



■ This weekend's Keenan Revue raises questions for some students about the limits of humor.

■ The Notre Dame fencing team opens their home season this weekend.

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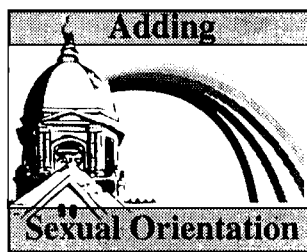
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## Big Ten CONFERENCE

The Big Ten

DECISIONS IN LONDON

*Editor's Note: On Fri., 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.*



## Pope calls for more control by bishops

By LAURA PETELLE  
Assistant News Editor

Is Notre Dame in danger of losing its independence?

No, not to the Big Ten — to the Vatican. Or, more specifically, to the control of the local bishop, John D'Arcy.

While some deny that there is a threat at all, others see a clear and present danger for Catholic higher education in the United States. The danger lies in a dispute between the Vatican and U.S. Catholic colleges and universities over the application of a 1990 Vatican document called *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*.

The argument is over a proposal that would transfer control of the United States' 236 Catholic colleges and universities from their boards of trustees to the local bishops.

The document itself is pastoral in tone, and the Vatican left it to each nation's bishops to individualize the application of the document. In 1996, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) approved a proposal for *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*'s application in the United States by a vote of 224-6.

The Vatican rejected their document and demanded language that guaranteed the current control over the schools. The current draft under consideration was proposed in November by the NCCB.

"In summary, an NCCB approval of this draft document would be profoundly detrimental to Catholic higher education," wrote Father Edward Malloy, president of Notre Dame, and Father Donald Monan, past president and current chancellor of Boston College, in the

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## Big Ten could break up ND, NBC

By NOREEN GILLESPIE  
News Writer

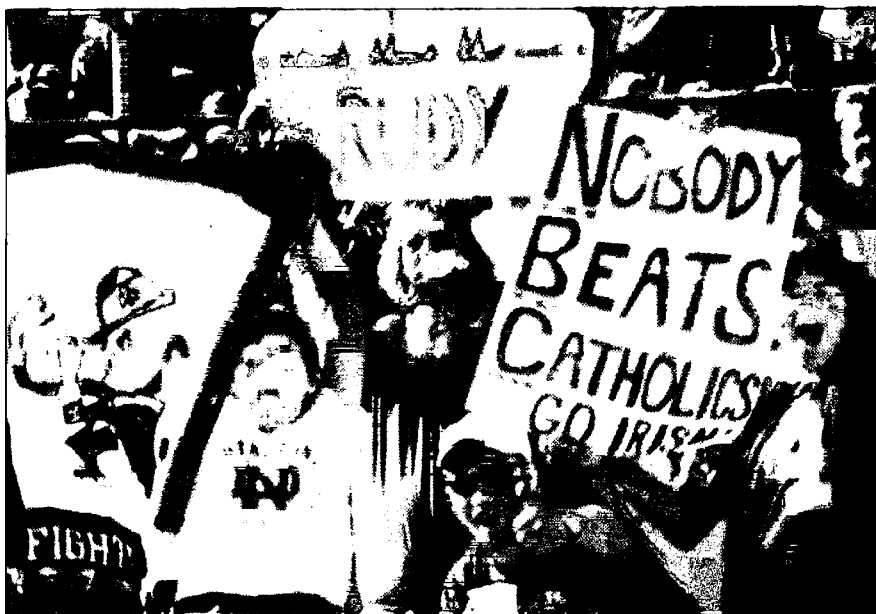
Keeping the magic of Notre Dame football alive and accessible outside the stadium walls for fans, parents and alumni has not been a large problem, for finding a Notre Dame football game on television has been only a remote control away for the past 15 years.

But the advantage of having all Notre Dame home games televised is in danger. Should the Board of Trustees opt for a move to the Big Ten when it meets in London next week, weekly national coverage of Notre Dame home football games would not only be endangered by a new television contract, but coverage could decrease nationally, said Melissa Conboy, associate athletic director.

"One of the things that is enviable about being an independent is that every home game is televised every week," said Conboy. "Under Big Ten coverage, there are more regional telecasts. In one part of the nation, the Michigan/LSU game could be more important, in another, the Ohio State game could be."

Under the current television contract, all Notre Dame home games are covered by NBC. If Notre Dame joins the Big Ten, all pre-existing agreements would stay in effect, Conboy said.

"The Notre Dame contract would



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

As the Board of Trustees Feb. 5 meeting nears, many Irish fans are curious about what will become of Notre Dame's coveted television contract with NBC.

run its duration. After that, it is an unknown," she said. "ABC would most likely look to continue [Big Ten] coverage. Would NBC put in a bid? It's tough to say. We never know what the television market is. Looking at television property values, they have been going up, but that is no guarantee."

Weekly national home game coverage would be over regardless of what network covers Big Ten football, how-

ever.

"In order to remain with our current coverage, we would have to be with our own network," Conboy said. "We could never do both [networks] at the same time."

The advantages for the Big Ten television contract are clear-cut — Notre Dame football would serve as a lucrative addition to the Big Ten

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## Winter weather may cause fatigue, depression

This is the third in a three-part series on winter weather in South Bend. The series appears on Fridays.

By CHRISTINE KRALY  
Assistant News Editor

SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER

Each year, when winter rears its ugly head on South Bend, a transformation occurs.

A fierce current whips the wind into a bitter nightmare, a sheet of pure white snow covers the landscape, and, what the heck happens to the sun? Life becomes dreary and desolate, just like the moods of some students on campus.

"When there's less sun, people will complain and their moods change," said Dr. Dominic Vachon, counselor at the University Counseling Center. The harsh weather and lack of sunlight, combined with the everyday stress of student life, can make life on campus much harder during the winter months, according to Vachon.



When students complain that the weather is driving them crazy, they may not be exaggerating.

"For a person adjusting to this [weather], this is hard," Vachon said.

Students can experience a "seasonal pattern of a depressive episode," he added.

When the winter air becomes unbearable and the sporadic nature of the sun works the nerves, a student can become susceptible to Seasonal Affective Disorder [SAD]. A student may feel unusually tired or depressed, and could become lethargic. Students, especially those from warmer areas, are vulnerable to this change in mood.

"A common thing I hear is students from warmer parts of the country adjust-

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Besides cold temperatures and lake effect snow, winter in South Bend brings an increased risk of depression for students, especially those from warmer regions.

INSIDE COLUMN

# Singles' Day

Were you alone for the holidays? Was there no call on Christmas from your Significant Other? No little remembrance from your other half? No one to kiss as the new year began?

If you're an upper-classman, did the seasonal flurry of engagement announcements leave you out in the cold?

If this is you, congratulations! You're one of the few, the proud, the single.

At Notre Dame, that's something of an oddity. After all, where else but Notre Dame can good Catholic boys and girls relate, date and mate?

Almost anywhere, as the single person knows. Why limit your options?

If you're single, hold your head high. You've stood firm against peer pressure. You've been strong in the face of that cute blue-eyed boy in your sociology class. You've bravely ignored the fluttering eyelashes of your lab partner. You've defied the odds: 55 percent of Domers and Belles marry other Domers and Belles.

YOU are not a statistic.

These, however, are the times that try our single souls. Right on the heels of alone-for-the-holidays December and admire-your-friends'-engagement-rings January, we are moving into the most dangerous month of all:

February.

February, the month of that insidious holiday, Valentine's Day.

Why should people who gave in to peer pressure get a holiday? Why not celebrate the few, the proud, the self-sufficient? Why don't those of us who stood firm against the onslaught of hormones get a holiday?

It's easy to succumb to an ill-considered relationship in February, after the holiday nagging from relatives and facing the prospect of Valentine's Day SYRs.

But stand firm — help is here.

Recognizing the need for Singles' Support, my esteemed and oh-so-single friend Meredith came up with a plan:

Singles' Day.

On January 31, celebrate the first annual Singles' Day. Make your dating friends bring you flowers and gifts (they have lots of practice with that kind of stuff). Go see a movie alone. Go out to dinner with other singles.

Celebrate yourself and your independence from the tyranny of relationships (and relationship gift occasions, as my colleague Mike Reevers complained in this space last week; paying for anniversary gifts, birthday gifts, Christmas gifts, SYR gifts, "I'm sorry" flowers, date dinners, and long-distance phone calls can really add up).

Celebrate the fact that you don't NEED an "other half" — you have two perfectly good halves of your own, thank you very much.

Be proud of yourselves, single souls. Single ladies, you've resisted the dangerous "Oh-my-God-all-my-friends-are-engaged-to-nice-Catholic-boys-and-I'm-not-and-I'll-never-get-to-wear-a-pretty-white-dress" Syndrome. Single gents, you've managed to avoid the deadly "Shoot-I-graduate-next-year-and-mom-won't-do-my-laundry-any-more" Complex.

So, my single comrades, stand proud.

Go out this Sunday. Demand cards and gifts. Remember Jan. 31. Celebrate Singles' Day.

Don't worry; Hallmark will catch on.

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# Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

## Olympic scandal investigators subpoena University of Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah

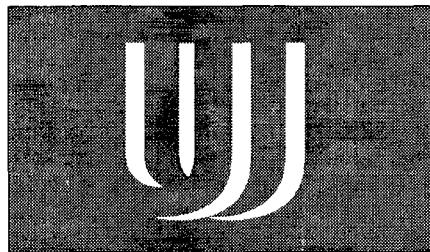
Three possible Olympic scandals are unwrapping. The University of Utah is tangled in all three.

The University was issued a subpoena by the Federal Grand Jury last week.

The Justice Department is seeking any information concerning records related to various students, medical services and transactions between the university and the International Bid Committee and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, University Legal Counsel Advisor John Morris said.

"They have thrown a wide net, so as not to miss any information," Morris said.

The Justice Department is just one of three investigatory committees looking into improper practices by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee. The U.S. Olympic Committee and



SLOC's own Board of Ethics are also looking into the allegations.

One investigation has been completed. The International Olympic Committee released the conclusion of their investigation Sunday. Six IOC members were asked to step down. Twelve others are still under investigation.

The Justice Department has allegedly gathered checks written for tuition payments made out to the university in Sibusiso Sibandze's name.

David Sibandze, Sibusiso's father, is a current member of the IOC.

Sibusiso is listed in the 1991-92 University Student Directory as a Pre-business major, freshman. In the following years' directories he is not listed.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported that Sibusiso obtained both master's and bachelor's degrees from the university.

The Tribune also reported that Sibusiso's father allegedly attempted to obtain a scholarship for another son to attend college in Falun, Sweden, when it placed their bid for the 1988 Winter Games.

"There are several investigations taking place. The University has and will cooperate in these investigations," Morris said.

The law prevents the University from discussing information about the investigations, Morris said.

### GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

#### Students protest single-sex rooms

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Freshmen Clark Harding and Kathy Rooney took their case to the American Civil Liberties Union Friday after the University denied their request to live together on campus. Crawford Hall residents Harding and Rooney submitted a grievance and the Community Living and Learning Center's rejection of their request to the ACLU. Rooney said the pair is seeking the ACLU's advice and help. Harding and Rooney went to CLLC last semester to request a coed room next fall. They filed a grievance justifying their request Jan. 11. CLLC rejected the request, saying in a letter that University regulations prohibit them from living together because they are not of the same sex. "We should be able to make our own decisions as to who we room with," Rooney said. Harding said he feels his freedom of individual expression is being violated by the University's policy. He said he and Rooney are pushing the issue because they feel it is important.

### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

#### Y2K problem might affect winter term

COLUMBUS, Ohio

Winter Quarter next year just might get off to a late start because of Y2K computer concerns. For the last three weeks, meetings of Ohio State's Y2K task force have included discussing the option of closing the university for the first several days of Winter Quarter 2000 if the functioning ability of key systems remains unclear, according to Dan Allen, a task force member representing University Technology Services. "We don't need to make this decision right away," Allen said, stressing that closing the university is just one of many options the task force must consider, many of which may or may not be executed. But if the university did decide to close school, the decision would have to be made "certainly by the end of Spring Quarter," so that the university, could adjust its calendar accordingly, said David Williams II, vice president for student and urban/community affairs.

### BOSTON UNIVERSITY

#### Health benefits for partners stirs debate

BOSTON, Mass.

The recent decision by the president of Pennsylvania State University to deny health benefits to the domestic partners of gay and lesbian faculty is unwise and unjust, officials from several colleges said yesterday. Confronted with opposition from members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly and a potential funding crisis, Penn State President Graham Spanier early this month defied the recommendations of the university's Faculty Senate and did not approve a package of benefits for employees' same-sex partners. Domestic partnerships are offered in lieu of legal marriage to gay and lesbian couples who are involved in long-term relationships. Most states require that the couples have been living together for a specific period of time and plan on living together indefinitely. They must also demonstrate mutual financial responsibilities, such as a joint bank account or lease.

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES

#### Man sues over missing documents

LOS ANGELES, Calif.

Nearly five years after discovering that documents he had leant to the university were missing, Edward Erath saw his lawsuit against UCLA go to trial Wednesday in Los Angeles Superior Court. Erath's lawyers have accused the university of negligence and infliction of emotional distress, and they are seeking compensation for the income they allege Erath has lost because of his missing papers. The documents, which Erath leant to UCLA in 1983, represented over 10 years of research aimed at improving the performance of government agencies, he said. The papers, which Erath estimated weighed more than one ton, have been assigned a value of over \$700,000 by expert witnesses hired by his attorneys. "He was going to use them when he retired," said Penny Wheat, one of Erath's attorneys. "He's been deprived of those documents for at least five years." Erath said he has been unable to find work and has had to turn down offers to use his research since he did not keep duplicate copies.

### SOUTH BEND WEATHER

#### 5 Day South Bend Forecast

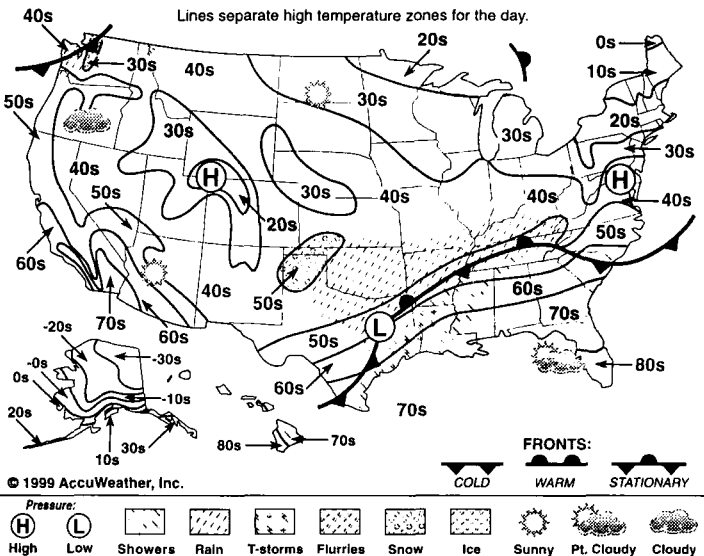
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# Some view Keenan Revue humor as offensive

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY  
Associate News Editor

For Brother Bonaventure Scully, rector of Keenan Hall, the Keenan Revue is a gift to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

"The Keenan Revue is supposed to be a free gift to the campuses during the doldrums of winter," said Scully.

However, there are some who beg to differ.

Kelly Curtis, president of the Feminist Collective and a Saint Mary's senior, said the Keenan Revue is anything but funny.

"I went my freshman year and left in the middle because I found it offensive to myself and other groups that were targeted, even though I might not have been a part of these groups," said Curtis. "I'm not against humor and parody jokes in which everyone is included and can laugh about it, but there is a sharp difference between that and what the Keenan Revue is."

The difference, explained Curtis, can be found in the men of Keenan Hall making offensive and degrading jokes about women from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame without women participating. In the Revue, not everyone is sharing in the common experience, said Curtis.

"The Keenan Revue is using the power of humor to

reinscribe oppressive attitudes toward other minority groups," she said.

Scully does not believe that the Revue is offensive.

"There is a fine line between just kidding about some things and being offensive," said Scully. "But what's offensive to some might not be offensive to others."

A screening process occurs during one of the rehearsal nights before the Revue is performed for the public. During this time, changes can be made in any material that might be found offensive.

"We have some Saint Mary's girls, some women rectors from dorms at Notre Dame and myself sit down and watch the performance," said Scully.

The Saint Mary's women involved in the screening are appointed by student government, said Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of Student Activities at Saint Mary's.

"The whole rationale of including women in the screening process was to give a female perspective. There was some concern about making fun of people with eating disorders and portraying people being drunk and having sex but not linking that to date rape," said Rosenbush.

The director of the Keenan Revue, junior Bill McNamara,

admits that what might have been edited from the Revue earlier in the week could show up in the last performance on Saturday night.

"Saturday night tends to be more outrageous than the other nights," said McNamara.

This creates a challenge for Scully.

"It's really a hard thing to monitor. You can threaten them but if you have a threat, you have to carry it out," said Scully. "You just have to appeal to their [Keenan Revue participants] common sense and good character."

Jokes about homosexuals are not allowed, said Scully.

"You have to be very careful about that [jokes about homosexuals]," said Scully. "The heterosexual male thinks that is fair game and we have to work on that because we are a homophobic campus."

"The Keenan Revue is not intended to put people down. It's intended for entertainment and laughs which seem to be lacking on this campus."

McNamara agreed. "I feel bad some people are offended. The Keenan Revue is a gift to the entire University family to make everyone smile and laugh. In no way is it intended to be offensive."

This year, the Revue will contain the traditional jokes about Saint Mary's, Breen Phillips and Farley, said McNamara. But the Revue will include other things like magic acts and a group of guys who can play songs with beer bottles, he added.

Jessica Martin knows her dorm is a target in the Keenan



Junior Mark DeBoy and sophomore Jon-Michael Wheat, both Keenan residents, performed at the Keenan Revue Thursday night. Although the event is popular among many students, some take offense to its off-color jokes and the stereotypes it perpetuates.

Revue. Breen Phillips is labeled in the Revue as the "fat dorm." But this doesn't bother Martin, who attended the Revue last year and will attend the event again this year.

"I think it's hilarious. I don't take offense because they make fun of everyone," said Martin. "I had friends in other dorms that don't get made fun of and they were jealous. It makes me feel like part of the campus to

be included in the jokes."

Curtis disagreed.

"Every year men and women from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame tell people that they are taking the Keenan Revue too seriously," said Curtis. "This is not a matter of people taking it too seriously, but of not taking it seriously enough. The only way the Keenan Revue will ever change or go away is if people stop condoning it."

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Greg Smith

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Stephen Robey

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## Candidates throw in their hats

The candidates for the 1999-2000 student body president and vice president met Thursday at 5 p.m. to turn in their petitions and declare their intentions to run. Each ticket needed 150 student signatures to be eligible for the election. Campaigning begins Monday at midnight; primary elections are Monday, Jan. 8.

## Bishops

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Father Donald Monan, past president and current chancellor of Boston College, in the Jan. 30 issue of "America," a Jesuit magazine.

Notre Dame has appointed an ad hoc committee to evaluate the current draft. The committee will convene Feb. 1 under the direction of John Cavadini, chairman of the theology department. Attempts to reach Cavadini were unsuccessful.

The consequences for Catholic colleges and universities would be many and varied if the proposal were put into effect. Under Title VII, Catholic colleges can only receive federal aid if they are controlled by a lay board. Putting the colleges in the hands of the local bishops would mean no gov-

ernment money for the school and no federal aid for students.

The draft also requires that presidents of Catholic institutions take an oath of fidelity to the Church and that theologians receive a mandate from the local bishop allowing them to teach.

Universities are urged to recruit only "faithful Catholics" for their faculties. Making "faithfulness" the prime quality desired in a recruit could mean sacrificing academic quality for magisterial loyalty and could open the University up for discrimination lawsuits. The bishops left the definition of "faithful" open, leading to confusion in how this would be applied.

"I think according to American understanding the proposal does [infringe on academic freedom and institutional autonomy]," said Father Richard McCormick, a profes-

sor of theology at Notre Dame. "Those two are held in very high esteem in educational circles."

"Approving the teachers of theology — that's direct outside interference," he added.

Requiring Catholic teachers of theology to obtain a mandate is in the Code of Canon Law of 1983, but these canons do not apply to institutions founded by a religious order, said professor of theology and ecclesiologist Father Richard

McCormick. "Even though the vast majority of Catholic colleges and universities in the United States were established under the sponsorship of religious institutes, the [current proposal] overlooks this important distinction," wrote Malloy and Monan.

Father Ladislav Orsy, a law professor at Georgetown, said in a Boston Globe interview that the Church would open itself to accusations of censorship and would lose accreditation, because institutional autonomy is insisted on by accrediting bodies.

Many U.S. bishops join the universities in their concern about the proposal currently being studied.

Bishop D'Arcy of Fort Wayne-South Bend is among those who expressed concern about the document.

An editorial in "America" said that the current draft will "not enhance [the colleges' and universities'] Catholic identity, but only endanger it by forcing unnecessary choices between loss of official church approval and a marginal role in American higher education."

McCormick calls the current proposal "a failure on the part of functionaries in the Holy See to understand fully the needs of American higher education."

Malloy and Monan call for "a

document ... that fully safeguards the interests of both the universities and the church and newly advances both."

"I share the sentiment that

McCormick. "The [original NCCB] proposal was such a document. It has been and can be done."

McCormick does not think the current draft document will be put into effect, but McCormick disagrees.

"The whole thing's not over yet," he said. "The bishops will vote at their next meeting. Will they stand up to Rome or submit to Rome? It's time that the bishops stand up to the Vatican and tell them what we need, not have them tell us what we need."

The Boston Globe and "America" contributed to this report.

## THE BISHOPS WILL VOTE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING. WILL THEY STAND UP TO ROME OR SUBMIT TO ROME?

FATHER RICHARD MCBRIEN  
PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY AND ECCLESIOLOGIST

they'll come up with some solution that is workable and will respect the commitment to maintaining Catholicity of higher learning without sacrificing institutional autonomy or academic freedom," said

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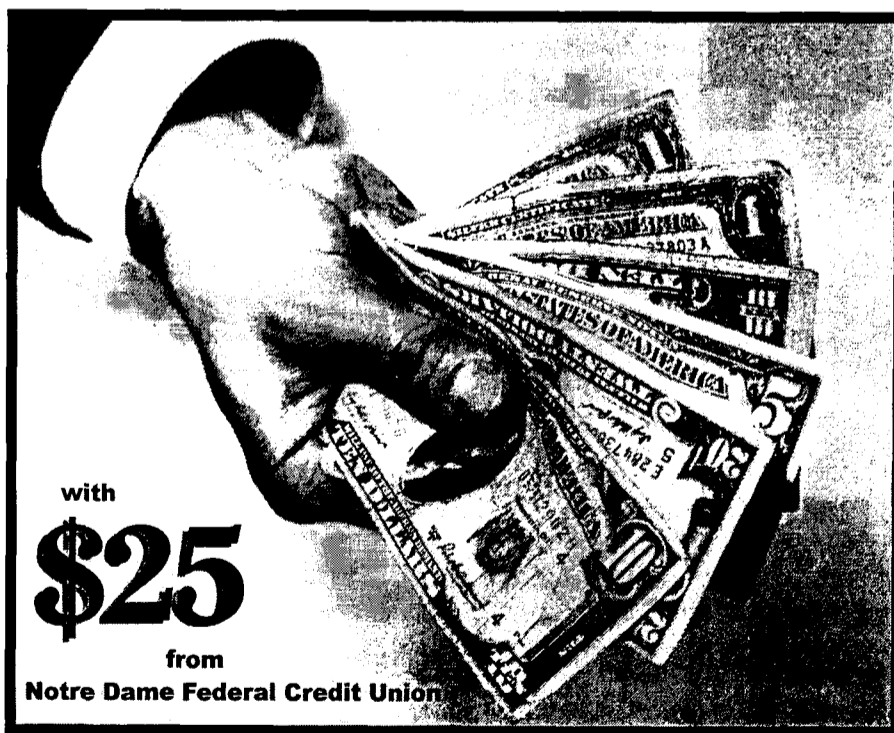
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## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Man leaves \$3.4M for teens

KING AND QUEEN, Va.  
An eccentric millionaire with a reputation of being extremely frugal wound up bequeathing \$3.4 million in college scholarships for teen-agers in rural eastern Virginia. Beginning this spring, a committee will pick students to receive four annual \$6,000 scholarships in the name of Thomas Franklin Fary. "He had made all of his money living in this part of Virginia and he wanted to return it to the area," William Lewis, Fary's attorney, said Thursday. Fary died in 1995 at the age of 92. Despite a fortune made in timber, the millionaire took baths in a river rather than pay for water, and hung out at a local store to pick up leftover packages of crackers left by diners. "When crackers started coming in smaller packages, it nearly killed him," said Carey.

### Man sues for HIV misdiagnosis

CHICAGO  
An Ohio man is suing his former doctor for allegedly misdiagnosing him with HIV and then prescribing a potent drug that had to be taken each day for more than six years. Mark Savage contends he was never even tested for HIV by Dr. David Blatt and his colleagues at Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago. Savage, a 43-year-old flight attendant who has since moved from Chicago to Dayton, Ohio, did not return a telephone message Thursday. His lawsuit says he was diagnosed with the AIDS virus in July 1990 and treated with AZT and other AIDS-fighting drugs through 1996. In addition to "extreme mental pain and suffering," Savage's lawsuit says he experienced such AZT-induced side effects as tingling hands, vision and bowel problems, and depression.

### Pol guilty in bribe sting

CHICAGO  
A city councilman was found guilty Thursday of accepting \$7,000 from an undercover informant in an ongoing FBI sting on political corruption. A federal jury deliberated for two hours before returning the verdict against Virgil Jones, 49, in the probe Operation Silver Shovel. Prosecutors said Jones took payoffs of \$4,000 and \$3,000 to allow the informant — posing as a contractor — to operate a rock crusher in his ward. The payments were made in December 1992 and January 1993. Jones had testified the money represented a legal political contribution. Jones and an associate, Charles Nix, were convicted of conspiracy to commit extortion and attempted extortion.



Senate minority leader Thomas Daschle (D-SD) talks to reporters after his party's motion to bring President Clinton's trial to an immediate vote. Republicans set Feb. 12 as a target date for a vote on Clinton's guilt or innocence. AFP Photo

## Senate votes to continue trial

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON  
Brushing aside Democratic objections, Senate Republicans on Thursday opened the door to public broadcast of Monica Lewinsky's videotaped testimony as they muscled through rules governing the balance of President Clinton's impeachment trial.

In a rapid-fire series of roll calls, majority Republicans also crushed a Democratic call for an immediate vote on Clinton's fate and an alternative set of rules that would have barred any public viewing of the questioning that Ms. Lewinsky is to undergo early next week.

By their votes, Republicans set Feb. 12 as a target date for a final vote on Clinton's guilt or innocence on the two articles of impeachment, which allege perjury and obstruction of justice.

"That's our goal and we have set in motion a process that will get us there," majority leader Trent Lott told

reporters, although he conceded the target could slip. Lott said the first deposition would be Monday, with Ms. Lewinsky, and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal and presidential friend Vernon Jordan would be questioned over the two following days. All the sessions will be recorded on videotape, and Lott said, "Exactly what happens to that videotape is not clarified or limited."

That's up to the Senate itself to decide, he said.

On another key point, Republicans left room for a vote on "fact finding" that would state formally that Clinton had committed offenses, even if he wasn't to be removed from office. The Democratic scenario would have prevented Republicans from even submitting such a document for a vote.

The White House accused the Republicans of "power politics."

"It's clear the spirit of bipartisanship evaporated today, and that this has become a Republican impeachment

trial," said spokesman James Kennedy. "The plan that was adopted is vague and it has no certain end. It appears to contain trap doors that could significantly extend this trial."

But Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, countered: "This is not a deep dark plot on the part of Republicans to slip anything over."

The vote was 55 to 43 against a motion by Daschle to go immediately to four final hours of debate and then vote on the articles of impeachment. Sen. Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, was the sole lawmaker to cross party lines, just as he was the only Democrat to vote Wednesday against dismissal of the charges.

Before that, the Senate rejected Democratic leader Tom Daschle's plan to limit to writing all public evidence of the depositions of witnesses, preventing the showing on the Senate floor of the videotaping that the House Republican prosecutors want and the White House opposes.

## NATO

### 'Turning point' reached in Kosovo

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS, Belgium  
NATO issued a solemn warning Thursday to both sides in the Kosovo crisis: Negotiate a political settlement now or else.

NATO's military firepower is cruising the Adriatic Sea and ready at allied airfields in Italy, with dozens of ships and planes prepared to rain havoc upon recalcitrant Serbs.

The allied measures also envision a program to cut off arms and financing to the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army.

"We are at a critical turning point in the Kosovo crisis," NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana told reporters at NATO headquarters. "The next few days will be decisive."

He said the six-nation Contact Group, made up of the United States, Russia, France, Britain, Germany and Italy, will meet Friday in London to launch a new political initiative to bring peace to Kosovo.

"It will be fully backed by NATO's military capabilities," Solana emphasized. "We are ready to act if necessary. The parties must seize this opportunity."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who will attend the meeting in London, welcomed NATO's decision as a "first step," according to spokesman James Rubin.

The negotiations aim to get the two sides to accept a U.S. plan on expanded self-rule for Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority. Kosovo is a province of Yugoslavia's main republic,

and most residents favor independence.

Belgrade's Beta news agency quoted German Ambassador Wilfried Gruber as saying the negotiations would be similar to the 1995 talks in Dayton, Ohio, which ended Bosnia's war, in that "the negotiators will be in one place ... and they will not come out until they reach agreement."

The American formula provides for the two sides to set aside the independence issue for three years, after which the parties could resume discussions on the province's long-term future.

About 2,000 people have died and nearly 300,000 have been driven from their homes in seven months of fighting in Kosovo between the KLA and Serb forces.

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# Winter

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ing to this climate," Vachon said.

While Vachon admits that he hears complaints about the lack of sun, especially in February, he said that SAD is a "major depression," and is usually rare among students on campus.

"When you're feeling bad one day, and you wonder [why], [the season] amplifies what you're feeling bad about," he said.

Because students already feel bogged down with the pressures of academia, the absence of sun "adds to the load people carry," Vachon said.

## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE COLD, BITTER SOUTH BEND

Although South Bend winters are a great way to beat the heat, they can cause trauma for students from warm, sunny regions.

"It's definitely harder to go to classes," said Camilla Rodgers, a sophomore from New Mexico. Rodgers also said the lack of sun is "bizarre — I'm definitely not used to that."

The transition from the swel-

ter to the snow can be a difficult one, especially for Mike Mann, who "just gets frustrated [waiting for a sunny day]." Mann, a freshman from Texas, said adjusting to South Bend winter was hard at first, but that he's pretty used to it by now.

Some students, Vachon said, "expect [the winter] to make them feel worse. People will predict 'this is going to be a bad month' the same way some people will always complain about the dining hall food," he added.

Not everyone is challenged by the change in weather. Alice Fox, an Arizona native at Saint Mary's, represents what she sees as a small, but appreciative group that loves South Bend winters. "It's different," said Fox. "I'm enjoying it." She added that the cold is a nice change from her hometown heat.

## THE SUN WILL COME OUT — WHEN?

For students wondering when the sun will shine again over the Golden Dome, answers are few and far between.

Though SAD is rare and not usually prevalent on campus, its symptoms can plague those

not used to the cruel nature of a typical South Bend winter.

"It's common for people to feel more stress in their lives when there is not sun," Vachon said. He noted that there are ways of coping with the cold:

- Be aware of the cold its possible affects on your mood and ability to make wise decisions.

- "[As impossible as it seems,] go where it's sunny." This should help lift your spirits and get rid of some depressing feelings.

- "Make friends with the winter" by cross-country skiing, snow tubing or even going for a walk. "Make it work for you."

- Diet, exercise and move around. Students tend to stop activity once it gets darker.

In general, all students suffer some sort of winter blues. Whether it's increased fatigue, or mild, depressing thoughts, no one is safe from the Northwest Indiana winter warfare. Students will just have to bundle up and ride it out and do what they can to heat things up. While Mann longs for those sunny days, he copes by working out, or hanging out with his friends. Alice Fox, however, couldn't be happier.

"I love the snow," she said.

# Contract

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package. Notre Dame may not see as many advantages as the conference would, however.

"Notre Dame could increase the value of the Big Ten package, so that could be a financial benefit," Conboy said. "But I can't see an upside to only being on regional television."

The decrease in national coverage could also serve as a boost to recruiting efforts, especially for football.

"If you have a recruit who knows that their parent can't come to every game, knowing that those games are televised has been a very nice recruiting tool for coaches," Conboy said.

While football is at a clear disadvantage for television coverage under the Big Ten, other sports, such as women's basketball and volleyball, may see increased coverage.

"The Big Ten does allow more of an opportunity for some of the other sports to see

more coverage, which could help recruiting in those sports," Conboy said.

"One of the advantages to the Big Ten coverage is that they have a game of the week," said women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw. "Depending on where that is picked up, it can be a big selling point for recruiting. While being on television is definitely important, the year we went to the Final Four we were on television 15 times. If you're good, you're going to get coverage."

Although a Big Ten television package will not include weekly national coverage, it does offer one thing that the NBC contract cannot: stability.

"Networks look at the future of a program and determine if it is too expensive," said Conboy. "They make decisions — certain networks have dropped the NFL because it got too expensive. While our position with NBC now is very enviable, if it weren't renewed in the future, we'd be in a worse position."

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# Late Night Olympics expands

By FINN PRESSLY  
News Writer

With activities spanning two facilities, organizers promise that Friday's Light Night Olympics (LNO) will be the best yet.

"Late Night Olympics is basically an all-night sports extravaganza," said RecSports coordinator Kara O'Leary. "We're going to have 20 different events, with 13 competing dorm teams made up of halls from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. We've got a total of 360 entries for the 20 events."

Unlike previous years, where all events occurred in the Joyce Center, this year's sports will be split between the Joyce Center and the new Rolfs Center. Because of the added space, organizers were able to add

badminton, table tennis and a revamped version of team dodgeball to the lineup of events.

All proceeds from the evening

events donated by area merchants will also be sold throughout the night.

Approximately fifty student volunteers from RecSports and the Rolfs Center will assist in the activities. Several Special Olympians will also be on hand to volunteer and participate in an event that has become a yearly tradition.

"At nine there will be a basketball game between Special Olympians and rectors from different halls at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's to showcase the talents of those Olympians and let the Notre Dame students know they're helping a good cause," said O'Leary.

Late Night Olympics begins at 7 p.m. Friday and is expected to run until approximately 5 a.m.

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# Government wants U.N. peacekeepers out of country

## Officials plan to reject security resolution

Associated Press

LUANDA

The Angolan government wants U.N. peacekeepers to leave the country but is willing to let U.N. aid workers stay, a senior official said Thursday.

Higino Carneiro, deputy minister for Territorial Administration, told Angola's

parliament that the government will reject a U.N. Security Council resolution to keep some peacekeepers in the southwestern African country.

The peacekeepers were sent to monitor the implementation of a 1994 peace accord, which disintegrated last month. Fighting has spread throughout the country, prompting the United Nations to pull all its personnel back to the capital, Luanda.

"The government will not accept the continued presence of any member of the United Nations observer mission in Angola," Carneiro told the National Assembly.

The National Assembly responded with two motions,

one urging the government to terminate the U.N. mission and another blaming the United Nations for the slide back to war.

The United Nations has spent \$1.5 billion over the past four years on implementing the peace deal. The peacekeepers' mandate expires Feb. 26.

In a report on Angola earlier this month, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan recommended pulling out the U.N. mission, but the Security Council supported "a multidisciplinary presence" in Angola, presumably involving political, military and humanitarian personnel.

As a sign of the worsening situation in Angola, Faustino

Muteka, minister for Territorial Administration, told lawmakers that the government was preparing an official document announcing that it was abandoning the 1994 peace treaty.

The Security Council has blamed UNITA — a Portuguese acronym for the National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola — for failing to carry out key elements of the agreement requiring the rebel force to disarm and turn over territory to the government.

Civil war erupted in Angola after its 1975 independence from Portugal. A 1991 peace agreement collapsed the following year.

In Havana, the Cuban gov-

ernment on Thursday denied recent reports that Cuban military advisers are helping Angola's army in the civil war.

"That information is totally false," Foreign Ministry spokesman Alejandro Gonzalez said at a weekly news conference. "We have a civilian presence, such as doctors."

Dozens of Cuban doctors and nurses are working at the Luanda Military Hospital, where wounded government troops are being treated as part of a cooperation agreement. Cuban doctors also run two private clinics in Luanda.

Cuban forces fought on the government side after the civil war first erupted in 1975, but withdrew forces in 1988.

# Pope works to get clemency for killer

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.

With a papal plea, the governor's grace and a lottery winner's luck, convicted triple murderer Darrell Mease has escaped the death penalty.

It remains to be seen whether Gov. Mel Carnahan will evade political consequences for granting clemency to Mease following a face-to-face plea from Pope John Paul II.

Carnahan, a Baptist and a Democrat, is running for a U.S. Senate seat next year in a state where it's widely accepted that most voters favor capital punishment.

"God help him if there are any grieving relatives (of Mease's victims), because he will need the pope to come back to campaign for him," said University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato.

On 26 occasions, Carnahan has allowed the death penalty to proceed. Before Thursday, he had commuted a death sentence just once, for a man whose jury wasn't told of his mental retardation.

The pope has spoken out frequently against capital punishment and he did so again during his two-day visit to St. Louis this week. In 1991, before Carnahan was governor, the pope asked Missouri to reduce the sentence of Glennon Sweet for killing a state trooper.

Carnahan reviewed Sweet's case, but declined to halt his

execution last year.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Vatican's secretary of state, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, met with Carnahan and relayed the pope's plea for Mease. Later, the pope, after a prayer service at a St. Louis church, came down off the altar and personally asked the governor to "extend mercy" to Mease, Carnahan said.

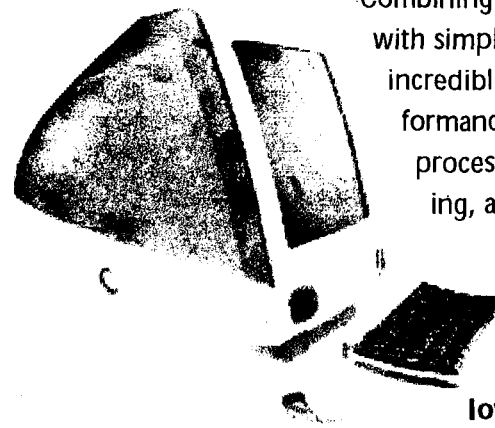
Mease was convicted of killing a former drug partner, Lloyd Lawrence, 69; his wife, Frankie Lawrence, 56; and their grandson, William

Lawrence, 19, in May 1988. They were shot to death.

His Jan. 27 execution date was set last November by the state Supreme Court. Four days later, the court changed the execution date to Feb. 10. The court didn't give a reason, but many believed it was because the papal visit to St. Louis would coincide with the execution.

Carnahan announced his decision in Washington, defending it and insisting that it didn't bind him to any course of action in the future. The plea from the pope, under the ancient mosaics and soaring dome of the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica, created "extraordinary circumstances," he said.

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# Seminar addresses fathering in the next millennium

By BRIAN HOBBS  
News Writer

Twenty-nine percent of children from divorced families question whether their fathers really love them, said Robert Emery, a professor at the University of Virginia.

Emery spoke Thursday as part of the Fathering in the New Millennium seminar at the Center for Continuing Education.

"Fathering and fathering after divorce are important and increasingly controversial subjects," Emery said. "Fathers are important to children in ways we often overlook, if nothing else symboli-

cally." This, combined with the fact that 51 percent of these children say they would be different people if they had known their fathers better, points to the need for father-child contact even in a post-divorce situation, he said.

Emery pointed to the economic situations of divorced families as further evidence that fathers need to continue to be involved in their children's lives after divorce. He stated that 60 percent of children in mother-only custody live in poverty. That number is an average of all ethnic groups.

Part of the problem is the

current legal system, Emery added.

"Many men are disenfranchised by the legal system by a bias that favors mothers in custody hearings," he said.

Emery advocated the use of mediation over litigation in custody disputes, citing that 85 percent of the mediations were settled out of court.

The seminar, organized by sociology professor



The Observer/Dave LaHeist

Psychology professor E. Mark Cummings (right) helped organize the Fathering in the New Millennium seminar. The seminar, which ran on Thursday in the Center for Continuing Education, included presentations on marriage and fatherhood.

in the development of morality.

Aldous, in comments during the seminar, said that family is one of the most important structures in all societies. The day's seminar aimed to "address the possibility of men to enter the world of families

in a more involved way," she said. Aldous also noted that the seminar was unique because it examined the family through the role of fathering.

The seminar concluded with a roundtable discussion on family research at Notre Dame.

## Attention : Finance Club Members

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### SECURITY BEAT

#### Monday, Jan. 18

12:05 p.m. A University employee to the University Health Center for treatment of an illness

2:35 p.m. A St. Edward's Hall resident reported the theft of his bike from the basement of St. Edward's Hall. His bike was locked at the time of the theft.

3 p.m. A University employee was transported by Security to the University Health Center for treatment of an eye injury.

6 p.m. Security transported a Siegfried Hall resident to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 19

10 p.m. A Sorin Hall resident reported the theft of a CD from the mail room at Sorin Hall.

1 p.m. A St. Edward's Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

4:12 p.m. Security apprehended two suspicious males outside of the Snite Museum. They were identified and issued no trespass warning letters.

8:45 p.m. A visitor reported the theft of her wallet during the basketball game at the Joyce Center.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 20

12 p.m. An off-campus student reported the theft of a laptop computer from his bookbag at the South Dining Hall. His bookbag was left

unattended at the time of the theft.

#### Friday, Jan. 22

9 p.m. A University Village resident was transported by Security to the University Health Center for treatment of a sports injury.

#### Saturday, Jan. 23

10:15 p.m. A Papa John's driver reported the theft of a sign from his delivery vehicle.

10:45 p.m. Security cited a Michigan resident for driving while suspended on State Road 933.

#### Sunday, Jan. 24

3:15 p.m. Security cited a Farley Hall resident for minor in possession of alcohol.



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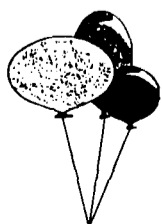
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### RIGHT OR WRONG?

## Remembering a Notre Dame Man

Let me tell you about a great, but underappreciated, Notre Dame man. William Bentley Ball, who died on Jan. 10 at age 82, would be accurately described as the premier constitutional litigator of this century in matters of church and state. But he was more.

### Charles Rice



A graduate of Western Reserve University, Bill Ball served in combat in the Navy in World War II and retired as a Lt. Commander in the Naval Reserve. He earned his law degree in 1948 from Notre Dame Law School where he was editor-in-chief of the Law Review. He practiced corporate law in New York until 1955, when he decided to devote his career to constitutional issues. He then joined the faculty of the new Villanova University School of Law as the professor of constitutional law. In 1960, at the invitation of Philadelphia's Archbishop (later Cardinal) John O'Hara, a former president of Notre Dame, Mr. Ball became General Counsel to the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. In 1968 he formed his own firm in Harrisburg to litigate in defense of religious freedom.

Mr. Ball's major litigation achievements were in two related areas. First, he successfully fought for the principle that persons ought not to be excluded, on account of their religion, from public benefits generally available to others. For example, Jimmy Zobrest, a deaf high school student, was denied, because he attended Catholic school, federal aid for a sign language interpreter which was supposed to be available for all deaf students. The Supreme Court, in 1993, agreed with Ball

and upheld Jimmy's right to have the interpreter with him in the Catholic school. In Zobrest and other cases, Ball vindicated the right of the person to be secure against government discrimination on account of his religious beliefs.

Mr. Ball's second area of litigation success was in his defense, in many cases, of often impoverished Evangelicals and other "little guys" against oppressive state regulations of their schools and families. "He had a passion," said Fr. Richard Neuhaus, "for little people who were being pushed around and trampled upon and treated disdainfully by their presumed betters. He liked ordinary people and he didn't like to see them put upon."

Mr. Ball was especially effective in curbing the aggressions of public education bureaucrats. In Wisconsin v. Yoder, in 1972, Ball successfully defended Old Order Amish families against a decree of state bureaucrats that the Amish children must attend high school. The Amish educate their children at home after eighth grade. Ball showed that products of Amish education had a crime-free and welfare-free record. He proved that to require the Amish children to attend high school would destroy the Amish culture and force that Amish community to leave Wisconsin. The case was as basic as it gets, involving the purpose of education, of the family and of life itself.

"Sometimes," said Ball, "there is intense drama in something very quiet, like a witness' silence in the face of a critically important question. Such a moment came in the Yoder trial when a question from [the state's] lawyer drew silence from [Prof. Hostetler, the Amish parents' expert witness], who then, after perhaps half a minute, gave an answer which touched the very heart of the case:

Q. The principal purpose to attend high school is to get education, is it not?

A. Yes, but I think there is a great deal of difference what education means - education for what?

Q. To put it bluntly, education so that the child can make his or her place in the

world. [Long pause]

A. It depends which world.

As defender of "the little guy," Ball stood up for the littlest victims, the unborn children whom the Supreme Court defined as nonpersons subject to execution by abortion. "The consequences of that principle," he said, "are staggering ... if the right to innocent human life is at risk, all lesser rights are at risk. The Rule of Law becomes the Rule of Utility, and we - like all materialist civilizations before us - abandon the glory of our tradition and move into the dark night of barbarism." Bill Ball was devoted to Notre Dame - Our Lady as well as the University. But he saw the identity crisis that the leaders of major Catholic universities have brought on themselves.

"Presidents of ... prominent Catholic colleges and universities," he wrote, "had come to a consensus that their institutions' ... Catholicity tainted them with mediocrity. The presidents, at a 1967 conference at Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin, concluded that Catholic higher education must divorce itself from episcopal authority. The Fordam study, in the late 1960s, ... supported by the presidents, urged that the colleges take overt steps to rid themselves of vital aspects of their religious character. The motivation was [that] the presidents' keen desire to belong might be fulfilled: They could now be acceptable to the secular academic community and government grant administrators. Their catalogues, buzzing the words 'excellence' and 'relevance', would show just enough of a Catholic face to attract youngsters of Catholic families, but present a message to all others that they were, in fact, progressively secular."

"One sees" in these institutions, Ball said, "a propensity to cry to the world: 'We are of the mainstream - believe that of us!' The Catholic 'look' [starts] diminishing when one is mainstreaming it with the people who 'count' - the accrediting teams, the staffs of prestige institutions, the mediums of the media."

The Beltway-type promoters looked

down on Bill Ball. He was politically incorrect and too, well, honest and direct. But, in character as well as in ability, he was a giant among pygmies. I acknowledge my own heavy personal indebtedness to him, as an exemplar and a counselor of wisdom and grace. In a sane society, Bill Ball would have been on the Supreme Court. He never desired that appointment. But, as Prof. Douglas Kmiec of Notre Dame Law School, had put it: "If the Court is to find its way, it will likely need the luminous mind of William Bentley Ball." The fact that he never became Mr. Justice Ball is the U.S.'s loss.

The second accolade Bill Ball should have received is an honorary degree from Notre Dame, as frequently requested by Law School faculty members. Kings College, an institution of the Congregation of Holy Cross, had the sense to recognize Mr. Ball with a degree on the ground that "You provide a sterling example for our graduates ... and for all of us, showing that it is possible to be at one and the same time a committed Christian and a distinguished professional of great integrity. In the fullest sense of the words, you are truly a Catholic lawyer." The refusal of our leaders to recognize this great man is Notre Dame's loss.

As Prof. Kmiec accurately predicted, "until God himself directs the verdict, this very able and competent legal advisor will continue to stand upright at counsel in defense of our need, and that of our children, to rely upon God freely."

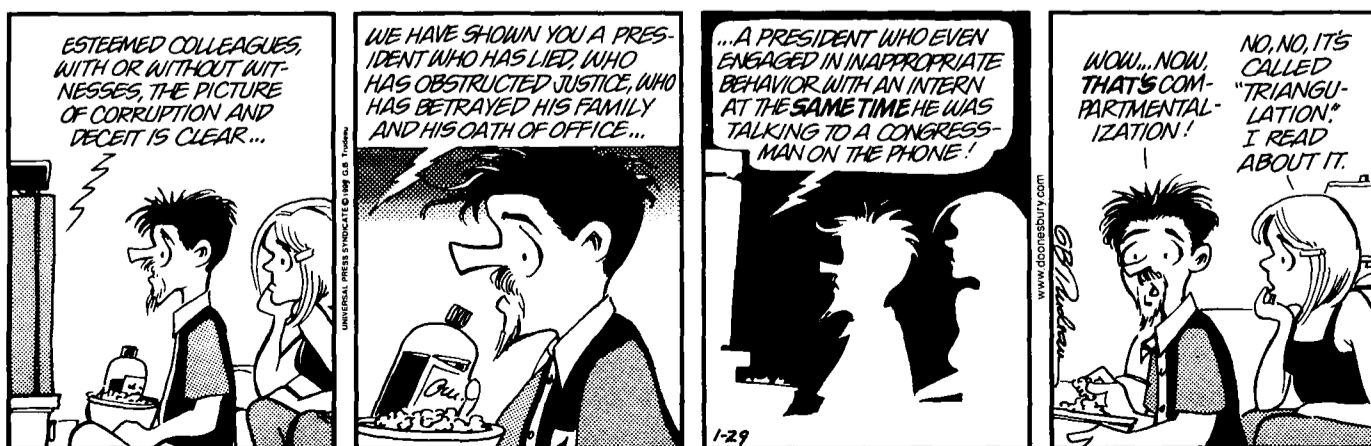
"The death of the just," said St. Alphonsus Liguori, himself a lawyer, "is a victory." Bill Ball, a man of justice, courageously, spoke the truth to Power. He was, in the ultimate sense, a Notre Dame lawyer. *Requiescat in pace.*

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

'A woman who strives to Abe like a man lacks ambition.'

— Graffito, New York

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## ■ THE COMMON GOOD

### Consumerism Not a Major Moral Concern

In previous columns, I have shown how the neo-conservative rejection of economic rights constitutes dissent from Catholic doctrine and how this rejection is linked to a set of other claims that serve as key coordinates of neo-conservative political economy. In this column I take up the view that consumerism is not a major moral concern.

In Michael Novak's "The Catholic Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism," which, together with "The Spirit of Democratic Capitalism," is his most important writing, there is no critique of consumerism, only a chiding of those

"who too glibly denigrate consumerism" (102).

Why not critique consumerism? We can see why if we point to the

**Todd David Whitmore**

last column: for Novak, following Adam Smith, the gap between rich and poor is morally insignificant as long as there is more overall wealth than other economic systems to such an extent that even with a wide rich-poor gap, the poor are indeed materially better off. What helps drive the production of goods is consumer demand. In short, consumerism is the activity that inspires and enables businesses to produce more goods and thus wealth.

W. Michael Cox, Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas makes such a case for consumerism in a recent column in the New York Times titled, "The Consumer Will Prevail" (October 2, 1998). We need not worry about recent instability in the stock market, he argues, because American consumerism provides a steady source of economic growth. He is worth quoting at length: "Americans are the world's most dedicated consumers. We've been on a buying spree for five decades. We've spent on everything - clothing, electronic gadgets, travel, entertainment, services of all descriptions. Our houses got bigger and better equipped, from kitchen to garage. Vehicle ownership per capita jumped 83 percent in the past quarter century.

One television used to be enough, but now three-quarters of the households in the United States have two or more. Americans long ago moved beyond the basic needs of food, clothing and shelter. These categories today command just 37 percent of the household budget compared to 76 percent in 1901. Yet there's always something more we want to buy, given the right price.

Indeed, it's the mark of a wealthy society that consumers keep finding new goods and services to buy. Who can doubt it when we're paying for bottled water, free-range chickens, liposuction, pet orthodontists and psychics ... We're already seeing markets emerge for satellite-based navigational devices, computers that listen to us, custom-fitted shoes and jeans, and cellular phones that ring anywhere on Earth. Admittedly, this five-decade buying spree has had a few lulls, but I'm not worried about one now."

What does not occur to Cox, and is not adequately addressed by Novak in "The Catholic Ethic," is that this seemingly unending quest for more and more of ever more specialized and refined items and services is a spiritual and moral malady. Recall that John Paul's definition of capitalism - as distinct from the free economy - as that form of market economy that places material well-being before the whole person and individual self-interest before the common good. A consumer society is that society where the market ethos expands to every area of life, overtaking other orders of value so that the only value is material gain for the self.

The Pope describes such a society quite forcefully at several points. In "Redemptor Hominis," he links consumer society to the rich-poor gap, which, as we saw in the last column, Novak holds to be "not the moral point." John Paul writes, "Indeed everyone is familiar with the picture of the consumer civilization, which consists in a certain surplus of goods necessary for man and for entire societies - and we are now dealing with the richest highly developed sectors of them, are suffering from hunger, with many people dying each day of starvation and malnutrition. Hand in hand go a certain abuse of freedom by one group - an abuse linked precisely with a consumer attitude uncontrolled by ethics - and a limitation by it of the freedom of the others, that is to say those suffering marked shortages and being driven to conditions of even worse misery and destitution" (par. 16).

It is in "Sollicitudo Rei Socialis" that John Paul identifies consumerism not only as a key component of the material problem of the rich-poor gap, but as a spiritual blight: "[S]ide by side with the miseries of underdevelopment, themselves unacceptable, we find ourselves up against a form of superdevelopment, equally inadmissible, because like the former it is contrary to what is good and true to happiness. This superdevelopment, which consists of the excessive availability of every kind of material goods for the benefit of certain social groups, easily makes people slaves of 'possession' and of immediate gratification, with no other horizons than the multiplication or continual replacement of the things already owned with others still better.

This is the so-called civilization of 'consumption' or 'consumptionism,' which involves so much 'throwing away' and 'waste.' An object already owned but now superseded by something else is discarded, with no thought of its possible lasting value in itself, nor of some other human being who is poorer. All of us experience firsthand the sad effects of this blind submission to pure consumerism: in the first place a crass materialism, and at the same time a radical dissatisfaction, because one quickly learns - unless one is shielded from the flood of publicity and the ceaseless and tempting offers of products - that the more one possesses the more one wants, while deeper aspirations remain unsatisfied and perhaps even stifled" (par. 28).

On the basis of this spiritual lack, linked to the gap between rich and poor inherent in capitalism, the Pope makes a distinction between "being" and "having." If people have a sense of value - of "being" - that resists being subsumed under the quest for material possession - "having" - then there is hope that the gap between rich and poor will lessen. As it is, "there are some people - the few who possess much - who do not really succeed in 'being' because, through a reversal of the hierarchy of values [note: recall, capitalism reverses the correct order of values], they are hindered by the cult of 'having'; and there are others - the many who have little or nothing - who do not succeed in realizing their basic human vocation because they are deprived of essential goods" (ibid; for the issue of consumerism, cf. also "Centesimus Annus," 28, 29, 33, 36, and 41).

Novak cites John Paul II's primacy of "being" over "having" (203©204), but, does not link it to the gap between rich and poor, which, again, Novak holds to be morally irrelevant. Thus lacking the Pope's concreteness, Novak reduces the emphasis on "being" to simply a passing sense of wonder towards the goods one has accumulated and gratitude for having been able to accumulate them.

Careful reading discloses that this emphasis purely on interior affect does have the rich-poor gap, because the gratitude suggests that

there is no problem with possession of large quantities of goods; indeed God created such persons to be wealthy, or "to be where we are." To give priority to "being," according to Novak, is "to be overcome (momentarily) by wonder. The habit of making such moments more frequent during one's days is a habit important to Catholic life ... The insight into being draws attention to what is truly central in life, uniquely and ultimately important, one's responsibility for saying 'yes' to life, TO THE WILL OF GOD WHO CREATED US TO BE WHERE WE ARE and to achieve all that we are capable of ..." (204, emphasis added).

The issue of economic rights ties into consumerism because by insisting that there are limits to what people can do to others on behalf of profit such rights remind the well-off that there is an order of values that is not subsumed under the market. In sum, economic rights not only serve to protect the poor from the well-off, but, when attended to, to protect the well-off from themselves. The neo-conservative denial of economic rights is of a part with their lack of adequate awareness that the wealthy are in deep moral and spiritual peril.

To address this, Catholic doctrine holds that not only must the Church help the poor become somewhat better off in material goods, it must help the well-off become, in concrete and not just spiritual ways, poorer. This is the topic of my next column.

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## ■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Viva Il Papa!



All I can say is, "WOW!"

I just returned from St. Louis to see the Holy Father along with a bunch of seminarians, students, and thousands of youth. It was absolutely incredible.

On Tuesday, the Kiel Center was rocking with excitement, faith and passion. Several Christian groups were there, whipping the crowd into a frenzy, with cardinals, bishops, priests and religious joining in the dancing and singing (even some in the "mosh pit"!)

The scene that will forever in my mind is watching sisters in habits and bishops in full regalia doing the "wave" for Jesus!

When the Pope came in, it was chaos. I have never heard people yell like that for anything in my life. Some were crying, some fainting, some just standing there in awe. Then for an hour-and-a-half - and again for 100,000 of us the next day at Mass - he held us all spellbound, giving us the unfiltered gospel, challenging us not to be selective but to embrace it all.

In a couple of months, we're going to try to do something similar here at ND. No, the Pope won't be coming, unfortunately. The day-long event, called "No Greater Love" on March 20, hopes to rekindle a similar passion for our faith and for Christ, reinforcing the Pope's message to the youth of America.

Often we only read about controversies in the Church or hear news reports that would have us believe that the Pope and Church are no longer relevant to our lives. The electric appeal of the Pope to America's youth proves otherwise. People are hungry for the gospel. Let us heed the words of our good shepherd and live Christ's message of love and service.

In the words of the youth this week: "J.P. II, we love you!" By the grace of God, may we have the courage to put his teaching into practice.

Fr. Bill Wack, CSC  
Moreau Seminary  
January 28, 1999

# SO, YOU THINK YOU WANT

*Scene takes a look at exactly what*

By KRISTI KLITSCH and SARAH DYLAG  
Scene Editors

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to play in a campus band? To be up on stage while hundreds of your peers are dancing to your music?

Well for six campus bands, this is an everyday reality. Everyone sees the end product — the music and the performance on stage — but many spectators forget about the hard work, dedication and time that goes into putting the performance together.

"It's sometimes hard to balance everything," said Josie Vodicka, a singer/guitarist who frequently plays at Acoustic Café. "But I always make time for music."

Vodicka began taking guitar lessons and writing her own songs when she was 16, and she appeared for the first time at Acoustic Café this year.

She plays all originals, and describes her music as "pop-driven folk." In addition to Acoustic Café, Vodicka has been seen at Lula's, singing favorites such as "Indiana," "Weather" and "Eloise."

"The best part of playing is that this [Notre Dame and Saint Mary's] community is the most supportive community that I have ever come across," she said.

Kara Markovich, a member of the band Hotel Prati, agrees.

"It's awesome to see people out there listening to your music," she said. "Even your friends, who have heard it hundreds of times, over and over."

Hotel Prati — singer Kelly Deeney, guitarists Margaret Schugt and Kelly Williams, bongo player Jeff Morgan and Markovich — all met two years ago when studying in Rome. While there, the four girls decided to start playing together.

"We were really just messing around," Markovich explained.

Upon their return to South Bend, the four girls recruited Morgan, who they knew played the bongos, to join the band and they dubbed themselves Hotel Prati, after a hotel they had stayed at during a trip in Italy.

"We play mostly folk music. We're a coffee house-type band," said Markovich. "We play covers like Sinead O'Connor, Fleetwood Mac and the Indigo Girls, but we also play originals."

Although they have not played together a lot this year, Hotel Prati can occasionally be seen at Acoustic Café or at Saint Mary's.

And even though they might not get a chance to play together a lot, Markovich still enjoys participating in the group.

"I get to express a side of myself that a lot of people don't get to see," she said.

For other bands, such as the well known Letter 8, forming a band was as simple as looking through the freshman year "dogbook."

When Katie Ryan, the former female vocalist for the group, wanted to start a band, she wrote to everyone in the "dogbook" who had listed music as one of their hobbies, explained band member Jim Arkedis.

"She got back five or six responses, plus other people who heard about the band, and eventually there was eight of us," he said.

The band now has six members, including Arkedis on the drums, Jon Ford on guitar, Darren Coady on trumpet and backup vocals, Aaron Poot on bass guitar, Matt Crane on keyboards and Beth Buckingham as lead vocals. Letter 8 plays a mix of old, and new, popular rock covers, in addition to some originals.

Arkedis admits that sometimes it is hard for the band to stay focused, in the midst of six very busy lives.

"It is almost impossible to find a time for everyone to practice," he said. "Usually we have to set a time for once or twice a week, but sometimes we go two weeks without playing together."

Letter 8 has played at almost every local bar, including Senior Bar, Coach's, Irish Connection, Finnigin's and Extremz, as well as at some campus events.

"It's generally not too hard to get gigs," Arkedis said. "We usually just call up and say when we want to play. The best part is watching people have fun. When they have fun, we have fun."

"I think that the best part of campus bands is that it brings people together that didn't know each other before. Plus, it is fun to be on stage and act silly," said Geoff Rahie, guitarist and singer for Who's Yo' Daddy?

Who's Yo' Daddy formed in the middle of last year, and includes Rahie, Jason Linster on saxophone and vocals, Pat Emmons on bass and Shawn Ziegler on drums. Rahie describes their music as "rock with a combination of a jazzy and funky feel."

The band plays mostly originals and has been seen at last year's NAZZ festival, outdoor concerts at Stonehendge and Irish Connection.

The Florida Evans Show Band and Revue, singers and guitarists Matt Curreri and Dan O'Brien and drummer Doug McEachern, has also been seen at NAZZ and Irish Connection.

"Dan and I got together at the end of sophomore year for NAZZ," explained Curreri, who is now a senior. "We actually got



second place."

Now, the band performs at various bars and hosts shows in the basement of Curreri's house.

Curreri described the group's music as resembling pop-music, radio songs, but he stressed that the band does play all original songs.

"We're very pro-original music," said Curreri.

Another campus band, The Butterfly Effect, can also be seen at off-campus shows playing tunes such as "Science Killed the Storyteller" and "The Idiot's Dance."

The Butterfly Effect formed in the Spring of 1997, and is composed of bass guitarist Ron Garcia, Doug McEachern on guitar and vocals and Vinnie Carrasco on drums.

"Our music is a mix of pop influenced with punk as well," Garcia said.

Although the group enjoys playing together, Garcia explained the struggle of finding a time when everyone is free to practice.

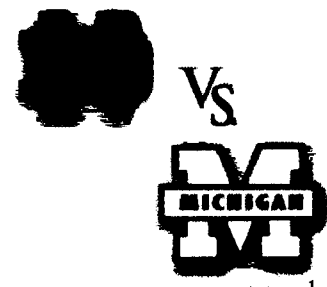
But when they finally start playing, much like any of the other campus bands, they expect you to be on the dance floor.

## Who's Yo' Daddy

FORMED IN THE MIDDLE OF LAST YEAR.  
MEMBERS: GEOFF RAHIE, GUITAR AND SINGER  
JASON LINSTER, SAXOPHONE AND SINGER  
PAT EMMONS, BASS  
SEAN ZIEGLER, DRUMS



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## TAKING CENTER STAGE

THROUGH HIS EMERGENCE AS A  
DOMINANT PLAYER IN COLLEGE  
HOCKEY, BEN SIMON HAS  
VAULTED INTO THE NATIONAL  
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# WHERE THEY STAND

THIS WEEKEND'S CONTEST  
FEATURES THE TOP TALENT IN THE  
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**1999 NOTRE DAME SCHEDULE**  
Current Record 14-7-3

Remaining Schedule

January  
30 Michigan

February  
5 Michigan St.  
6 Alaska Fairbanks  
13 at Michigan St.  
19 Ferris State  
20 at Michigan St.  
27 at Bowling Green  
28 Northern Michigan  
29 Northern Michigan

March  
5 at Western Michigan  
6 at Western Michigan

1. North Dakota (29) 299
2. Maine 253
3. Michigan St. (1) 236
4. New Hampshire 229
5. Michigan 176
6. Colorado College 141
7. Boston College 106
8. Rensselaer 76
9. Princeton 68
10. Notre Dame 44

Others (not ranked): Denver 2, Ohio St. 5, Colgate 2, Quinnipiac 2, St. Lawrence 2, New Michigan 1, St. Cloud 1

**1999 MICHIGAN SCHEDULE**  
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Remaining Schedule

January  
29 at Michigan State  
30 at Notre Dame

February  
5 Lake Superior St.  
6 Ohio St.  
13 at Western Michigan  
19 at Western Michigan  
20 at Michigan State  
26 Miami (Ohio)  
27 Miami (Ohio)

March  
5 at Lake Superior St.  
6 at Northern Michigan

## Squads' leaders among CCHA's best

By TED BASSANI  
Sports Writer

The turnaround of Notre Dame's hockey program has been fast and furious.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the leaderboards of the CCHA's most vital statistics, where Notre Dame names abound. One of the most important group of offensive statistics in hockey is a team's production on the power play.

The Irish have made the most of their power play opportunities to this point, leading the league in power play percentage since the early part of the season (23.8 percent). The team's top scoring line of Ben Simon, Aniket Dhadphale and Brian Urick has also carried the load on the power play, with more than half of the team's power play goals between them.

Entering this season, one big question mark for the team was how well Forrest Karr would handle his first year as a starter, replacing four-year starter Matt Eisler in goal. Karr has had a splendid season so far, and has been a major reason for the team's success. Currently, Karr is one of only six CCHA goaltenders with a goals-against-average under three.

Given that he entered the season never having been a starting goaltender, it is interesting to point out that Forrest Karr has started all 24 games for Notre Dame this season. No other goaltender in the CCHA has started all of his team's games, but Michigan's Josh Blackburn is the only other goaltender that has started in all of his team's conference games.

As a team, Michigan had much the same dilemma as the Irish did in goal.

Three major contributors from last year's national championship team were missing this season following graduation last spring: team captain Matt Herr, leading scorer Bill Muckalt, and four-year starting goaltender Marty Turco, the NCAA's all-time wins leader.

Right wing Dale Rominski is one current senior that has stepped up to fill the leadership void for the Wolverines. Coming into this season, Rominski had gone his entire three-year career, a span of 109 consecutive games, without scoring a game-winning goal. As of this weekend, Rominski is tied for the CCHA lead, as well as the national lead, with five game-winners.

Senior defenseman Bubba Berenzweig has proven worthy of his new title as captain, while two newcomers have picked up the slack left by the losses of Muckalt and Turco. Freshman center Mike Comrie has played in all of Michigan's 25 games this season and is the team's leading point scorer so far with 26. He happens to lead the team both in goals and in assists, with 13 of each, in addition to being the Wolverines' best faceoff man.

Freshman goaltender Josh Blackburn has picked up right where Turco left off, with 17 wins and a goals-against-average below two.

Early in the season, however, there was some doubt as to whether Blackburn could handle the starting job when he was torched by Northern Michigan in a 6-1 home defeat. Since then, the freshman has been steady, and has actually shown himself to be quite flashy between the pipes. Certainly, Josh Blackburn will be the key to a brighter future for the most successful hockey program of the 1990's.

## C C H A SCORING LEADERS

|                            | GP        | G         | A         | PTS       |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Hugo Bolsvert-OSU          | 27        | 17        | 20        | 37        |
| Dan Price-BGSU             | 25        | 13        | 22        | 35        |
| Mike York-MSU              | 27        | 16        | 19        | 35        |
| Adam Edinger-BGSU          | 25        | 15        | 19        | 34        |
| <b>Ben Simon-ND</b>        | <b>23</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>32</b> |
| <b>Brian Urick-ND</b>      | <b>22</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>31</b> |
| Buddy Smith-NMU            | 26        | 5         | 25        | 30        |
| J.P. Vigler-NMU            | 26        | 17        | 10        | 27        |
| Mike Comrie-UM             | 25        | 13        | 13        | 26        |
| Chris Richards-OSU         | 27        | 6         | 20        | 26        |
| Shawn Horcuff-MSU          | 23        | 11        | 14        | 25        |
| Roger Trudeau-NMU          | 26        | 13        | 11        | 24        |
| Ryan Murphy-BGSU           | 21        | 6         | 17        | 23        |
| Jason Deskins-MIA          | 26        | 13        | 10        | 23        |
| Bryan Adams-MSU            | 27        | 15        | 8         | 23        |
| <b>Aniket Dhadphale-ND</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>9</b>  | <b>22</b> |
| Mark Shaoawlylo-MIA        | 22        | 10        | 12        | 22        |
| Mike Jones-BGSU            | 25        | 5         | 17        | 22        |
| Rustyn Dolyny-MSU          | 26        | 11        | 11        | 22        |
| Josh Langfeld-UM           | 24        | 11        | 9         | 20        |
| Mark Kosick-UM             | 25        | 7         | 13        | 20        |

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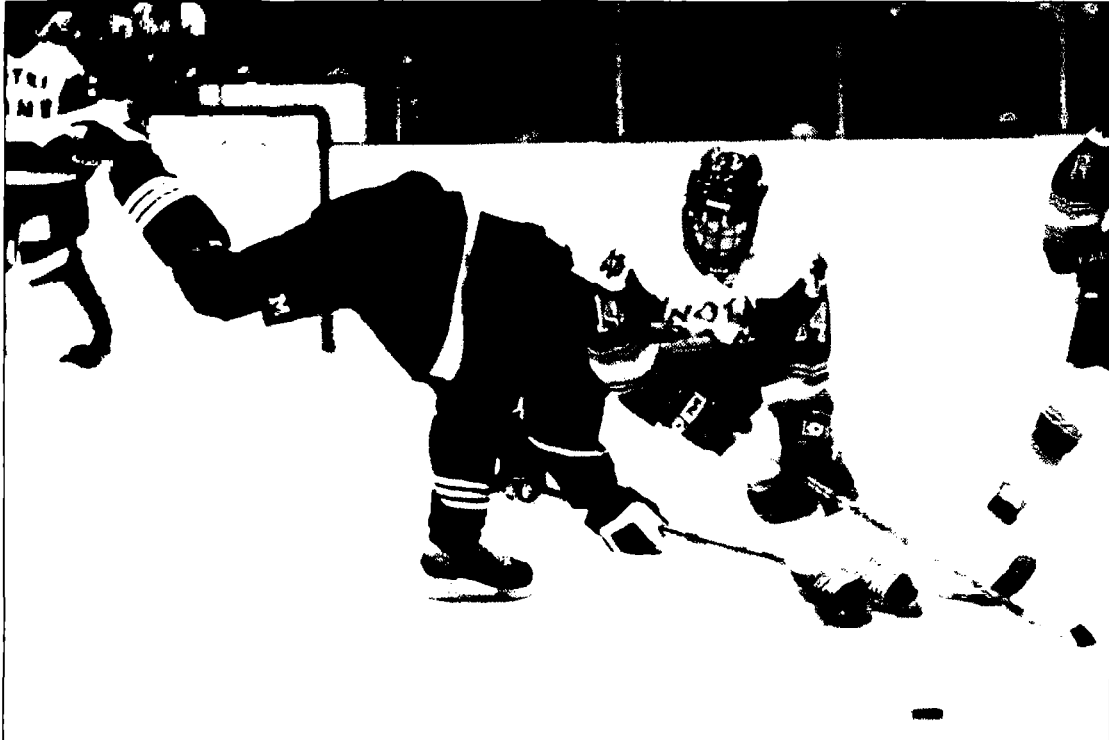
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| 2. Michigan          | 14-3-2 | 30   | 58 | 37 |
| 3. Ohio State        | 11-6-3 | 25   | 55 | 43 |
| 4. Notre Dame        | 11-6-2 | 24   | 69 | 43 |
| 5. Ferris St.        | 10-7-3 | 23   | 57 | 42 |
| 6. Northern Michigan | 10-8-2 | 22   | 64 | 57 |
| 7. Bowling Green     | 7-9-3  | 17   | 62 | 75 |
| 8. Miami (Ohio)      | 4-13-3 | 11   | 48 | 69 |
| 9. Alaska Fairbanks  | 5-15-0 | 10   | 47 | 83 |
| Western Michigan     | 2-11-6 | 10   | 40 | 77 |
| Lake Superior St.    | 4-12-2 | 10   | 42 | 57 |

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| 2. Josh Blackburn-UM | 25 | 1.95 | 17 | 4 | 3 | .914 |
| 3. Vince Owen-FSU    | 21 | 2.17 | 10 | 8 | 3 | .922 |
| 4. Jeff Maund-OSU    | 24 | 2.37 | 12 | 6 | 6 | .921 |
| 5. Dan Ragusett-NMU  | 17 | 2.49 | 9  | 5 | 1 | .910 |
| 6. Forest Karr-ND    | 24 | 2.56 | 14 | 7 | 3 | .901 |

# SATURDAY'S CLASH

NO. 5 MICHIGAN  
VERSUS  
NO. 10 NOTRE DAME



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Left wing Chad Chipchase is quietly Notre Dame's fourth-leading goal scorer with nine so far this season.

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 AT YOST ICE ARENA

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 MICHIGAN ON THE ROAD: 6-3-3

## Rivalry comes to boiling point

By TED BASSANI  
Sports Writer

The showdown Saturday night at the Joyce Center is one between two of the most evenly matched teams in the CCHA.

Most importantly, there are two crucial conference points at stake for both teams as they each battle for position atop the CCHA standings. Notre Dame enters Saturday's contest in fourth place, just one point behind third-place Ohio State, while Michigan sits six points ahead of the Irish in second place.

Another thing at stake for both teams is position in the national rankings. Michigan comes in ranked no. 5 in the nation, while the Irish hold the No. 10 spot in the polls. As the season marches on towards the NCAA Tournament in March, Saturday's game is huge because it presents a chance for both teams to solidify tournament position with a win over a nationally ranked team.

After beginning the season with eight straight games without a loss on the road, Michigan has hit the skids recently, going four straight games without a win away from Ann Arbor.

One factor that may hurt the Wolverines in the third period tomorrow night is fatigue. On Friday night, Michigan visits Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing to skate against the fourth-ranked Spartans of Michigan State. Playing road games in back-to-back nights against nationally ranked opponents (and rivals) may be physically and emotionally draining for the Wolverines.

Notre Dame, on the other hand, gets to rest on

Friday night in preparation for Saturday's clash. To this point in the season, Notre Dame still has an unbeaten home record, and they come having won their last three. But the only non-victory came against Michigan, as the two teams skated to a 2-2 tie in mid-November.

The Irish have skated for the past two weeks without captain Brian Urick, who was injured in the Jan. 16 game versus Alaska-Fairbanks. Last weekend, as well as the weekend before, they were also without junior defenseman Tyson Fraser, whose nagging injury still has him questionable for Saturday.

When one looks back on Notre Dame's season to this point, a perfect indicator of the team's success has been the performance of their penalty-killing unit. When it struggled, so did the team, and vice versa. In the last six games, the penalty-killing unit killed off 25 of 27 penalties, and the team is 4-1-1 over that stretch.

As defending national champions, it may be surprising to some that one of Michigan's offensive leaders is a freshman — center Mike Comrie. In addition to his playmaking abilities, Comrie is also excellent on the draw. In the first meeting of the season between these two teams, Comrie set up Dave Huntzicker's first-period power play goal with a clean faceoff win in the offensive zone. As Comrie battles with Notre Dame's Ben Simon on the draw on Saturday, the results may prove vital for the offensive flow each team is able to find.

For Irish defenseman Benoit Cotnoir, in addition to great team speed, the biggest challenge the Wolverines present is their depth.

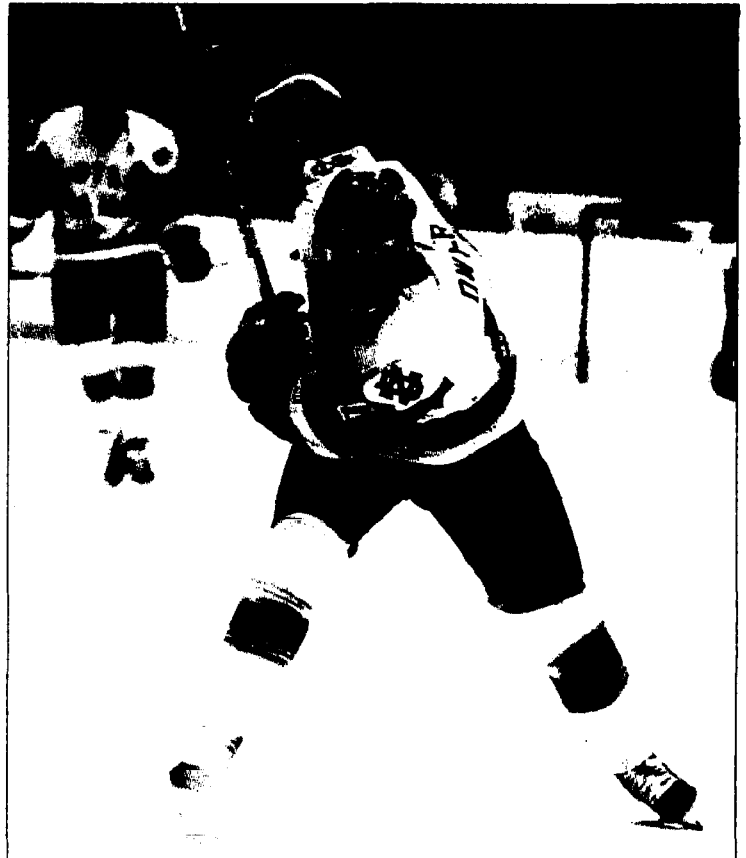
"They use the whole rink, they have a lot of speed," Cotnoir said. "Michigan is a solid team all around. All of their lines can score and all of their lines have some firepower."

In the last two years, the games between Michigan and Notre Dame have been so evenly contested that their rivalry has grown to be one of the biggest in the CCHA. In their last seven games against Michigan, the Irish have one win, one tie, and five one-goal losses. Four of those losses came at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor, including two in last year's first round playoff series loss to Michigan.

Irish head coach Dave Poulin summed up just how evenly matched these two teams are right now.

"This series is where it has to be, which is in the upper echelon [of college hockey]," Poulin said. "If you look at the last seven times we've played [Michigan], they've scored three more goals than we have. It's extremely competitive."

In the two games this season, Michigan has a tie and a 1-0 win in Ann Arbor to its credit. The first game took place at the Joyce Center Nov. 14. The game was played evenly at even strength, with Notre Dame



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Junior John Dwyer scored a goal in Notre Dame's 4-2 win over Michigan in game one of last year's best-of-three playoff series.

freshman David Inman scoring the only five-on-five goal of the contest in the first period. The deciding factor was the special teams, or more specifically, Michigan's special teams. In addition to scoring two power play goals, the penalty-killing unit managed to kill off a five-minute major penalty in the third period to send the game into overtime.

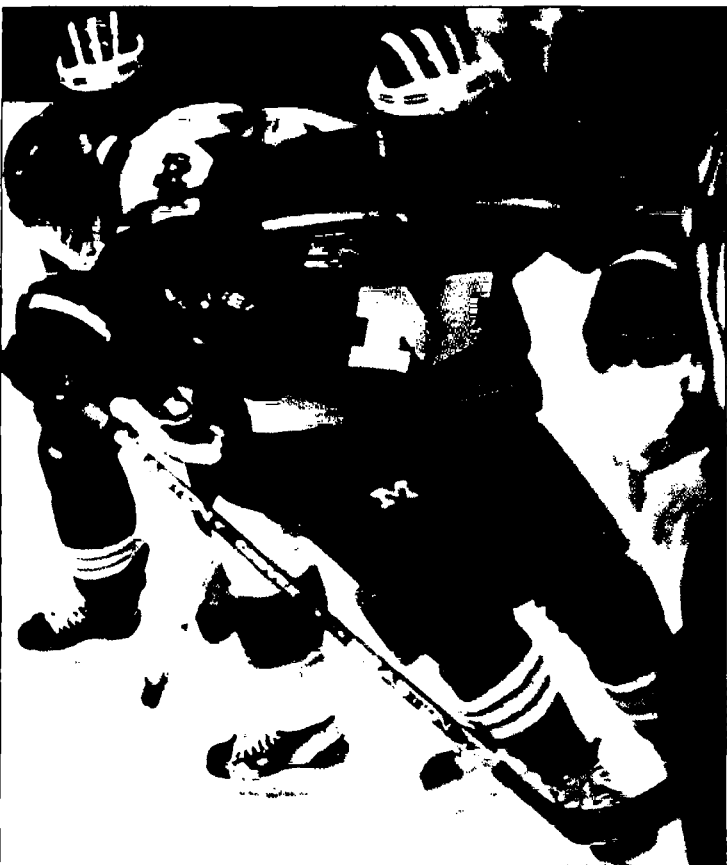
Notre Dame's special teams also made their presence felt, as Ben Simon tied the game with a rebound goal on the power play in the opening minute of the third period.

One hero for the Wolverines was freshman goaltending sensation Josh Blackburn, who made 34 saves as the Irish outshot Michigan 36-22. In the game, Blackburn was good, but he was lucky as well. In the overtime session, a shot by David Inman hit off his shoulder, then off of the post to keep the game tied at two.

The other game this season was played at Yost Arena exactly one week after the first game. The Irish came in without scoring forwards Aniket Dhadphale and Joe Dusbabek, and it showed. Offense was scarce for both teams, as neither team's forwards found much room in the neutral zone. But Michigan senior Sean Ritchlin notched the game's only goal on a freakish play in front of the net, as the puck caromed off of his leg and past Forrest Karr.

In the game, neither team managed a power play goal, but Dhadphale said special teams should be the deciding factor on Saturday.

"I think it's going to come down to special teams," Dhadphale said. "We're pretty even five-on-five, so it will come down to the power play and penalty kill."



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Senior Greg Crozier had a hat trick in Michigan's 5-4 overtime win over the Irish last season.

# DETERMINED TO DOMINATE

## JUNIOR BEN SIMON IS POISED TO BE A FINALIST FOR HOBEY BAKER

By TED BASSANI  
Sports Writer

Given his development as a player before this season, people around the college hockey world speculated that this might be junior center Ben Simon's breakout year.

This was to be the year in which he would prove himself worthy of the nation's highest award, the Hobey Baker Memorial Trophy. The top 10 players in college hockey each year qualify as finalists for the award, and with the season Simon is having, some are predicting he could be a finalist by season's end. If the junior earns the nomination, he will be just the second player in Notre Dame history to do so, joining current Irish head coach Dave Poulin, who was a finalist for the award in 1982.

Simon enjoyed a brilliant three-year career at Shaker Heights High School, in suburban Cleveland. During his senior year of high school, Simon played for the Cleveland Junior Barons of the North American Hockey League. In that one season, he finished third in league scoring by amassing 91 points in only 50 games, numbers which earned him all-league honors as well as the league's rookie of the year award.

The adjustment from junior hockey to college hockey entails more than just playing against bigger, more physical competition. Simon, like many high school and junior hockey stars, could dominate the game by himself without ever having to learn the team game. In college, however, he could no longer put on a one-man show.

"I came from Cleveland, Ohio, which is not exactly a hotbed for hockey," Simon said. "There wasn't really a team aspect to the game there. Here, I've learned how to move the puck quicker, pass, and use my teammates."

"When he came in as a freshman, he was used to playing junior hockey," Notre Dame team captain Brian Urick said. "He's learned over the years to be a playmaker, and that shows with how many assists he gets."

As a freshman in the CCHA, Simon brought an aggressive, physical game to the table even though he only stood

at six feet and weighed just 170 pounds. Some might say he "played bigger than he was" in his freshman year, as he showed the kind of versatility needed to dominate at the college level. In addition to giving the team a strong physical presence, he also had an eight game point scoring streak, notching three goals and nine assists during that stretch.

Following Simon's promising freshman season, the hockey world outside of the CCHA started to take notice. In December 1996, he and teammate Joe Dusbabek were selected to represent the United States in the world junior tournament in Switzerland, the first of two times that Simon would be selected to the team. The most important lesson learned in his two stints overseas, said Simon, was to be able to adapt his game to the needs of his new team.

"You go over there and you play with all the top players, and your role suddenly changes," Simon said. "All of a sudden, you turn from a first or second line player here at school to a third or fourth line checking left wing for USA. You just fill the role they want you to play."

Following his first year at Notre Dame and his experience with Team USA, the Chicago Blackhawks selected Simon in the fifth round of the 1997 NHL draft. Simon was the highest pick among four current Notre Dame players who were drafted that same year (Joe Dusbabek, Jay Kopischke and Ryan Clark).

Simon's emergence as a player continued into his sophomore season. He tallied points in each of his first seven games. In terms of his development, however, what was most noteworthy about his sophomore season was how he managed to raise the level of his



As a sophomore, Ben Simon was one of three Irish players with three shorthanded goals. The Observer/Joe Stark

play on defense. In that season, Simon's resume as a player now included star penalty-killer, playmaker and aggressive forechecker. In fact, he scored three shorthanded goals last season, sharing the team lead in that category with Dan Carlson and Benoit Cotnoir.

By the end of his sophomore season, Simon would lead the Irish in points with 37, consisting of nine goals and 28 assists. The only aspect of his game that had yet to flourish was his goal scoring ability, which was soon to come.

But to understand Ben Simon as a player, one must first understand him as a person. From his first days on campus with his Notre Dame teammates, Simon has earned and maintained the reputation as the team's resident joker.

"He's the instigator of all the practical jokes that go on amongst the players," Brian Urick said.

Some of Simon's recent capers include writing on a teammate's mouthpiece and wrapping another teammate's wallet in clear tape, which, said Urick, is Simon's weapon of choice. "He's always putting clear tape on people's skate blades, so when they go out on the ice, they'll fall down."

In fact, Ben himself admitted to being a "goofball." But, said head coach Dave Poulin, such an image only adds to his on-ice presence: "It's part of his creative nature, part of his outgoing nature on the ice."

Through the team's first 24 games this season, Simon already has 32 points, which currently leads his team and has him fifth in the CCHA. Also, his goal scoring has improved tremendously, as he already has 12 goals to his

credit, with five of them coming on the power play. In the eyes of scouts, this is the breakout year that they were all expecting.

The only challenge that remains for Simon at the college level is to become his team's overall leader. According to Urick, that has started to happen as well.

"I see Ben as being a vocal leader in the locker room," Urick commented. "Also, I see him as a leader out on the ice. On the ice, he's always giving it his all; he gets guys fired up with a big hit or a big goal."

However, in order to make the huge jump from college hockey to the NHL, Simon acknowledges that his game will have to improve even further if he is to take that step.

"I have to get bigger and stronger physically and get tougher mentally [in order to play in the NHL]," he said.

When viewing Simon's overall game from afar, one can see interesting parallels between his game and the game of one of his playing heroes.

With much of his family being from New England, Simon grew up a fan of the Boston Bruins, and more specifically, of right wing Cam Neely. Neely was a player of immense offensive talent and creativity who quickly became known in the NHL for his bruising, physical style of play.

"I always liked Cam Neely, and that's why I chose number eight," Simon said. "I like his style of play. He's a big, tough guy who can score goals and make key plays."

Following Neely's lead, Ben Simon's game in the NHL may someday make Blackhawks fans love the present and make Bruins fans weep for the past.



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Junior Ben Simon is one of six current Irish players drafted by NHL teams.

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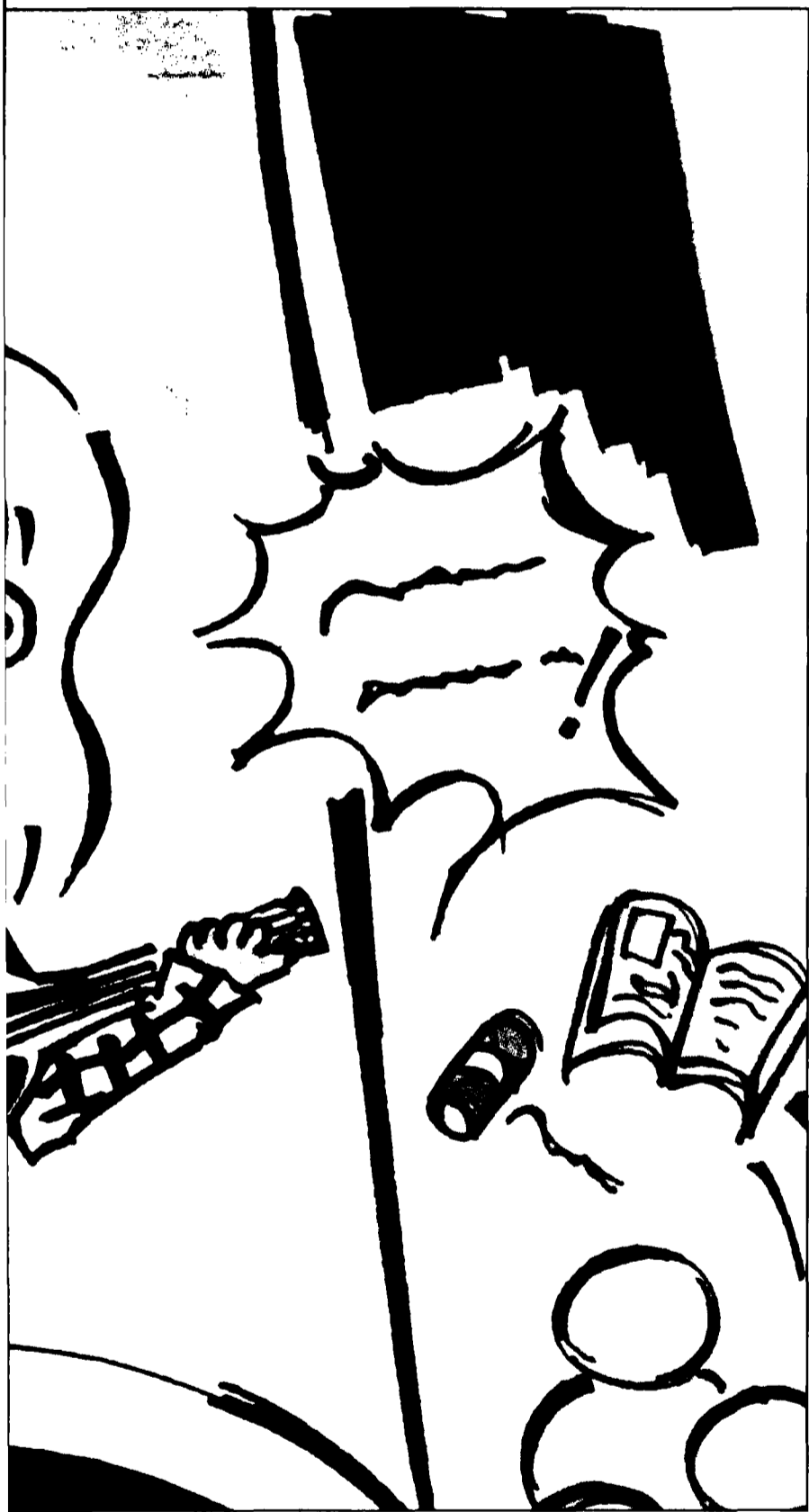
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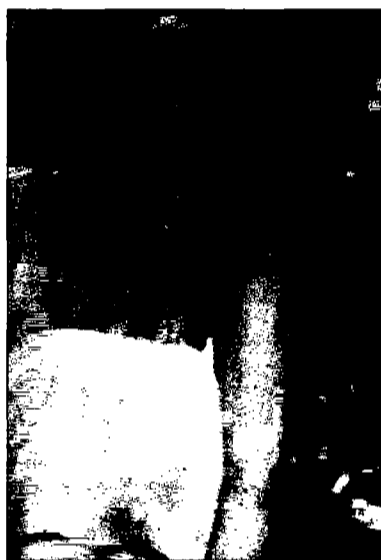
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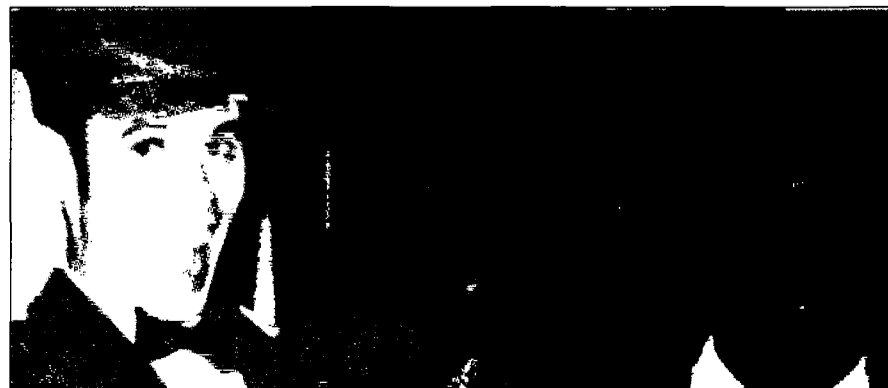
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■ NBA

# Reinsdorf explains the dismantling of a dynasty

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Bulls chairman Jerry Reinsdorf says he did not want to see Michael Jordan retire and the rest of the team split up any more than Chicago fans did.

But if it had to happen — and it did — he wanted them to leave as winners.

"As a fan, you really have to like that Michael retired as the equivalent of the undefeated heavyweight champion of the world," Reinsdorf told the Chicago Tribune on Thursday.

"By retiring, the legend grows and grows, and people will say we could have won nine, 10 championships in a row if he'd stayed," Reinsdorf said.

"And the fact is we wouldn't have. The dynasty would have ended someday with somebody defeating us. Now we can say the dynasty ended because we were done."

Jordan's retirement was the key to whether the Bulls stayed together or broke up. If he decided to play for another year, Reinsdorf said he would have been willing to give Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman and Luc Longley large one-year contracts so they could try for a seventh championship.

But without Jordan, Reinsdorf said it didn't make sense to sign the aging veterans to long-term contracts

when it would only have delayed the inevitable rebuilding effort.

"I don't think anyone thinks this team could have won for more than one more year," Reinsdorf said. "I don't know that it could have won another year, though Michael thought so. But that would have been the limit."

The Bulls reached sign-and-trade deals for Pippen (Houston), Longley (Phoenix) and Steve Kerr (San Antonio). By gutting the team, the Bulls will have about \$20 million in salary cap room this summer to make a run at one or two big-name free agents. Chicago also got additional draft picks in 2000 and 2001 in the sign-and-trade deals.

With only five players back from last year's playoff roster, Reinsdorf acknowledges the Bulls probably won't make the playoffs this year. But by restocking through free agency and youth, he hopes Chicago can be back in the Eastern Conference Finals within two to three years.

"Ideally, we'll get two quality free agents and a high first-round draft choice, and the following summers we'll use the draft choices we accumulated and maybe bring in some players from Europe we have the rights to," he said. "We feel this (next) team will be built around depth and versatility, and hopefully three quality first-line players."



Michael Jordan's retirement signals an end of an era in Chicago. As starters Luc Longley, Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman also departed, the Bulls were left with a team of journeymen and unproven rookies.

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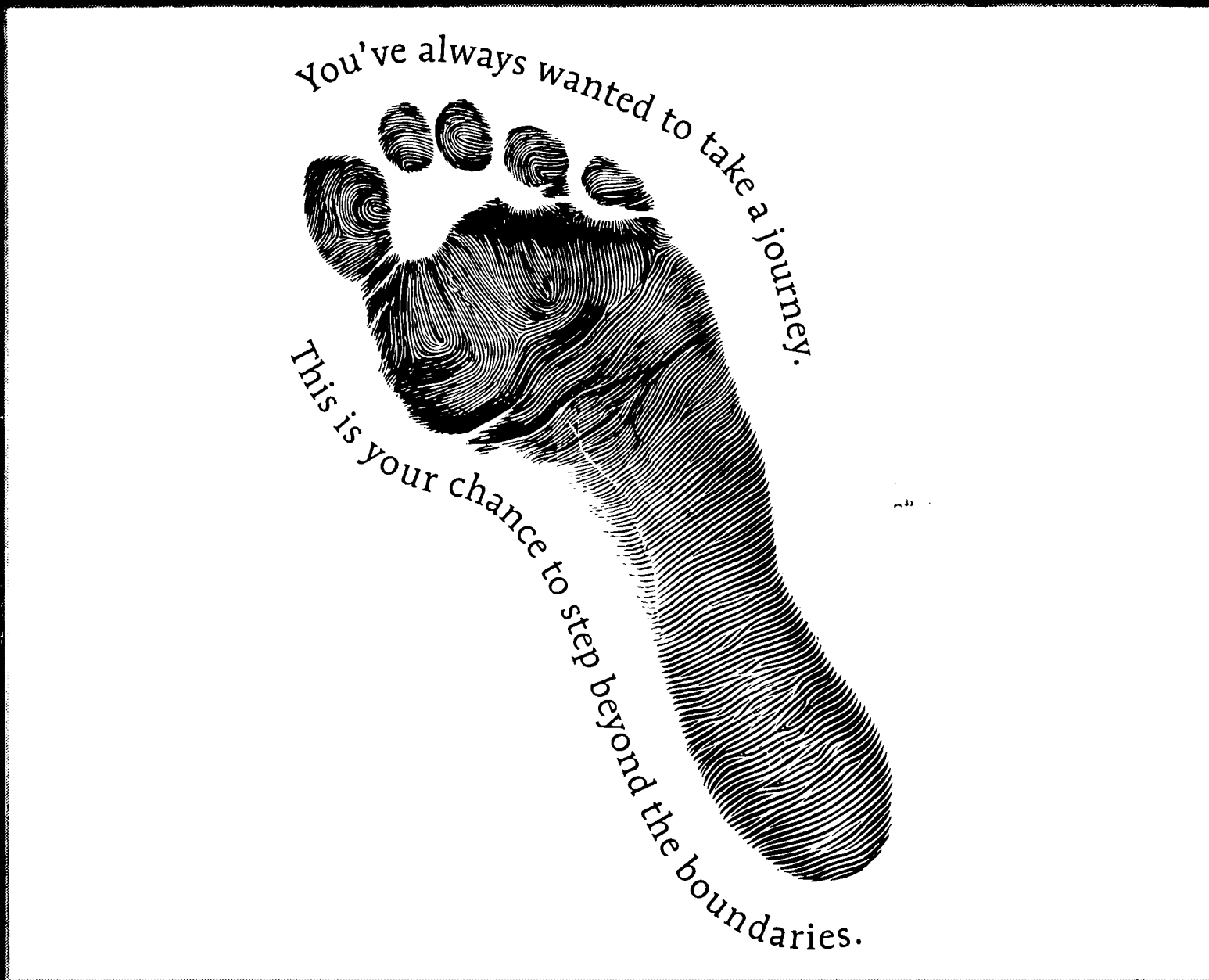
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Table listing sports and times for Stanford / Pasquerilla West / McCandless team. Includes Volleyball, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Nerf Football, Target Golf, Women's Soccer, Kayaking, and Men's Badminton.

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Table listing sports and times for O'Neill / McGlenn team. Includes Volleyball, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Nerf Football, Target Golf, Women's Soccer, Kayaking, and Men's Badminton.

Breen-Phillips / Siegfried / Holy Cross

Table listing sports and times for Breen-Phillips / Siegfried / Holy Cross team. Includes Volleyball, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Nerf Football, Target Golf, Women's Soccer, Kayaking, and Men's Badminton.

# Tennis

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good warm-up for them."

Heading up Oklahoma's squad is sophomore Vivjana Mracnova, No. 66 in the country, along with Raluca Gheorghe, who is tied for No. 100. The doubles team of

Mracnova and Senior Danielle Knipp is ranked 21st.

Notre Dame's two weekend opponents both have an international flair. Kansas State's entire line-up is comprised of foreign-born players, while Oklahoma's is about half American and half foreign. Interestingly enough, Notre Dame is one of only three teams in the top 20 with all

American-born players.

So what should we expect out of the Irish this weekend?

"Right now, the team feels really confident about the weekend," Varnum said. "But we're not taking anyone for granted."

Soon enough we'll know if Notre Dame's long week of reflection translates into two big wins this weekend.

## TRACK AND FIELD

# Home schedule opens vs. IU

By KEVIN THOMPSON  
Sports Writer

Senior pole vaulter Mike Brown will lead an eager track and field squad into a dual meet with Indiana Friday night at the Mevo Track in Loftus Sports Center.

Brown, who recently suffered a neck injury has been out of action for two weeks, anxiously awaits the opportunity to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships in early March. Brown took his first jump in over a week Wednesday night and feels his best stuff never left him.

"When you step back from it and you've been away this long, you're hungry for the opportunity to compete, especially at home," Brown said.

Two weeks ago in West Lafayette, Ind., for it was assumed Brown qualified for the NCAA Championships. His mark of 17 feet (third highest in Notre Dame history) satisfied last year's standards. However, NCAA standards have been raised this year, so Brown will need to add more height to

qualify.

Also for the men, sprinter and long jumper Marshaun West is coming off a remarkable performance in which he provisionally qualified for the NCAAs and broke a school record with a jump of 25 feet, six inches. With added confidence and the home field advantage, West is in position to possibly eclipse last week's mark. West is looking towards inspiration from the home crowd this week.

"I've never seen him like this. He is confident and definitely up for this meet," Brown said.

On the women's side, junior high jumper Jennifer Englehardt is looking to make a return to nationals. Englehardt placed ninth in the high jump at the 1997 Indoor Championships and became the first All-American in a field event in Notre Dame women's track and field history. The Battle Creek, Michigan native will look for the crowd to lift her over the qualifying plateau.

"This is our first indoor meet of the year and we will look for the home crowd to help us out," Englehardt said.

On the opposite end of the field stands a solid Indiana contingent that has posted high marks against Big Ten powers Michigan and Ohio State, and finished second to a talented Tennessee squad.

Junior Russell Brooks and freshman Raheem Ellis, both of whom provisionally qualified in the 60-meter dash last weekend, lead Indiana's sprinters.

While most of the athletes strive to reach the NCAA championships, Notre Dame head coach Joe Piane explains, "This is a great opportunity for our athletes to put up some good marks but we cannot overlook a very talented Indiana team."

Piane expects several running events including the 3,000-meter runs to play key roles in the final outcome. In the sprints, sophomore Terry Wray is expected to do well in the 400-meter dash as is senior Bobby Brown in the 200. Sophomore Tony Driver is making his season debut the 60-meter dash.

The meet starts with field events at 6 p.m., followed by running events at 7 p.m.

## OLYMPICS

# IOC's investigation focuses on Nagano

Associated Press

TOKYO

Nagano's winning bid for the 1998 Winter Games is the latest focus of investigation in the growing Olympics corruption scandal.

The Japanese Olympic Committee on Thursday appointed a seven-member panel to look into the Nagano efforts after Mayor Tasuku Tsukada said there may have been "excesses" in the city's dealings with IOC members.

The panel, headed by IOC secretary general Yushiro Yagi, was the sixth Olympic investigation to get under way and the first officially aimed at a city other than Salt Lake, which Nagano defeated by four votes.

Salt Lake City's successful bid for the 2002 Winter Games, on its fifth try, has been the subject of inquiries by the Justice Department, the International and U.S. Olympic committees, an ethics panel of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee and the Utah attorney general's office.

Last weekend, the IOC expelled six members for taking more than \$440,000 in cash, medical and travel expenses and lavish gifts from Salt Lake bidders. There have been four resignations and three other members remain under investigation in an

unprecedented purge of IOC ranks.

In addition, the committee has asked all bid cities from the 1996 Summer Games onward to detail conduct of members or bid officials that might have broken the rules.

And — while it is not considered a formal investigation — the IOC has announced plans to send two top officials to Sydney, where the president of the Australia Olympic Committee said last week that he offered \$70,000 in inducements to two African members the night before Sydney won the 2000 Games by two votes over Beijing.

In recent weeks, Nagano officials have disclosed how some IOC officials were wooed during the city's bid, including all-expenses-paid trips to Kyoto, a tourist spot 150 miles from Nagano.

Some IOC officials also were entertained by geisha, and IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch received an expensive painting and Japanese sword.

IOC executive board member Chiharu Igaya, who also is an IOC member, has defended the lavish entertainment as "normal."

Tsukada, the Nagano mayor who also was one of the top officials of the bidding committee, on Monday acknowledged "excesses" in his city's bid.

Nagano bid officials have said they wined and dined the 62 visiting IOC officials, spending about \$18,000 on each IOC official, including air fare.

Nagano's bidding expense records are missing, which could complicate the investigation. A bid official said recently he had the books burned in 1992.

Meanwhile, a group of Nagano residents filed a civil lawsuit demanding that the state and city of Nagano, as well as two other towns that were the sites for the 1998 Games, return about \$7 million in taxpayer money that allegedly went into the bid.

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# Fencing

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Once again this weekend, the group to watch will be the men's sabre squad. Despite the fact that 1998 all-American Andrzej Bednarski has elected not to fence this season, the squad has overwhelmed opponents. The Fabulous Freshmen, Andre Crompton and Gabor Szelle, and 1998 NCAA sabre champion Luke LaValle will look to dominate the competition again this week.

The trio combined to post 49 victories coupled with only eight defeats. The team was especially strong against Penn State and Stanford — going 8-1 against the Nitany Lions and 7-2 against the Cardinal.

"These guys are the best in the country as a team," coach Stephane Auriol said. "Even without Andrzej. They are strong. I think they are going to carry the men's team all along."

This weekend could also mark a milestone for Auriol as he is looking to pick up his 400th career victory.

Auriol, however, is down playing this accomplishment: "I never kept track of these things. I found out from the Sports Information Department. It's nice but I didn't really know where I was as far as victories."

Despite Auriol's professed ignorance of his accomplish-

ments, the team is very much aware of the importance of this milestone.

"It [getting the 400th victory] is really important," Stephane Auriol said. "The reason we are so successful has to do with him and the coaching staff. It's a milestone that not many coaches can reach so it's important for us. We are fighting hard for it."

This weekend's meet is one of only two home meets for the Irish this year. Home fans will be treated to not only the extremely skilled starters but also the hard working reserves who will get a chance to show their talent against the lesser competition.

"[Getting the reserves playing time] is one of the most important parts of this team," Stephane Auriol said. "We want everyone to be involved and everyone that puts in the hard work to be able to compete."

The meet lasts all weekend so there will be plenty of time for fans to come out and support the Irish in the field house, right next to the hockey rink. The talented Irish squad will look to pick up 12 wins for both the men's and women's squad and continue on the road to the NCAAs in Bradeis this March.

"Hopefully we can continue building towards March," Stephane Auriol said. "Use every weekend as a stepping stone."

## IRISH INSIGHT

# March madness coming soon

By TED FOX  
Sports Writer

Well, it's Jan. 29, and it's time to set my sights on the major sporting event that is just around the corner.

No, it's not the start of the NBA season. The Bulls' season doesn't look too promising anymore, so I'm not real excited about that.

No, it's not the Super Bowl, either. Don't get me wrong: I love football, and this should be a great game (Broncos, 31-24), but I'm not going crazy waiting to watch it. Besides, I wrote an article about NFL refs last week, so I need something new.

The real fun, my friends, doesn't roll around until March when, for almost an entire month, the sports world is enveloped by the phenomenon known as March Madness.

"What is March Madness?" you might ask. It's the time of year when basketball reigns supreme. It's most often identified with the men's and women's NCAA tournaments, each featuring 64 of the best teams in the country.

For my purposes, I'm going to focus on the men's game, the arena where I possess the most knowledge and memories, and the way it seems to transform the lives of basketball fans for the duration of the tournament.

This is the time of year when memories are made.

Critical to an understanding of the tournament process is the presence of the "pool". A pool is a copy of the tournament bracket that you fill out with your predicted winners of each game in each round.

Watching the games to see if your predictions come true, especially with friends, is an unforgettable experience.

I remember gathering in my high school library in Ann Arbor, Mich. last year on the first day of the tournament, which is always a Thursday. From this Thursday through Sunday is wall-to-wall basketball, with teams you've never heard of battling the schools that make all the headlines in first and second-round action.

**'I HAD GONE FROM IDIOT, TO GENIUS, BACK TO IDIOT IN A MATTER OF HALF-AN-HOUR AND HAD LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT.'**

Two such games were the focus of our attention as we skipped class in the library last year.

The first was the Valparaiso vs. Mississippi State game. I had a particular interest in this game because I had picked 13th-seeded Valpo to upset the 4th-seeded Bulldogs. Most people thought I was nuts. And they all told me that as the game was winding down with MSU comfortably in front.

The details of those minutes are still a blur. I don't remember how, but Valpo cut their deficit to just two points in the closing seconds. But they still had to go the length of the court in just a few seconds, so I still looked like an idiot. And then it happened.

Bryce Drew, son of Valpo's coach Homer Drew, hit a hanging three from the far wing as the clock expired, giving the 13th-seeded squad the upset win.

The room was shocked, except for me, of course. I was laughing.

That same Thursday, the Western Michigan Broncos were battling the Clemson Tigers in first round action as well. I don't remember the seeds for these two teams, but Clemson was a heavy favorite. In my bracket, I think I had them going all the way to the Elite Eight or Final Four. I don't remember which, but it wasn't important. Either way, Clemson had to win for me to avoid having a totally destroyed bracket. It shouldn't have been much of a problem. But it was.

The game was way too close throughout, and Western was still giving the Tigers all they could handle as the game wound down. Back and forth they battled, neither team able to pull away. Adding to this drama were the cheers of a large contingent pulling for the underdog, home-state WMU squad. I wasn't part of that crowd, but that didn't matter. The Broncos pulled off the second major upset of the day, and once again, everybody was laughing at me.

I had gone from idiot, to genius, back to idiot in a matter of half an hour and had loved every minute of it.

March Madness is coming. Bring on the pools, bring on the games, and bring on the skipped classes to watch the games. I've been waiting all my life for this.

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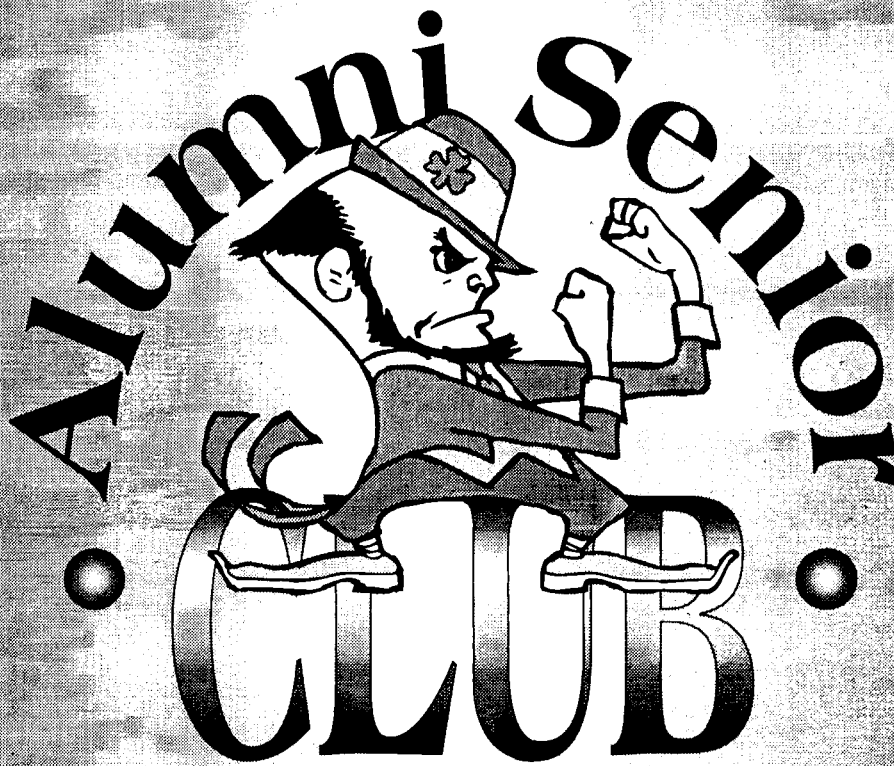
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■ NFL

# Marino feels sense of relief

Associated Press

WESTON, Fla. Dan Marino insists he played only a small role in persuading Jimmy Johnson to continue coaching the Miami Dolphins.

However, he couldn't hide his sense of relief when discussing the matter Thursday.

"If he left, it would have affected a lot of people's lives detrimentally — the coaches, the players," Marino said.

"It was important to stay," the NFL's career leading passer added. "I think we're that close to a Super Bowl."

Johnson, distraught over his inability to balance football and family, very nearly walked away from the Dolphins two weeks ago before a last-minute change of heart.

He arrived at the team's training complex Jan. 14 intent

on stepping down as coach and general manager. He found Marino waiting outside his office. The two talked, and a longer meeting between Johnson and Dolphins owner Il. Wayne Huizenga convinced Johnson to stay.

Marino deflected credit to Huizenga, but said Thursday he was glad to have played a role.

"He had a long meeting with Mr. Huizenga. I think me talking to him before that helped," Marino said. "I think it helped him want to stay."

Fired Chicago Bears coach Dave Wannstedt, a former Johnson aide at Dallas and the University of Miami, instead joined the staff as assistant head coach to take some of the pressure off Johnson.

Marino accepted his Man of the Year trophy during cere-

monies at the Miami Children's Hospital-Dan Marino Center, built with the help of a \$1 million commitment from the Dan Marino Foundation.

The hospital, in the far suburbs of Fort Lauderdale, offers comprehensive care to children with chronic medical needs. Though open only a year, plans already are in the works to double its capacity. Marino will contribute an additional \$500,000.

"This has been our biggest project, and it's something I'm extremely proud of," said Marino, whose foundation received a \$25,000 donation from award sponsor Sprint Communications Co.

Marino is keeping a low profile during Super Bowl week, saying it's frustrating to not be a part of all the hoopla when the game's in his hometown.

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# Irish

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at a new level. Their offense and defense have started click.

"For a while this season, we were winning, but not putting teams away," Riley said. "Now, we're focusing more on playing for all 40 minutes."

The Irish shouldn't have too

**'WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO BOSTON COLLEGE. ITS GOING TO BE A REVENGE GAME.'**

RUTH RILEY  
IRISH CENTER

much trouble with the 5-14 Friars, but this game is a must-win as the Irish prepare for a crucial game with Boston College, who upset them earlier this season.

"We're looking forward to Boston College. Its going to be a revenge game," Riley said. "But I think we're just trying to put Providence away. We're playing good basketball and we hope to continue that."

## ■ MEN'S TENNIS

# Longhorns to invade ND this weekend

By NATHANIEL DeNICOLA  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's tennis team will receive its first opportunity to prove its might on Saturday as it takes on seventh-ranked Texas at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The 23rd-ranked Irish will look to build on their 3-0 season record which includes victories over Miami (Ohio), William and Mary, and 63rd-ranked Wisconsin. Unquestionably the most challenging match of the season to date, Texas is one of the 12 ranked opponents the Irish will face — including home teams against fifth-ranked Illinois and 10th-ranked.

"We definitely will have our work cut out for us," said junior Ryan Sachire. "We've been practicing very hard and feel ready for this Saturday."

As if the No. 7 ranking wasn't enough, head coach Bob Bayliss observed, "They

may be ranked seventh, but they're actually better than that. They're the type of team that on the right day can beat anyone."

If past competitions are any indication of what to expect on Saturday, count on a nail-biter. In the last four matches between the squads N each of which featured Texas ranked ahead of Notre Dame N the Irish have been slighted by the narrowest of margins, losing 4-3 each time. The most recent encounter illustrates this point, as the Irish came within a few points of turning the match in their favor.

"The match was so close you could pin point the exact bounces of the ball that ended up costing us the victory," Bayliss said. "I have confidence that we can win the crucial matches. It's all a matter of poise."

Notre Dame will attack with much the same lineup that has proven successful in the

three previous matches. Leading the charge at No. 1 singles is third-ranked Sachire, who is coming off his biggest win of the season. Last Tuesday Sachire downed fourth-ranked Mark Loughrin of Wisconsin.

"It was an important victory for the whole team," said Sachire. "By proving we can beat a good team [Wisconsin] in their court, it gives us confidence that we can play well against other good teams at home."

The home-court advantage has particular importance for Saturday's match since it will be the first time Texas has played on an indoor court this season.

Sachire could face any one of a slew of Texas players capable of playing at No. 1, including seventh-ranked Jack Brasington. Senior co-captain Brian Patterson, who beat Brasington in their last battle, will play No. 2 singles, accom-

panied by Matt Daly at No. 3, co-captain Andy Warford at No. 4 and the freshman duo of Casey Smith and Andrew Laflin at Nos. 5 and 6.

"From top to bottom, I feel our lineup is very balanced," Bayliss said.

As well he should, given the dominance that Sachire, Patterson, and Daly have asserted and Laflin's unbeaten streak at No. 6. The doubles teams of Sachire/Patterson, Matt Horsley/Trent Miller and Daly/Smith have been equally successful, sweeping the last two doubles points. Although Horsley's presence will likely be missed in singles action due to a healing wrist, his doubles activity will not be hindered.

"All I can say is that he's been playing great at doubles," Bayliss said.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish go for season sweep against Providence

By ALAN WASIELEWSKI  
Sports Writer

The men's basketball team will get a rare opportunity in the Big East this weekend.

The contest against Providence at the Joyce Center Saturday, scheduled for a noon tip-off, will be the first chance for the Irish to sweep a conference opponent this year. On Dec. 8, Notre Dame visited the Providence Civic Center and came away with one of the biggest wins of the year, 83-80.

Hopefully that victory can lift the spirits of coach John MacLeod's troops, following consecutive heart breaking losses that dropped their overall record to 10-11.

Last weekend, Rutgers guard Geoff Billet hit an improbable last-second shot to beat Notre Dame at the Joyce Center. That was followed by Wednesday's road loss to Boston College, the Eagle's first Big East victory of the year.

Notre Dame has lost four of their last five games and are in desperate need of a momentum shift as they head into the second half of their conference schedule.

Saturday's contest will test the mettle of the Irish squad. Providence comes onto campus with a 13-7 record (6-4 in the

conference), and the leading scorer in the Big East.

Senior swing-man Jamel Thomas' 22 points, tops in the Big East, and eight per game make him a primary concern for Notre Dame. Thomas leads a proficient offensive machine that will test the Irish defense, rated the worst in the conference in points allowed.

**'NOTRE DAME'S INABILITY TO PUT TOGETHER CONSECUTIVE, WELL-PLAYED GAMES HAS RESULTED IN ONLY THREE WINS SINCE DECEMBER 29.'**

Notre Dame's inability to put together consecutive, well-played games has resulted in only three wins since a five-game winning streak was broken by Syracuse on Dec. 29.

The loss of leading scorer Troy Murphy had some effect on that record, but his quick return from an ankle sprain at Boston College Wednesday was not sufficient to put the team over the top.

While Murphy was out of the line-up, Notre Dame's role play-

ers stepped up their production — particularly seniors Antoni Wyche and Phil Hickey. Wyche contributed big buckets against Seton Hall and Rutgers and Hickey was able to pick up some of the rebounding slack in Murphy's absence.

At Boston College, some of that production dropped off and the Irish were unable to recover. If the offensive numbers remain low on Saturday, it will be another long day for the Irish.

As the Irish push toward the post-season, the performance of the freshman class will be even more crucial.

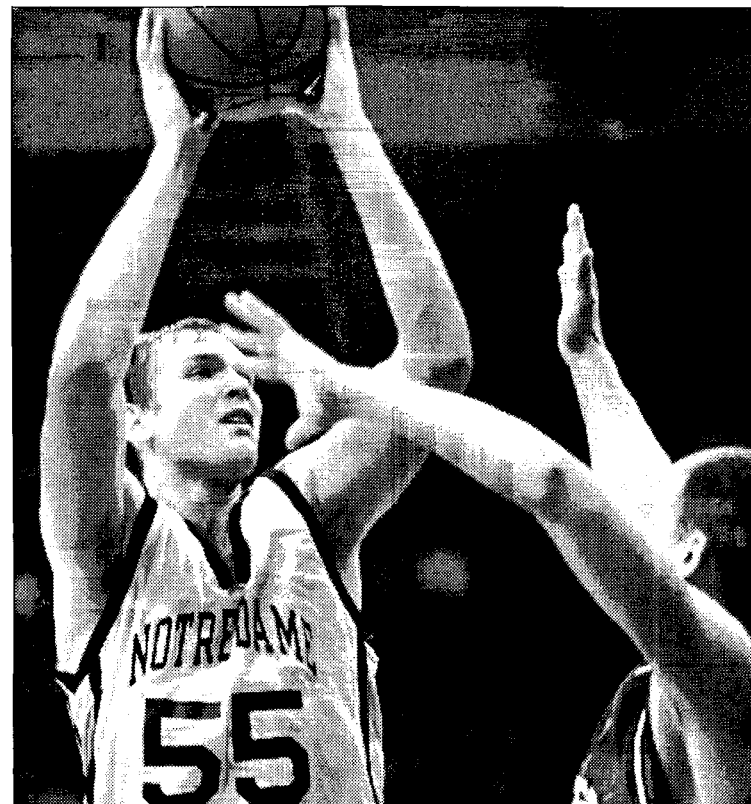
Murphy has already established himself as one of the best players in the Big East. He is fourth in the league in scoring, second in rebounding, and first in field goal percentage. When Notre Dame met Providence back in December, Murphy scored 30 points in his first Big East contest.

David Graves is also having a solid debut season on the Irish squad. Averaging just over 13 points per game, he has developed into one of Notre Dame's best three-point threats and a solid defensive presence.

There have also been hints of better performances from the rest of the Irish roster. Sophomore point guard Martin Ingelsby single-handedly brought the Irish back into the game against Rutgers with a 19-point second half.

MacLeod has also enlisted the help of freshman Javin Hunter, a wide receiver on the football team, who could see action as soon as this weekend.

Notre Dame's back is against the wall. They have played well at home all year and should be motivated by the fact every loss from now on will further dilute their hopes of post-season play.



The Observer/ Jeff Hsu  
Senior Phil Hickey hopes to bounce back from his subpar performance against Boston College and continue his recent inspired play.

### Men's Basketball Schedule

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| Monday, Jan 30    | Providence       |
| Tuesday, Feb 6    | at Seton Hall    |
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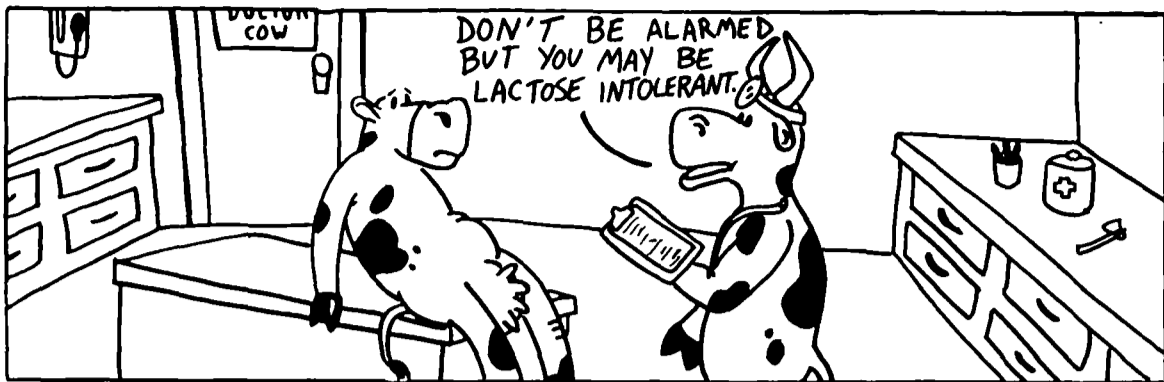
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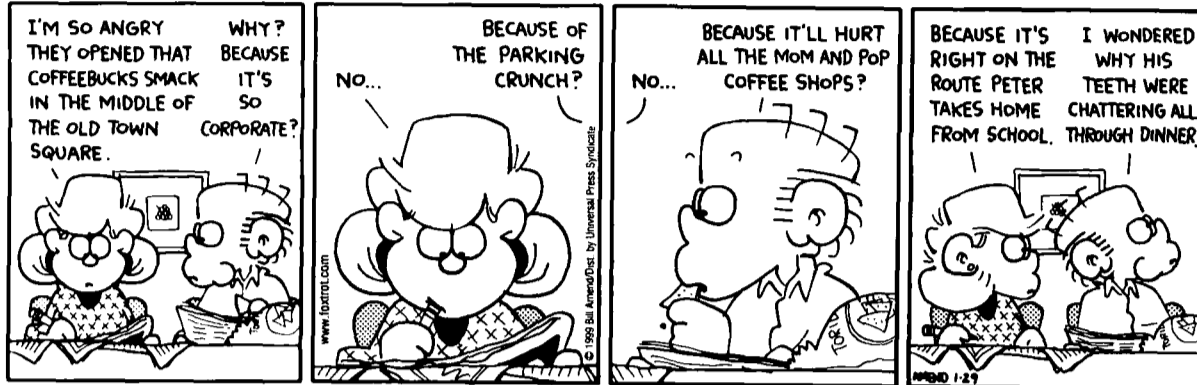
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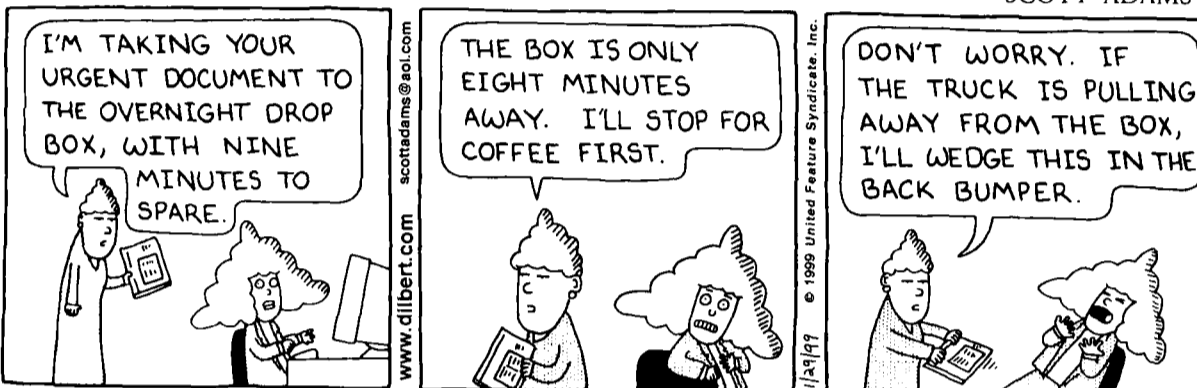
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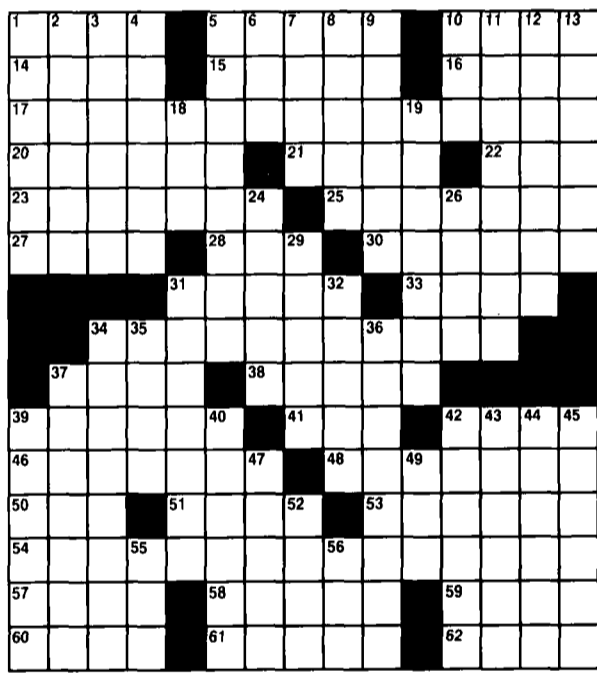
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- ACROSS**
- 1 What to do
  - 5 Singer Joplin
  - 10 Plant for burlap
  - 14 One of the Ringling brothers
  - 15 Lose ground
  - 16 Something to think about
  - 17 "Oliver Twist" character
  - 20 Test site for an aquanaut
  - 21 Detected
  - 22 Command for D.D.E.
  - 23 Like a wuss
  - 25 Was terrified by
  - 27 Is worthwhile
  - 28 Broadcast inits.
  - 30 Mouth-watering
  - 31 Prison guard, in slang
  - 33 Saturn or Mars
  - 34 Feature of 17- and 54-Across, literally
  - 37 Hunk
  - 38 Mattress maker
  - 39 Train to box?
  - 41 Criterion: Abbr.
  - 42 New York Shakespeare Festival founder
  - 46 Journey of self-propulsion?
  - 48 U.N. intervention site
  - 50 What's more
  - 51 "A Girl Like I" author
  - 53 Where you pay to play
- DOWN**
- 1 Determines the sum
  - 2 Guardian for Odysseus
  - 3 Torrid
  - 4 Eucalyptus leaf eaters
  - 5 Ebony
  - 6 Declaration of puppy love?
  - 7 Entre
  - 8 Didn't stay active
  - 9 Passover celebrations
  - 10 Screened
  - 11 Barely beat
  - 12 Airport figures with names on signs
  - 13 Takeoff
  - 18 Ruled
  - 19 Vitamin specification
  - 24 Costly W.W. I battleground
  - 26 Allege
  - 29 Elaine ("Seinfeld" role)
  - 54 Phrase of sympathy
  - 57 "... saw Elba"
  - 58 Made level
  - 59 Size up
  - 60 Carpenter's groove
  - 61 Texas leaguer?
  - 62 River to the North Sea



Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

- 31 In the manner of a judge
- 32 "... new?"
- 34 Cherry-colored
- 35 Deliver a tirade
- 36 Get-rich-quick place
- 37 Madame in Roma
- 39 Took for the summer, maybe
- 40 He played Sinatra in "The Rat Pack"
- 42 Cream puff, maybe
- 43 Warm welcomes
- 44 Gilbert and Sullivan extra
- 45 Spiel
- 47 Standard's partner
- 49 Place for an ile
- 52 Barred
- 55 Orinoco, e.g.
- 56 Always

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Disputes at home will be hard to avoid. Overspending on selfish items coupled with neglecting your responsibilities will be the brunt of the problem. Work quickly to rectify this situation. ☉

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You are likely to overreact to emotional situations. It is best to step back from the situation rather than take sides or make hasty decisions regarding your response. Avoid serious talks. ☉☉☉

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You can expect to experience some unusual circumstances regarding money or legal matters. Be careful not to divulge valuable information. You could be setting yourself up if you do. ☉☉

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Emotional upset will be the case if you don't keep things in perspective. You must busy yourself with energetic activities that will help you vent your anxiety and frustration. ☉☉

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You may be feeling a little depressed about your personal situation. You can turn that feeling around if you plan a quiet evening for two and lay your cards

on the table. Investments will be lucrative. ☉☉☉

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Travel for business or pleasure. Much can be gained if you organize your course of action. You will have the stamina to accomplish your goals if you direct yourself accordingly. ☉☉☉☉

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your personal life will be unpredictable. Don't get involved with those who are overindulgent or escapist. Problems with your house must be taken care of immediately. ☉

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Travel will bring cultural knowledge that can't be learned in any other way. Your memory will help you in your creative pursuits. Your honesty will result in new friendships. ☉☉☉☉

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your personal partner may be less than accommodating today. Don't push your luck; it is best to steer clear of confrontations. Try to compromise and bend to other's wishes. ☉☉

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Pleasure trips will be favorable and result in new friendships or partnerships. Humanitarian groups will want you as their leader due to your strong beliefs and persuasive attitude. ☉☉☉

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Insight will be greatly needed. Look to those who can offer you advice. You need mental stimulation. Join groups that deal with self-awareness as well as those that offer a creative outlet. ☉☉☉

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't let unreliable friends take advantage of your good nature. You mustn't pay for other people's mistakes or their entertainment just because you don't want them to walk away from you. ☉☉☉☉☉

■ OF INTEREST

**Medieval Institute** - The Medieval Institute invites interested students and faculty to come hear Professor Robert Nelson lecture on "Byzantine Narratives, Textual and Visual, Modern and Medieval" today at 3:30 p.m. in the Medieval Institute Reading Room, 715 Hesburgh Library. Professor Nelson is a distinguished art historian at the University of Chicago whose work focuses on Byzantine manuscripts, illumination, and scribal culture.

**ND Department of Music** - Faculty soprano Georgine Resick will perform Sunday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. in the Annenburg Auditorium. Ms. Resick will be accompanied by Miko Kominami of Indiana University South Bend. Tickets for the concert are available at the LaFortune Box Office, 631-8128, and are \$3 for students, \$6 for senior citizens, \$8 for ND/SMC employees with ID, and \$10 general admission.

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# SPORTS

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■ Men's basketball looks to sweep the season series this weekend against Providence. *p.22*



■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## No. 7 Irish set for Friars

By BRIAN KESSLER and ANTHONY BIANCO  
Assistant Sports Editors

Three weeks ago, Notre Dame center Ruth Riley single-handedly beat Providence, scoring a career-high 36 points and grabbing 13 rebounds en route to a 79-56 Notre Dame victory.

Riley and the seventh-ranked Irish (16-2) will look to take it to the Friars Saturday night at 7 p.m. when they travel to Providence in hopes of winning their eighth-straight conference game.

The Friars will still be without the services of 6-foot-5 Dani Trippany, who also missed the first meeting with a stress fracture.

"They're looking to double-team me more, so we'll be looking to pass to whoever's open," Riley said.

When Riley gets in trouble inside, she will no doubt look to kick the ball out to three-point specialist Sheila McMillen, who has scored 20 or more points in five of her last seven games. The senior captain is third in the Big East in scoring (15.8 points per game) and deadly from beyond the arc.

"They're going to go into the zone on us, so we have to work on getting the ball outside," said Niele Ivey, who was 3-of-6 from downtown in Tuesday's blowout victory over Syracuse. "When Sheila doesn't shoot well, which doesn't happen much, we have a lot of other players ready outside."

Danielle Green is one of those players. The senior has been putting up career numbers, averaging 16.3 points per game which ranks her fifth in the Big East.

Notre Dame is also looking to continue their tight defense. The Irish have kept their last three opponents under 61 points.

"We've been focusing on playing good defense," Ivey said. "Each game is to prepare for the NCAA tournament."

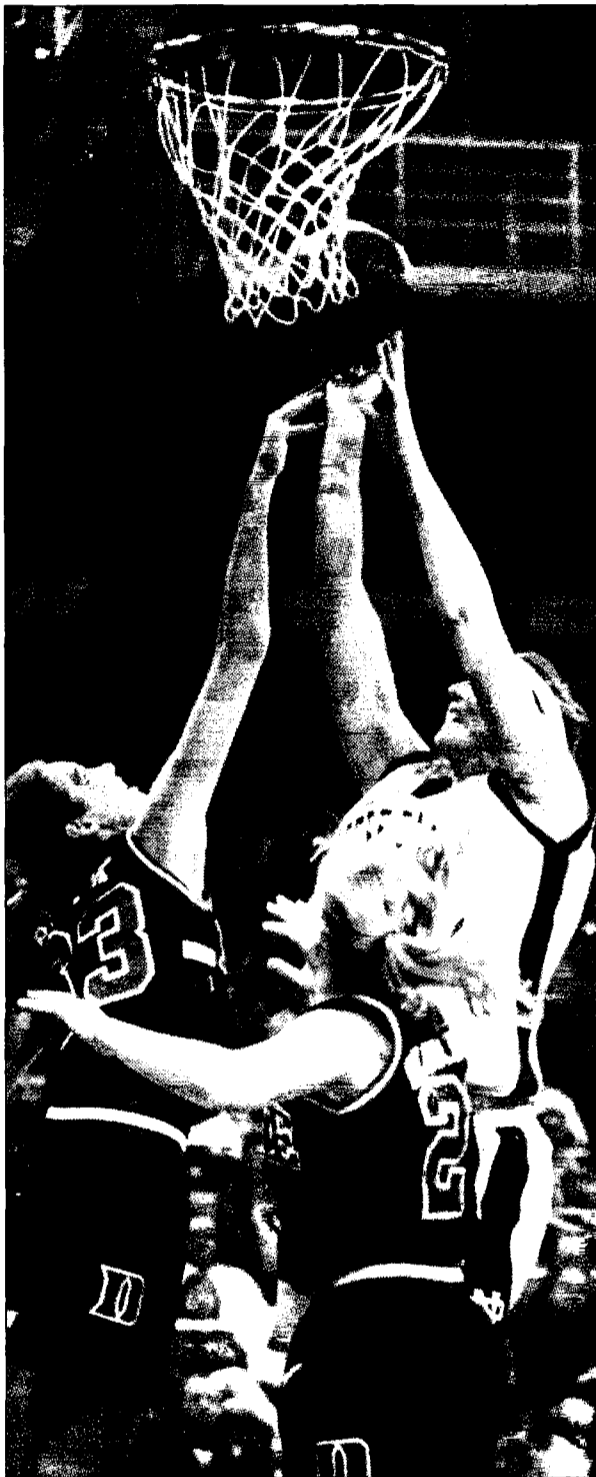
Providence will look to spread the ball around, which could pose a problem for the Irish.

"It's hard to guard an offense when one person's not the main scorer," Riley said.

Monika Roberts and Dana Simonelli each scored 13 when the team's met earlier this season.

Recently, however, the Irish are playing

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The Observer/ Liz Lang  
Duke, like most teams, couldn't handle Ruth Riley and the rest of the Irish squad.

■ FENCING

## Auriol on pace to surpass 400 wins

By MIKE CONNOLLY  
Sports Writer

Following a weekend in which the Irish fencing team faced their toughest competition of the season, they return home to take on significantly weaker competition as they take on Midwestern teams.

Coach Yves Auriol knows that he will have a tougher time motivating his squad for these teams than he did for the national powerhouses like Penn State and Stanford that the Irish faced last weekend.

"It's not easy sometimes to motivate the team" said Auriol. "But I think that they want to be undefeated for the rest of the season. Picking up another Midwest Championship is important to the team."

The Irish, however, still understand the importance of this weekend's match-ups.

"It is naturally a little harder to get motivated especially after such a tough weekend," foil captain Stephane Auriol said. "But Midwest is still important. So its still not that hard to get motivated."

Auriol finished last weekend at 11-8. He must continue to perform well, especially at the NCAAs in March, if the strong NCAA class hopes to get over the hump and win their first NCAA title.

The only ranked opponent that the Irish will face this weekend will be Ohio State's women's team. The Buckeyes

return all-American foilist Yelena Kalkina from the fourth-best women's foil squad at last year's NCAAs. The team also boasts an excellent No. 2 foilist in Fane Groes from Copenhagen, Denmark.

"[Kalkina] is always tough competition," coach Auriol said. "I think Sara [Walsh] and Myriah [Brown] will be excited to fence her again. Their No. 2 girl [Groes] is very good too. She is a strong competitor. So they have two good foilists."

All-Americans Sara Walsh and Myriah Brown both had

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STEPHANE AURIOL  
MEN'S FOIL CAPTAIN

great starts to the '99 season at State College. Brown went 16-6 on the weekend while Walsh performed flawlessly en route to a 13-0 record.

The other competition for the Irish will not be nearly as strong. Case Western Reserve, Cleveland State and Wayne State all managed to place fencers at last year's NCAAs but none should pose a threat to the Irish.

The Irish have captured the last seven Midwestern combined team championships and have not lost to a Midwestern opponent since 1996 when the men's squad fell to Wayne State 16-11.

The other schools that will be competing against the Irish this weekend include Illinois-Chicago, Detroit, Lawrence, Michigan, Michigan State, Northwestern, Tri-State and Purdue.

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■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Sooners, Wildcats on Notre Dame's horizon

By WES JACOBS  
Sports Writer

Ever since the final point was played in their last match against Pepperdine, the Irish have been preparing to get back onto the courts and back into the win column.

That last competition was hard-fought and came down to the last doubles match. Unfortunately, the Irish dropped that doubles match 8-6 in a tie-breaker and fell to Pepperdine 5-4.

The team will get exactly what it wants this weekend when it travels to Oklahoma City: a chance to face off against Big 12 Conference foes Kansas State and Oklahoma at the Woodlake Racket Club.

"We're very excited to get back out there," senior captain Jen Hall said. "These are both matches that we should win, and they should give us the opportunity to bounce back after the loss."

The attitude on the team has not dampened since that loss. The overwhelming theme is one of moving on.

"I feel that [the loss] inspired us to win even more. We had a really great week of practice, with lots of intensity. Our attitude now is that if we can go out and beat someone 6-0, 6-0, we'll try hard to do it. We're not going

to give anything up," Freshman Becky Varnum said.

Notre Dame's first opponent, Kansas State, enters the match with a record of 0-3, and a national ranking of 58. However, all three losses came against highly ranked opponents Arizona, Mississippi, and San Diego, so Irish coach Jay Louderback is not sure what to expect.

"They've had a real hard start," Louderback said. "If they can make it through this first part of their schedule,

though, they could be tough. They won't see a lot of tougher matches than these four."

Kansas State sophomore Martina Pospisilova, ranked number 73 in the nation, leads the Wildcats into Oklahoma City. The Irish are 6-0 all time against Kansas State.

Oklahoma is another team that the Irish are uncertain about. Presently ranked 45th, Louderback predicts that the Sooners are much better than their ranking.

"Oklahoma is a pretty deep team, and they have solid players," Louderback said. "We're glad that we're playing them second, as Saturday will give us a

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JAY LOUDERBACK  
WOMEN'S TENNIS COACH

### SPORTS AT A GLANCE

W at Providence Saturday, 7 p.m.

vs. Michigan Saturday, 7 p.m.

M vs. Providence Saturday, 7 p.m.

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