soft tissue could heal. After that, he would go through a strengthening, flexibility and agility program that could take at least six more weeks.

"We're talking around three months until he is able to hit some golf balls," Bierbaum said.

One reason Nicklaus opted for hip surgery now was to make sure he could play in 2000, when the majors are played on

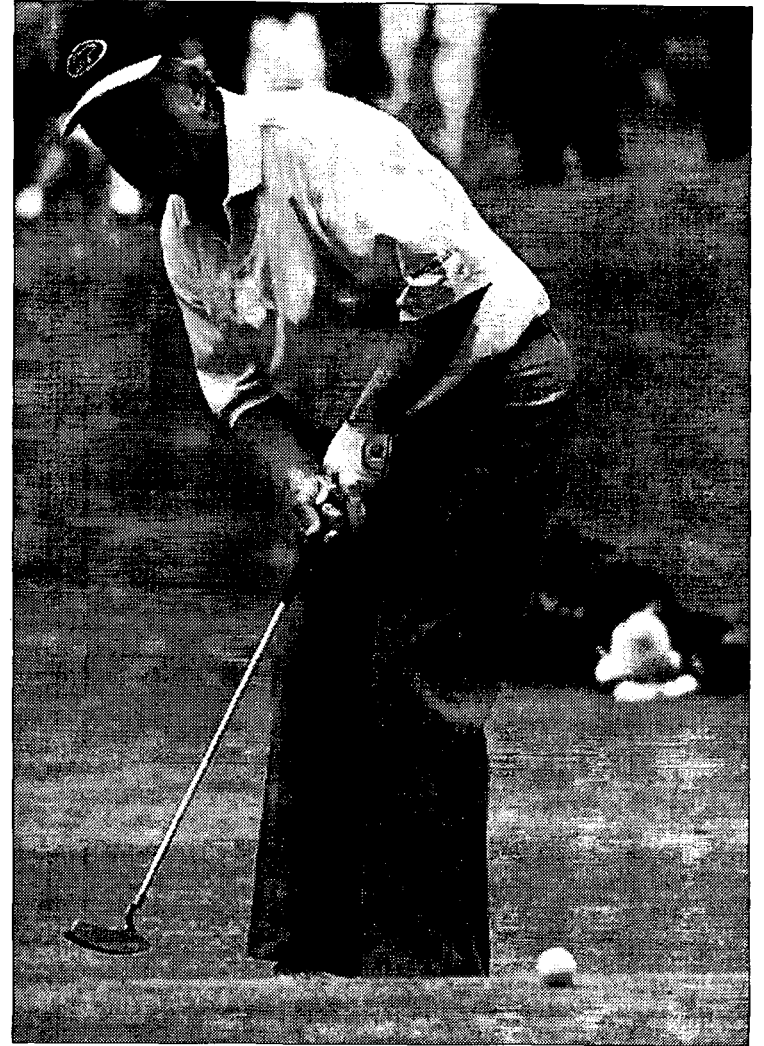
courses that Nicklaus helped make famous — Pebble Beach, where he won the U.S. Open in 1972; St. Andrews, where he won two of his three British Opens; and Valhalla outside Louisville, designed by Nicklaus and later bought by the PGA of America.

Still, Nicklaus is not ruling out the rest of 1999. Bierbaum estimated the recovery would take at least six months, but Nicklaus has said he would like to be ready for his own tournament the first week in June.

"My goal is to try to get back before the Memorial Tournament and try to play there," Nicklaus said last week in Monterrey, Calif., where he is designing a new course. "If not, maybe the Open right after that."


Despite the hip problems, Nicklaus became the oldest player to finish in the top 10 in the Masters last April when he thrilled the Augusta gallery yet again with a final-round 68 to tie for sixth. But he was hobbling so badly in the summer that he pulled out of the British Open, ending his streak of 146 consecutive majors.

This will be the first time Nicklaus has missed the Masters since 1958, four years before he turned pro and began one of the greatest careers in golf.



Jack Nicklaus will miss the Masters for the first time since 1958 because of a degenerative left hip. KRT Photo

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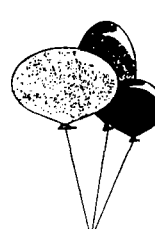


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Thursday, January 28, 5:30 p.m.

Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, February 2, 7:00-8:00 pm
Badin Hall Chapel

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Wednesday, February 3,
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Rev. David J. Scheidler, C.S.C.

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1st Reading Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

A Black History Month Celebration

Africentric Spirituality: A Two-Part Series

Part I- "The History of Black Catholics in the United States in the 19th and 20th Centuries"

A foxhole experience during World War II introduced my father to the Roman Catholic faith. In the midst of battle and his impending fear, he asked to be baptized by a Catholic chaplain. From that moment on, my spiritual and religious destiny was determined by my father's decision to seek God in the fear of a soldier's experience. But being baptized was more than just a spontaneous plea for God's help. For my father, becoming a Catholic became a commitment for life.

Outside of his foxhole, my father remained a Roman Catholic in theory and practice. My parents raised their children in the Catholic faith. Our first introduction to God was through the sacramental life of the Church. We graduated from Catholic schools. My brother was a Catholic priest for most of his life. We have always participated in Catholic liturgies: from altar boys to choir members, we were there. Our children are baptized Catholics. But there's a long and passionate history behind why we stayed and fought for our place in the pew.

Throughout Black History Month, the historical unfolding of *The History of Black Catholics in the United States in the 19th and 20th Centuries* will be on exhibit in the Concourse of Hesburgh Library. The unprecedented book *The History of Black Catholics in the United States*, written by Fr. Cyprian Davis, O.S.B., professor of history and archivist at St. Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana, is the major resource for the exhibit. From Christianity's Ethiopian origins to a pictorial of our current Black bishops, the role of Black Christians throughout the initial growth and formation of the Roman Catholic Church will be highlighted. We will examine the realities of American segregation embedded in the realities of the Black Catholic experience. From Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first self-identified black priest in the United States, to Sr. Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A., the recipient of Notre Dame's Laetare Award in 1990, for centuries Black Catholics have forged ahead and dedicated their lives to Christian witness in spite of the American dynamic of race, class and social stratification. Thanks to the unveiling of our Catholic history in the context of its African origin, our American experience dictates that we stay. Like my father, Black Catholics have been faithful and committed to a religious tradition which, when understood, speaks to the heart.

The exhibit begins the Black Catholic story in North Africa. With the sacred intermingling of African and European cultural influences throughout the first half of the first millennium, North Africa was the birthplace of Christianity's formation. From St. Augustine to St. Moses the Black, from the intellectual to the contemplative, the North African influence in the early Church is a reminder that Africa forms part of the rich heritage of Catholicism.

From North Africa we travel to a new world where Esteban, a black slave, was baptized in Spain and a Catholic when made part of an expedition to Florida in 1536. Esteban's arrival begins a Black Catholic presence in the United States prior to the British settlement in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607.

Except for the good will of a few European American clergy and wealthy benefactors, throughout the 19th and parts of the 20th century the American Catholic Church saw very little value in a Black Catholic presence. However, despite racism and seemingly unsurmountable odds, Black clergy, religious and laypersons emerged to serve their people. From Pierre Toussiant, the Haitian-born slave and eventual philanthropist and servant of God, to Dr. Lena Edwards, who, along with Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., received the Medal of Freedom in 1964, Black Catholics have been and continue to be a positive and reformatory force in the American Catholic Church. The presence of a Black Catholic episcopate and the inculturation of African and African American sacred Christian traditions in the Roman liturgical rite are visible indicators of the importance of an Africentric spirituality within a Eurocentric religious framework. When the history is understood and embraced, Africentric spirituality and Catholicism become synonymous terms.

The History of Black Catholics in the United States in the 19th and 20th Centuries exhibit in the Hesburgh Library will take us through an historical journey of Christian witness, of Black and Catholic pride and prowess. Steeped in faith and determined to be Church, people of African descent have contributed to the American Catholic Church in ways which explain why people like my father embraced the faith and passed it on to their children. We are the product of their spiritual conviction. We are the fruit of their labor in and love for the Roman Catholic Church. At the University of Notre Dame, we are small in number yet visible and strong. We continue the tradition and like those who came before us, we hope to leave our mark and continue the history for those destined to follow in our footsteps.

Chandra J. Johnson
Assistant to the President
Assistant Director for Cross Cultural Ministry



■ OLYMPICS

Fourth IOC member resigns in Salt Lake scandal

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya
A fourth IOC member implicated in the Salt Lake City bribery scandal resigned Wednesday, three days after he was accused of accepting payments arranged by the bidders. Kenya's Charles Mukora, one of six IOC members facing expulsion, proclaimed his innocence even as a quit. David Sibandze of Swaziland, Libya's Bashir Mohammed Attarabulsi and Finland's Pirjo Haeggman had previously quit, and five others have been essentially ousted pending a formal IOC vote in mid-March.

Mukora, 64, denied receiving any money personally. The IOC said he received \$34,650, but Mukora said the cash was for "sports development in Kenya" and "world youth sporting activities."

"I have never been party to any improper dealings in the last 40 years I have been involved as a volunteer in Kenyan sports and sports management or as an IOC member," said Mukora, an IOC member since 1990. "The monies that I am alleged to have received as regards to Salt Lake City were monies paid towards the establishment of high altitude training camps in Nanyuki, and I have not used the monies for my personal use or personal purpose."

"I was an innocent victim of circumstances. However, the president of the International Olympic Committee has advised us to tender our resignations before March 17-18 in order to put these allegations to rest. I have decided therefore to accept his advice on principle."

The others ousted are Lamine Keita of Mali, Jean-Claude Ganga of the Republic of Congo, Zein El Abdin Ahmed Abdel Gadir of Sudan, Agustin Arroyo of Ecuador and Sergio Santander of Chile.

In addition, Anton Geesink of the Netherlands received a warning and Louis Guirandou-N'Diaye of Ivory Coast, Kim Un-Yong of South Korea and Vitaly Smirnov of Russia remain under investigation.

The IOC said president Juan Antonio Samaranch "complimented Mr. Mukora for taking the honorable path" and called

for others "to follow Mr. Mukora's lead and tender their resignations."

The IOC investigation concluded Keita "knowingly permitted" Salt Lake City bidders to make payments totaling more than \$97,000 from 1993-97 to support his son at the University of Utah.

"I'm a fighter by nature, not

someone who resigns," Keita was quoted as telling the Swiss daily Le Matin. "I'm going to defend myself. The statutes give us the right."

Sibandze, who resigned Friday, said he believed there was nothing wrong with his son receiving \$100,000 in scholarships and living expenses from the University of Utah.


"Universities in the United States give scholarships all the time," he said.

Sibandze told a news conference that he also received numerous gifts, including paintings and sculptures, from the Salt Lake City Olympic Committee while it was wooing IOC members.

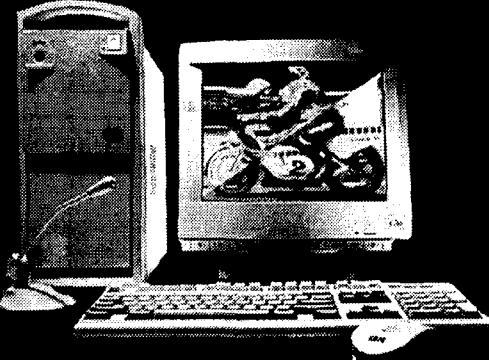
Sibandze said he knew there

was a \$150 limit on the total amount of gifts an IOC member could receive from a city, but added: "I never asked about the value of a gift."

"It was not my intent to let the IOC expel me," Sibandze said. "That's the manner in which the IOC has approached these problems. I resigned in the interests of my country."



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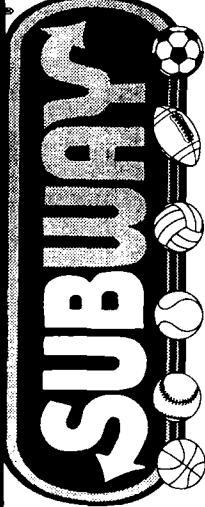
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■ NFL

Super Bowl preparations begin

Associated Press

MIAMI For more than three decades, Super Bowl Sunday meant little to the Atlanta Falcons. It was a day to spend almost anywhere but in front of a television set, watching two other teams vie for the NFL title.

For more than two decades, Super Bowl Sunday was downright painful for the Denver Broncos. It was a day for fans to stay away from their TV sets to avoid the carnage.

When they meet at Pro Player Stadium on Sunday, both teams might spend a moment reflecting on just how far they've come in the past year.

For the Broncos, their sixth Super Bowl is entirely unlike all the others. They've come here as champions, carrying a self-confidence and, yes, a swagger that they gained by finally winning the big game.

They're even keeping a light-hearted atmosphere at practices. On Wednesday, a light plane trailing a message of "Broncos' Keith Burns at Beachplace Today 7-10 p.m." drew some good-natured razzing from his teammates, who yelled, "You Da Man."

The Falcons, never before a championship factor, finished 7-9 in 1997. Yet now they've come to Miami with the highest of expectations, a slight sense of awe mixed in with a heavy dose of innocence, and the recognition of how different things are this January.

While both are playing for the same reward, they are approaching the chance to be atop their profession from entirely different perspectives.

Happily for Denver, that means not having to answer all those "Why did you lose?"

questions.

"It's a lot more pleasant, the fact you're not talking about past Super Bowl failures all the time," John Elway said. "It's a heck of a lot more positive. From 1988 until last year, I answered the question whether my career would be complete without a Super Bowl victory. I haven't had to answer that question since."

Now the questions are about repeats and dynasties. The Broncos are so self-assured that they have no problem dealing with those topics. In the past, they merely hoped they could win a Super Bowl. Now, they know they can.

"Whenever you get into a game of this magnitude and lose four in a row, it definitely takes some wind out of your sails," said Mike Lodish, who went through his own personal Super Bowl trauma (0-4) with Buffalo before joining Denver and getting that first title 12 months ago. He wasn't even in the league when the Broncos lost their fourth Super Bowl in as many tries in 1990.

"To win it is something you can't measure, the feeling you get is so great."

That feeling has bred a boldness and created a confidence in the Broncos that is immediately noticeable. Where previous AFC champs from Denver seemed to fear what might happen in the Super Bowl, these guys can't wait to prove their mettle once more.

"Last year, we had all the questions about never having won a Super Bowl," placekicker Jason Elam said. "We were big underdogs to the Packers and no one gave us a chance against them. I think there was more pressure on us in that game."

"This season, we came in expecting to go back. We're

playing with a lot of confidence, but at the same time, we're not complacent. We're not taking the Falcons for granted."

But just about everyone else took them for granted for nearly as long as the Super Bowl has existed.

It has been clear all week that the Falcons — with the rare exceptions of Cornelius Bennett, Eugene Robinson and coach Dan Reeves — feel privileged to be here. They might not be in over their heads, but they aren't exactly old hands at this Super Bowl stuff, either.

"I've been through 12 hard years of blood, sweat and tears," Jessie Tuggle said, "and to finally get here, how much sweeter can it be than that? I wanted to be a part of the solution for the Atlanta Falcons after so many years of losing. It's a long time coming for me, us, the organization and the whole city. Nobody at the beginning of the season thought the Atlanta Falcons would be here in Super Bowl 33."

But here they are, 14 1/2 months removed from a 1-7 record. And getting healthier for Sunday's game.

Defensive end Lester Archambeau (ankle) and full-back-tight end Brian Kozlowski, both starters, went through a full practice Wednesday. If there are no complications, Reeves expects them to be listed as probable.

"I thought we practiced good," Reeves said. "The tempo was good, the concentration was good, all the things you look for were good."

It wasn't always that way for this beleaguered franchise, of course. But it's a measure of the Falcons' mettle that past demons have not cropped up in this special season.

■ NFL

Cunningham named player of the year

Associated Press

MIAMI Two years ago, Randall Cunningham was laying tile during a one-year hiatus from football. No one wanted him, and it looked like he would never play in the NFL again.

On Wednesday, he was stunned to hear his name called as the league's player of the year.

"I felt like Miss America sitting there," said the Minnesota quarterback, who helped the Vikings set an NFL scoring record and come within one victory of the Super Bowl.

"This is one of the greatest achievements I've ever received. I was losing my breath just sitting there."

Cunningham was the winner in the closest voting in the 10-year history of the award. He received 37 percent of the vote from a nationwide panel of 200 writers and broadcasters, 2 percent more than Denver running back Terrell Davis.

Earlier this month, Davis was named the league's most valuable player by The Associated Press.

Other finalists for the NFL award were Indianapolis running back Marshall Faulk and quarterbacks Doug Flutie of Buffalo, Steve Young of San Francisco and Vinny Testaverde of the New York

Jets.

Cunningham, pressed into service after Brad Johnson broke his leg in Week 2, wound up NFL's top-rated passer with a 106.0 rating that ranks No. 8 in history. The 13-year veteran threw for 3,704 yards and 34 touchdowns as the Vikings became only the third team to win 15 regular season games.

The Vikings finished the season with 556 points, breaking the record of 541 set by the 1983 Washington Redskins. However, Minnesota's march to the Super Bowl was stopped by Atlanta in the NFC title game.

"It's not an empty feeling," Cunningham said. "The feeling I have is it wasn't our time. The year 2000 looks better for us. It's a year of completion. I think we'll do better next year."

Cunningham spent 11 seasons in Philadelphia, where he set an NFL career record for most rushing yards by a quarterback. But his individual efforts weren't enough to lift the Eagles past the first round of the playoffs.

He sat out the 1996 season, returning home to Las Vegas to go into tile construction. The Vikings signed him before the 1997 season, and he was content to be the backup until Johnson's injury.

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NAACP Play:Buffalo Soldiers.	
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SARG: Say Hello Drive: campus-wide.				
1/28.	Thursday.			
1/29.	Friday.			
Kellogg Institute Current Affairs Round Table: "Holding the Heads of State Accountable"				
1/28.	Thursday.	C-103 HCIS.	0415PM.	
SARG: Volleyball vs. Board Alumni (students welcome).				
1/29.	Friday.	RSRC.	0900PM.	
Music Dept.:Georgine Resick, Soprano.				
1/31.	Sunday.	Annenberg Auditorium.	0200PM.	tickets \$3-\$10.
SARG: Eck Center Open House.				
2/2.	Tuesday.	Eck Center.	0700PM-0800PM.	
2/3.	Wednesday.	Eck Center.	0700PM-0800PM.	
Kellogg Institute Seminar: "The Good Friday Agreement: A Constitutional Pied Piper for a United Ireland?"				
2/2.	Tuesday.	C-103 HCIS.	1230PM.	



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■ NBA

Vancouver signs Abdur-Rahim to six-year contract

Associated Press

VICTORIA, British Columbia — The Vancouver Grizzlies, who've suffered through three dismal seasons in their NBA existence,

solidified their future by signing Shareef Abdur-Rahim to a \$71 million, six-year contract extension on Wednesday.

"It exemplifies the franchise has some stability from a player

standpoint," said Stu Jackson, Grizzlies president and GM. "It sends a message to the rest of the league that this is a destination point for very good players. And thirdly, it ensures that we've

added to our foundation which we're going to build around."

"For this organization to move forward, it was important to have Shareef as the central figure of our team for at least the

next seven years." Abdur-Rahim, who led the Grizzlies in scoring in his first two seasons, was in the final year of his rookie contract and would have been eligible for free agency at the end of this season. His contract extension is the maximum allowable under the newly-negotiated collective bargaining agreement.

"I just feel blessed and honored," said Abdur-Rahim, who celebrated his 22nd birthday last month.

The biggest issue in Abdur-Rahim's mind was not money but getting assurances that the team was committed to become a contender. He said he got that from Jackson and owner John McCaw.

"I wouldn't have signed this if I didn't feel like we were moving in the right direction," he said. "Honestly, I really do feel good about our team and the direction that we're moving in. I feel good about the situation."

Abdur-Rahim wasn't concerned that he lost a chance to cash in on his success, considering the limits placed on salaries in the new collective bargaining agreement.

"Honestly, you have to look at it and say, 'This is more money than my parents ever made.' I really don't pay much too much attention to that. I'm happy to be back playing basketball. I'm pleased and I'm blessed," he said.

Abdur-Rahim said today's NBA players are indebted to those who never had the opportunity to make this much money.

"When you think about it, you have to thank the guys that came before me, the Dr. J's and the guys before him. All of those guys were worth money like this, but the league wasn't in a situation like this. They really paved the way for guys like myself," he said.

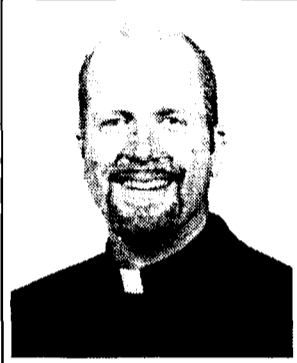
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Foul trouble keeps Belles from victory over Scots

Jones scores 14 points to pace squad in loss

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's came up short in what was an absolute circus of a game versus the Scots of Alma College, losing 92-71.

The score was by far not the most telling statistic of the game. Most of the action was not on the court, but on the foul line — referees called 54

fouls in the course of the game, averaging more than a foul per minute during this contest.

Between both teams, the players shot 76 free throws, accounting for 51 of the 163 total points. Every player Saint Mary's put in the game had at least one personal foul, and all but one of the Alma players could say the same. Two of Alma's players fouled out as did one of the Belles.

Before the game, coach Dave Roeder's main concern was the league-leading scorer, Ellen Bradbury, and he aimed his defensive strategy at her.

But in the end, Bradbury was not a major factor in this game. Instead, Alma's Shannon Cross stepped up and scored a team-high 30 points. Between this and the unforgiving refereeing, the Belles' defensive strategy was nearly impossible to run.

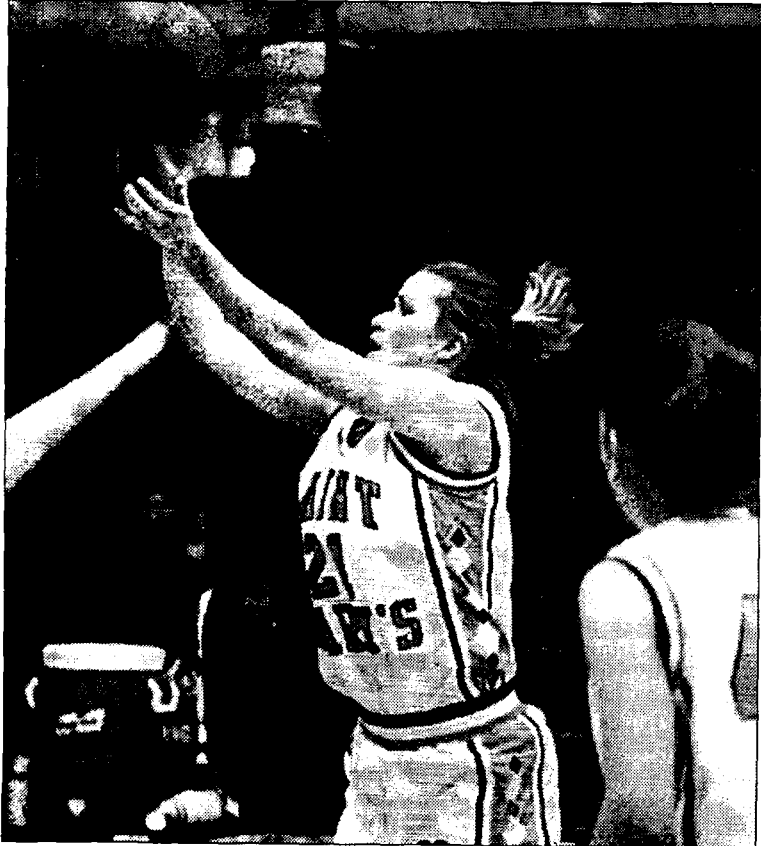
The Belles played tough in the first half, scoring first and rarely falling behind. Freshman forward Kelly Jones led Saint Mary's with the first shot and went on to be leading scorer for the Belles, collecting 14 points.

Saint Mary's still managed to have an aggressive defense and solid rebounding throughout the first half. The game remained tied for nearly all of the first half, until Alma went on a scoring drive during which Saint Mary's was called for a number of personal fouls. Alma went into half-time leading 35-26.

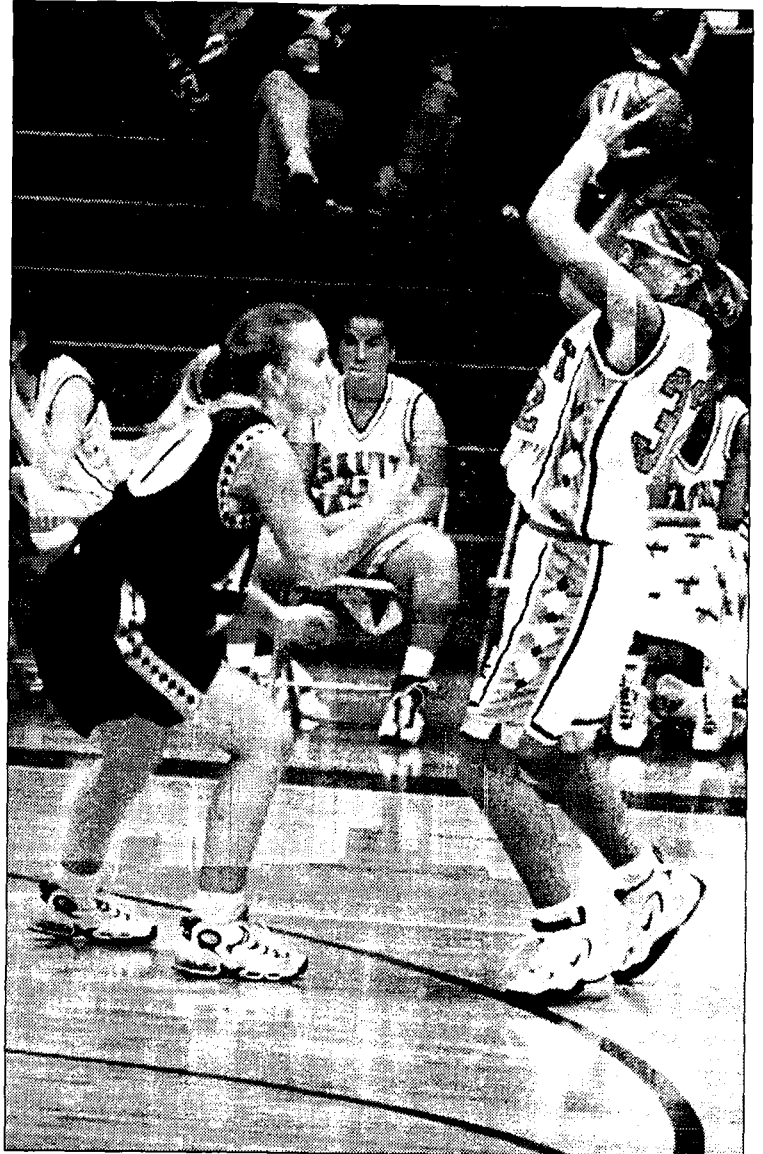
Throughout the game, the Belles' inability to guard the key and stop the Scots from penetrating was a major factor, but it became more apparent in the second half. Alma went on a scoring drive in the second half that consisted almost completely of lay-ups and close jump shots, gaining a 57-39 lead.

Alma continued to dominate offensively and take advantage of the tough refereeing, leading 70-50 at one point late in the half. Saint Mary's came back to within nine points with 2:30 left to play, but, once again, the personal fouls stopped the comeback. Alma went on to win it, 92-71.

The Belles play at Olivet on Wednesday and hope to turn their season around against a team with which they are very evenly matched.



The Belles hope to rebound in their next game against Olivet College on Wednesday.



The Saint Mary's basketball team kept the score close during the first half but fell behind in the second half.

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ward Jonathan Beerbohm, the Eagles seized the opportunity to protect their home court.

A three-pointer by Martin Inglesby cut the lead back to 10 points, but with two minutes left Notre Dame was

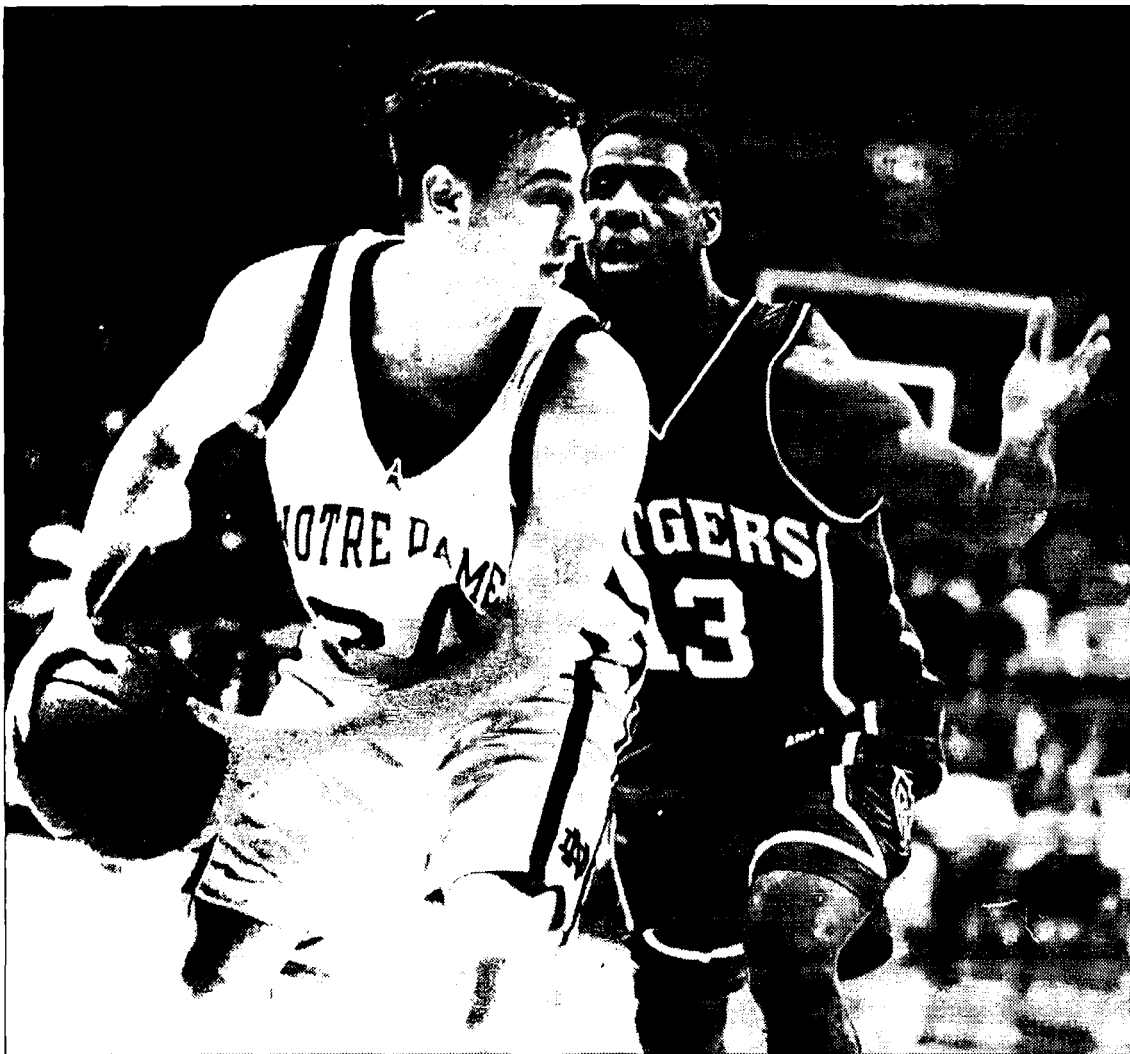
forced to foul. Boston College hit its key free throws and Notre Dame could not cut into the lead.

It was another big loss for the basketball team. Boston College seemed to surprise Notre

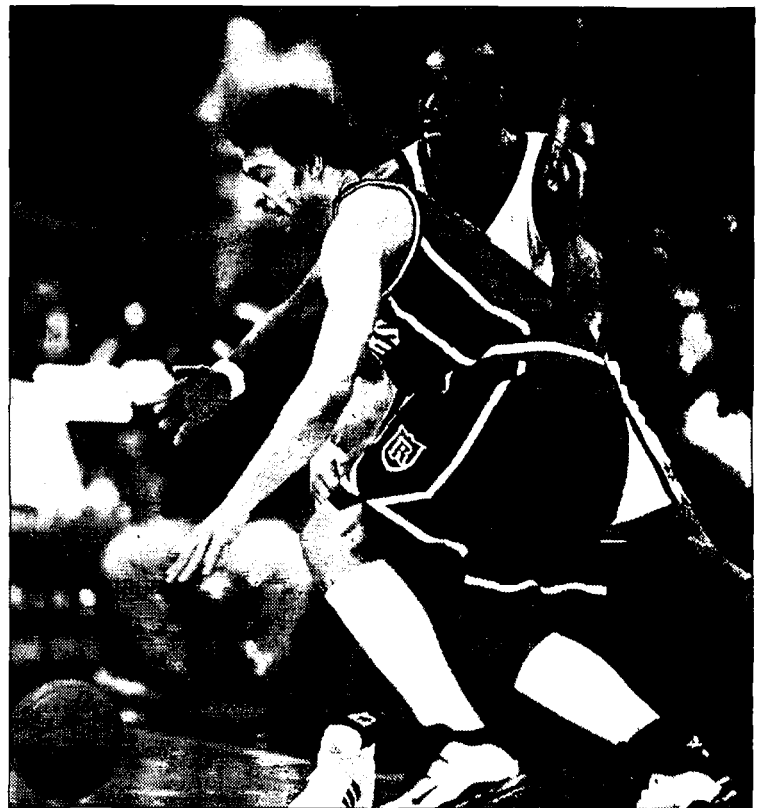
Dame with its performance, while Notre Dame refused to flash the team effort of the last few games.

Murphy recorded a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds, a gutsy performance on a severely sprained ankle. For whatever reason, the rest of the team just couldn't pick up its performance.

Notre Dame will get an opportunity to do its traditional bounce-back performance against Providence at the JACC Saturday at noon.



Sophomore Martin Inglesby and the Irish will get a chance to rebound on Saturday when they face off against Providence.

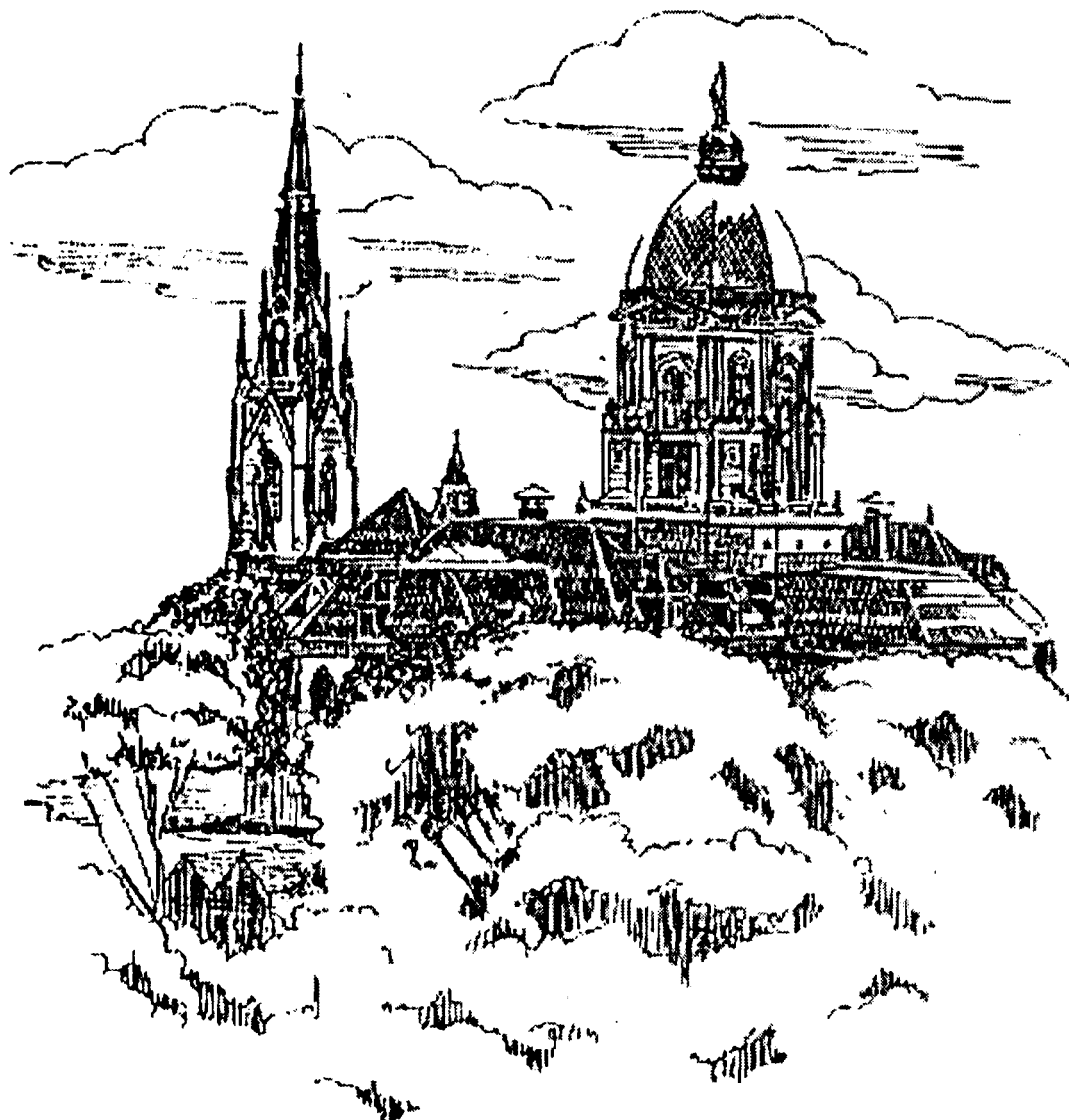


Freshman Harold Swanagan scored eight points with two rebounds in Notre Dame's 78-67 loss to Boston College.

MEN'S BASKETBALL UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Jan. 30	Providence
Feb. 6	at Seton Hall
Feb. 10	Georgetown
Feb. 14	at West Virginia
Feb. 17	at Syracuse
Feb. 21	West Virginia
Feb. 24	at St. John's
Feb. 28	Boston College

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Rodeo

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which is not rated highly," Driscoll said, "you can be put at a real disadvantage."

Saddle bronco riders have a saddle to cling to, while bareback riders have only a suitcase-like handle to grip.

Bull riding is the rodeo sport where the most professional prize money is available and is also the most dangerous of all rodeo events. Bull riders must combine skill and balance to hang on to a 2000-pound bucking bull for eight seconds using only a bull rope.

The danger begins when a rider is tossed from an angry bull and the animal turns to attack the rider.

It is now that the rider's "guardian angels" — the rodeo clowns — swoop in to distract the bull and rescue the rider from a ton of angry beef.

While rough stock events are based partially on luck, timed events are all judged by the impartial and unbiased clock. Calf roping, team roping and steer wrestling constitute the timed events.

In calf roping, a rider chases a calf down on a horse and ropes its head. As soon as the rope catches the calf, the horse is trained to stop and the rider leaps from the horse.

The rider must then tie three legs of the calf before throwing his hands into the air to signify his completion, thus stopping the clock.

Team roping is very similar to calf roping. In team roping, two men ride horses parallel to a calf. The first rider, the header, ropes the head of the calf. After the head is roped, the second man, the heather, rides in behind and tries to rope the hind feet.

Steer wrestling also involves two riders. The first rider, the hazer, rides along next to steer and makes sure that the steer runs straight.

The second rider, or wrestler, attempts to leap onto the back the back of the steer and grab its horns. Once the wrestler has grabbed the horns, he tries to pull the steer to the ground. When three of the steer's legs are off the ground, the clock stops and the event is over.

Women may participate in any men's event but they also have events specifically for females.

Women's events include barrel racing, goat tying,

attached to a string which is tied to the saddle. After being roped, the calf will continue to run away, eventually causing the string to break and the clock to stop.

Goat tying is similar to the tying aspect of men's calf roping. A competitor must tie three legs of the goat before throwing her hands into the air, stopping the clock.

To prepare for the Michigan State Rodeo, the club has been practicing at the D-Bar-S Arena in Elkhart.

The arena is an indoor arena so the team is able to practice regardless of the weather. On Monday and Wednesday nights, the arena holds barrel racing practice.

Tuesday and Thursday brings team and calf roping. Friday nights belong to the bucking bulls and broncos.

The team will also get experience in rodeos before the Michigan State Rodeo as the arena holds a rodeo every two or three weeks. Some of the team members plan to participate in the next rodeo which will be held Saturday night.

Experience is not necessary for one to join the rodeo club. About half of the club members have never participated in a rodeo before.

While most have some horse experience, the club encourages all to come out regardless of whether they have ever ridden before.

"Everyone who wants to try should come out," Driscoll said. "All will be provided with a chance."

Anyone interested in joining the Rodeo Club should contact one of the officers, Rory Fanning (x4221), Claire Peterson (x3850), Mike Driscoll (289-2924) and Neal Driscoll (x1568).

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NEAL DRISCOLL
RODEO CLUB OFFICER

break-away roping, team roping and pole bending. Women's events are all judged on time.

In barrel racing, a ride must guide her horse around barrels in a pre-determined pattern for time.

Pole bending is very similar to barrel racing in that a rider must guide her horse through a set of poles as quickly as possible.

Break-away roping is very similar to the men's calf roping event. The rider must rope a calf around the head and then get her horse to stop.

Rather than having to jump off the horse and tie the legs of the calf, the rope is

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section — go berserk for a change! In fact, let's start a new trend — let's do this every home game!

Let me suggest some activities for those of you who may be new to the sport of heckling, since I was one of the lead hecklers for the last three years. One: Tell Michigan's goaltender what you think of him. In all likelihood, their starting goaltender will be Josh Blackburn, a freshman.

Remind him of the fact that Northern Michigan torched him for four goals on 10 shots earlier this season on home ice.

Two: Make fun of their team captain, Bubba Berenzweig. With a name like that, if you can't think of anything to make fun of him about, then I simply cannot help you.

Three: Tell the Michigan coach, who will be on the opposite side of the ice from you, what you think of him. Since he will be standing on the other side of the rink, you will quickly learn how a loud voice will come in handy. Just so you know, his name is Red Berenson. If you follow the team and are still steaming over Ben Simon's one-game suspension two weeks ago, you might want to remind Coach Berenson about that event.

Four: If you just hate Michigan in general like I do, that should provide plenty of heckling material.

In case you haven't noticed, the Notre Dame hockey team has been ranked in the top 10 every week for about three straight months now. Also, for the first time in years, a couple

of Irish players' names are being tossed around in the discussion of the Hobey Baker Award, the Heisman Trophy of college hockey. Those two names are Brian Urlick, a senior and team captain, and junior Ben Simon, the team's current scoring leader.

To call this the biggest home hockey game of my four years would be an understatement. Actually, for me the game means even more, since my sister is currently a student at Michigan. Michigan comes in ranked No. 5 in the nation, and they are also the defending national champions. A win on Saturday would be Notre Dame's first home win over Michigan since February of 1995. A win on Saturday would mean that Notre Dame's hockey program has finally come of age.

The game is already sold out, that is, except for the student tickets, which are given out free with a student ID an hour before game time. The game, as are all Notre Dame hockey games (home and away), will be broadcast live on the radio on 103.1 FM. The game will also be broadcast on local television, channel 46, for those not fortunate enough to get a ticket.

Once again, if you plan to come to the game and sit on your hands, please be generous and let a lunatic have your ticket instead. Bring out the air horns, wave some towels, get loud and enjoy two of the best teams in college hockey battling it out on the ice, playing the greatest sport in the world.

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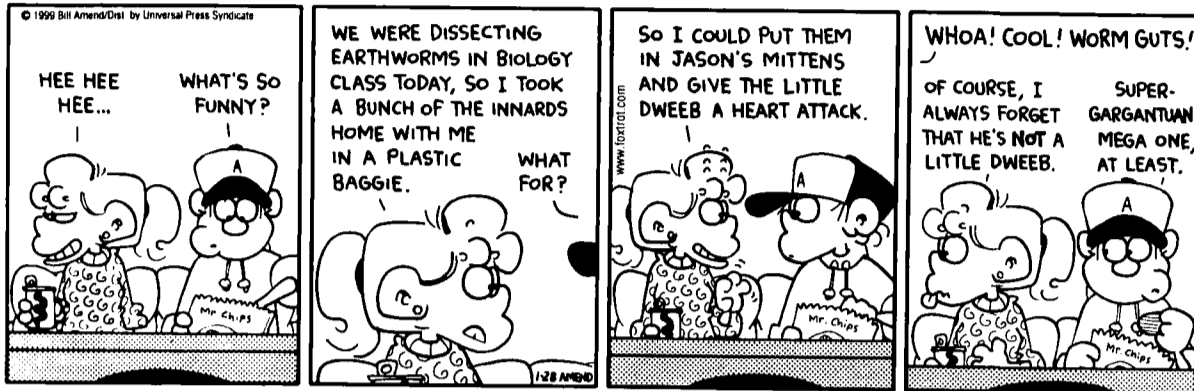
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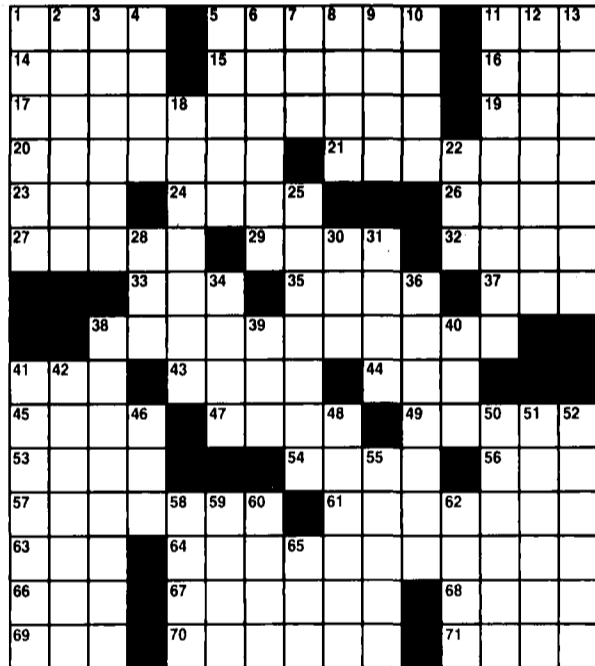
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ACROSS

- 1 "___ first you"
- 5 Sgt. of 50's TV
- 11 Cousin of "Phooey!"
- 14 Emergency CB channel
- 15 Some former dictators, e.g.
- 16 Skating champion Midori
- 17 Some Broadway performances
- 19 Hoedown participant
- 20 Braided
- 21 With indifference
- 23 Crackerjack
- 24 Chi paper, with "The"
- 26 Jeer
- 27 Actress Oberon
- 29 Chunk or clunk
- 32 Slam-dance, 90's-style
- 33 Put together, in a way
- 35 ___ Altaic languages
- 37 Nashville inst.
- 38 Winter feature with a hint to today's puzzle theme
- 41 Bird of legend
- 43 Linguist Chomsky
- 44 Cockney's abode
- 45 Word on a coin
- 47 Fac. member
- 49 Kitchen gizmo
- 53 When repeated, a vitamin B deficiency
- 54 Alliance since 1949

DOWN

- 1 Fashion line
- 2 Ring bearer?
- 3 Horn
- 4 Puccini melody, e.g.
- 5 1996 A.L. Rookie of the Year
- 6 Like rust
- 7 German article
- 8 Kind of bag
- 9 It might wind up on a boat
- 10 "That you!"
- 11 Yeti-like creatures
- 12 Puzzled
- 13 Pre-Easter time
- 18 Followed, as an impulse
- 22 Man with a law
- 25 Post-weekend letdown
- 28 ___-di-dah
- 56 Compass dir.
- 57 Football stat
- 61 Betrayed
- 63 Prefix with angular
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- 67 Encroach on
- 68 Superiority
- 69 Surprised comments
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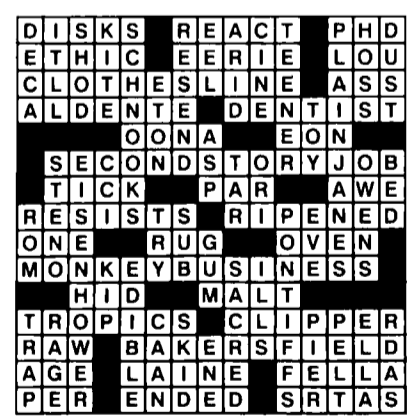


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- 30 Onetime Esposito teammate
- 31 Pedestal part
- 34 Word with anchor or dead
- 36 Harvard tradition
- 38 Hightails it
- 39 Bluejacket
- 40 Voice vote
- 41 1967 Rolling Stones hit
- 42 Here, not in heaven
- 46 Term start?
- 48 Pretense
- 50 California locale whose name is an anagram of 52-Down
- 51 Oomph
- 52 Biblical locale
- 55 Heard in court
- 58 Where Myanmar is
- 59 "Treasure Island" character
- 60 It's a sin
- 62 Main part of a word
- 65 Hand, slangily

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Concentrate on work-related matters. You should look into ways of pampering yourself. A little tender loving care is in order. Social events will be worth attending. Romance is in the air. ○○○

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is doing it for you. Visit an old friend who hasn't been doing too well. ○○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't get involved in extravaganzas or large groups. You are too giving and will surely be taken advantage of. Sudden changes regarding your friends will leave you feeling sad. ○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can acquire knowledge through travel or reading material that elaborates on your interests. Your quick wit will win you points with the boss and enhance your reputation. ○○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a good look at your personal papers. You may want to make changes or updates. You should be able to give someone close to you good advice about financial needs. ○○○○

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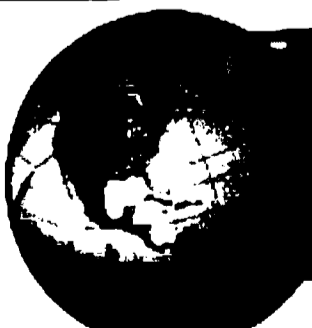
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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Murphy's return not enough as Eagles top Irish

Freshman scores 17 points in conference loss

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Sports Writer

Wins on the road — especially against Big East teams — have come few and far between for the Notre Dame men's basketball team.

There have been hints this season of breaking out of the road trip slump, like when the Irish handed Miami (Fla.) its first loss of the season in the Miami Arena. But at Boston College Wednesday night, the Irish could not shake the slump, dropping the game 78-67 and handing the Eagles their first Big East win of the season.

Notre Dame started off the game in a funk. The Irish missed 10 of their first 16 shots and allowed Boston College to run up an eight-point lead at half-time. Murphy, expected to play limited time, was forced into 37 minutes because of Notre Dame's scoring woes.

Any half-time talk by coach

John MacLeod clearly didn't have the desired effect.

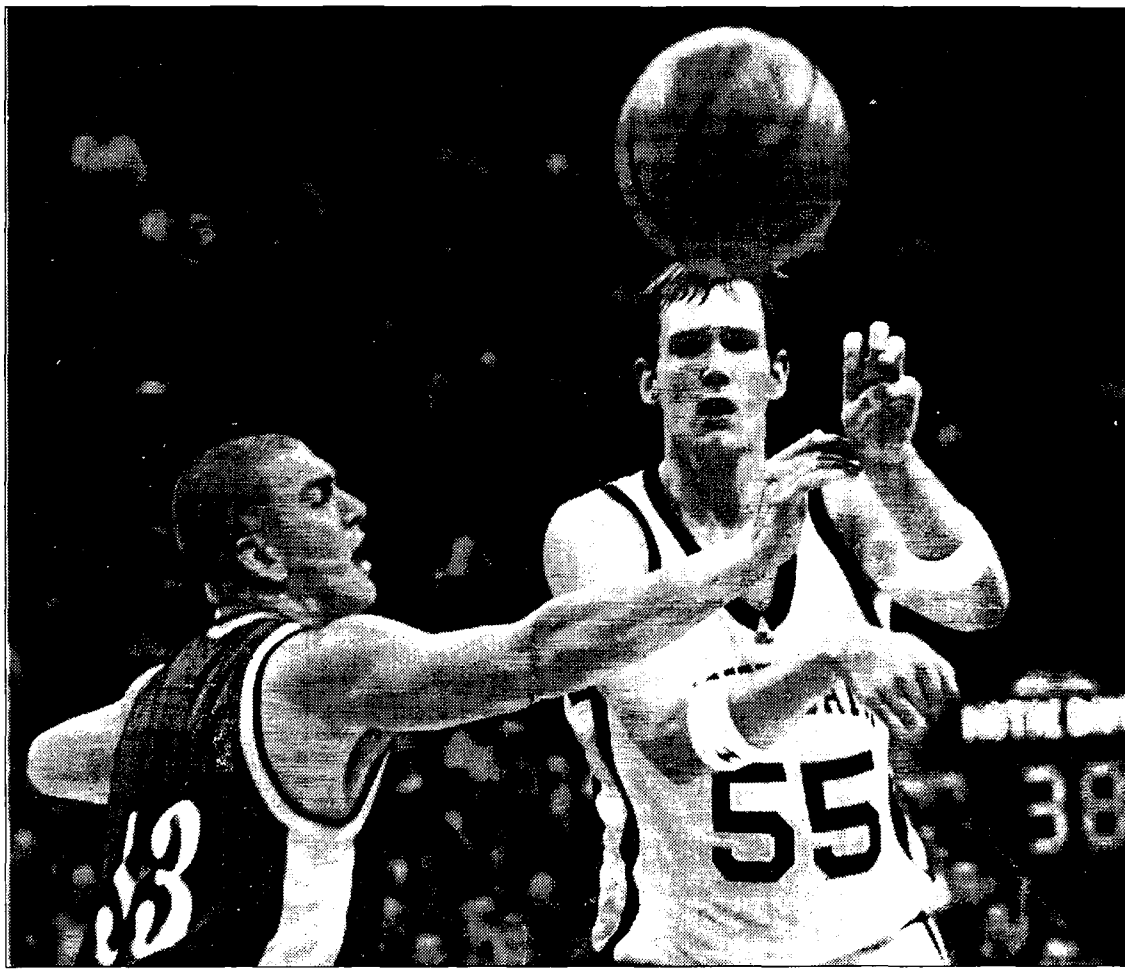
Boston College continued to beat Notre Dame to every loose ball, grabbing every long rebound and eventually building an 11-point lead with 12 minutes left in the game.

In the games Murphy missed, Notre Dame had four people on the roster in double-digit scoring, but none of those numbers repeated against Boston College and the team lost the edge it developed when forced to play without Murphy.

Murphy refused to let the game turn into a blow-out. He and fellow freshman David Graves made some big buckets and cut the Eagles' lead to six with nine minutes left. No one will be able to question Murphy's heart and desire to win at Notre Dame: His ankle was still bothering him, but he came through with an effort that leaves hope for the future of the basketball program.

Boston College would not let its first Big East win of the year slip away. The team geared up the running game and stretched the lead back to 13. Led by Oklahoma transfer Jay Cotton and sophomore for-

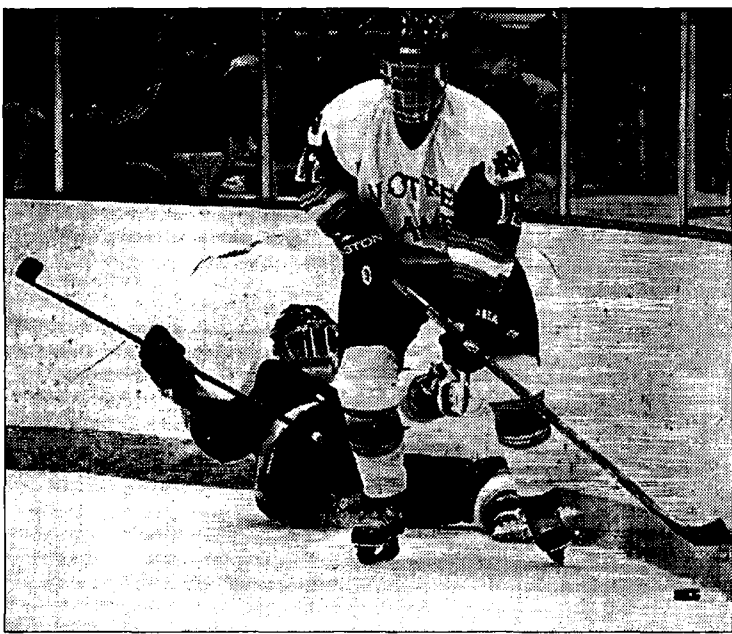
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Senior center Phil Hickey was just one of many Irish players who struggled offensively Wednesday night, scoring only two points with five rebounds.

■ IRISH INSIGHT



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Freshman David Inman and the 10th-ranked Irish hope to upset fifth-ranked Michigan at the Joyce Center on Saturday evening.

Fan support needed against Wolverines

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

Let me tell you of my biggest pet peeves — hockey fans that go to a game only to sit on their hands.

Where I come from, hockey fans are loud, obnoxious people who take pride in losing their collective voices watching

the most exciting game on the planet.

When the Michigan Wolverines strut into town Saturday night, they will be ready to play in the same old silent Joyce Center. Let's do something a little different this Saturday night in the student

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■ CLUB SPORTS

Rodeo rides to club status

By MIKE CONNOLLY
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A mere 17-minute drive from campus at the D-Bar-S arena in Elkhart, a Notre Dame student can experience the thrills and learn the skills involved in being in a rodeo.

For the leaders of Notre Dame's newest sporting group, the Rodeo Club, the point is to give every student the opportunity to try his or her hand at the activity.

"Our goal is to allow people to get into something new," club officer Neal Driscoll said.

The 17-member club received approval from RecSports to become a club sport just before Christmas break, but the process began a full year earlier.

Still, approval from the University is just the beginning of the rodeo club's journey toward participation in competitive rodeos.

Competitive college rodeos are organized by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. As rodeo is a dangerous sport, to be allowed to participate in a rodeo organized by the NIRA, a school and an individual must both be insured by the NIRA.

Once full insurance cover-

age has been paid for, an individual may participate in any of the rodeos organized by the NIRA.

The NIRA is further divided into many regions, the majority of which are in the western U.S., where rodeo is most popular. Notre Dame is a part of the Ozark region, which encompasses most of the eastern states.

Each region is allowed to

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host 10 rodeos each season. The season runs from fall through spring, with the majority of the rodeos falling in the spring. Depending on how well a rider does in the regional rodeos, he or she may be invited to the College National Finals Rodeo, held in June or July.

The top collegiate teams are the University of Texas and the University of California.

Because the club got off to

a late start this season, its members are not all expected to pay for the insurance for a short season.

The club hopes that some of its members will participate in the Michigan State Rodeo which will be held Feb. 19-21; right now about five members are planning to attend.

Rodeo events are divided between men's events and ladies' events.

Men's events are further divided into two categories: rough stock and calf roping. Rough stock events combine skill and luck, and include bull riding, bare-back bronco riding and saddle bronco riding — all among the most dangerous of all rodeo sports.

In each event, a rider must try and stay on a bucking animal for at least eight seconds. The riders are scored on a 100-point scale. Fifty points are based on the skill of the rider while the other 50 points are based on the animal.

Depending on the wildness of the animal a rider draws, more or less points are automatically awarded to the rider.

"If you draw an animal

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GLANCE



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Saturday, 7 p.m.



vs. Michigan
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Men's Tennis
vs. Texas
Saturday, 2 p.m.



Women's Tennis
vs. Kansas State
at Oklahoma City, OK
Saturday, 2 p.m.