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Faculty forum shows division on Big Ten

By TIM LOGAN
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Discord and disagreement characterized Friday's Faculty Senate forum on the Big Ten, at which a wide range of panelists and audience members weighed the merits of Notre Dame's potential alliance with the athletic conference and its academic arm, the Committee on Institutional Cooperation.

While the panelists touched on a variety of issues, the proponents of the alliance listed potential academic benefits, while those in opposition largely spoke of Notre Dame's institutional identity as an independent, national, undergraduate-focused university.

"In terms of academic quality, the CIC is unquestionably better than the Big East [Notre Dame's current athletic conference]," said Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

"We can only gain by being associated with these programs."

A number of the nation's top graduate programs are members of the CIC and many benefits of CIC membership lie in the opportunities for graduate studies and research, according to proponents. It is suggested that these potential improvements could help to recruit better faculty, as well.

"It would immediately improve our profile among graduate and research institutions," said Tony Hyder, associate vice president for Graduate Studies. "But it

ly, it would come back to our faculty."

However, this focus on graduate studies and research has some people concerned that Notre Dame's undergraduate program may suffer if the University joins the CIC and faculty become more involved in research.

"We want to make sure that the undergraduate program remains strong," said Elizabeth Toomey, president of the Alumni Association. She indicated that alumni who had contacted her were strongly opposed to Big Ten membership.

Another group which has voiced nearly overwhelming disapproval of the move is the undergraduate student body, which was represented on the panel by student body president Peter Cesaro.

"I can tell you that the undergraduate student body is

against joining the Big Ten," he said, pointing to the nature of Notre Dame as a teaching institution. "The opportunity to inter-

act with faculty members is an essential part of the Notre Dame experience. This experience is what gives Notre Dame its national reputation."

Michael Detlefsen, chair of the Faculty Senate, expressed hope that this interpersonal communication would not be changed by CIC membership. He proposed requiring all faculty to teach undergraduates and pointed to a recent Faculty Senate resolution

that added 150 new faculty members as evidence of his group's commitment to teaching. While Detlefsen spoke on behalf of the Faculty Senate, a number of professors present expressed concern that the Senate, which voted 25-4 in December to support negotiations with the CIC, did not make enough of an effort to determine faculty opinion on the matter.

"I think if our faculty had been consulted, we would have found a consensus that the notion of Notre Dame joining the Big Ten is a bad idea whose time has not yet come," said Walter Niegorski, professor of liberal studies and government.

While debate focused on the academic and identity issues at stake, there was also discussion of athletics and finances, and how both would be impacted by Big Ten membership.

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DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

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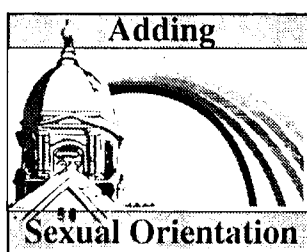
PETER CESARO

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

'I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY IS AGAINST JOINING 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.



Academics could fuel Big Ten fire

By CHRISTINE KRALY
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Questions concerning the Big Ten will be answered and the fate of Notre Dame's independence will be decided when the Board of Trustees meets in London this Friday. Even when questions are answered, though, many students could be left wondering how this will affect them academically.

Membership in the Big Ten would allow Notre Dame membership in the Conference on Institutional Cooperation [CIC], which includes 11 Big Ten universities, as well as the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois at Chicago. The CIC offers a number of academic opportunities which many of the faculty find appealing.

"For academic reasons, I don't think it [membership] would hurt Notre Dame," said Ava Preacher, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters. Preacher noted that the library resources, especially, would be a great benefit to

the University.

Notre Dame is currently connected through the electronic library catalogue UNLOC which allows students to access volumes from Hesburgh Library, as well as from Saint Mary's, Bethel College and Holy Cross College. Through membership in the CIC, this electronic system could be greatly



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enhanced.

As reported in the Faculty Senate's Fall 1998 report, membership in the CIC would make it possible for us to immediately access the electronic catalogues of the institutions in the CIC.

The University presently has access to the libraries of the CIC

institutions, but obtaining books often takes weeks. Membership in the CIC would cut that time to days, which would be especially beneficial for graduate students, who tend to utilize this option more than undergraduates.

Students may question this advantage if they don't even know other libraries' volumes are available to them. For those students who don't find books from other schools, this may not seem like much of positive force in joining the Big Ten.

"As students, we don't value getting a book faster if by joining the Big Ten we can't talk to our teacher about it," said freshman Michael Hannon, who expressed concern regarding how an expanded graduate program would affect the quality of undergraduate education.

According to the Faculty Senate's report, the CIC currently produces 15-20 percent of all Ph.D.s in the United States. This,

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Black history month valuable to University

By MAUREEN SMITHE
News Writer

In 1929 — the year of Martin Luther King's birth — Carter Woodson, the son of former slaves, realized that American high schools were completely neglecting to teach the history of blacks.

Discouraged yet determined, Woodson worked for recognition of African-Americans' contributions to the national culture. The fruit of his efforts can be seen today as Black History Month kicks off once again.

"It's a chance to get to know black history," sophomore Zesha Holyfield said. "The history books don't have us in there, and we were a part of building this country."

Notre Dame will celebrate throughout the next four weeks with programs and displays throughout the campus. Iris Outlaw, director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, stressed her department's role in planning the events.

"The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs normally has done the majority of programming during Black History Month," Outlaw said. "Certain circumstances — racial incidents on campus — forced the University to be more sensitive. The school is trying to make the campus more encompassing in celebration through displays throughout the campus." One such display at the Hesburgh Library recognizes blacks in the clergy.

Many people, including Outlaw, feel that one month is not adequate time to celebrate African-American contributions.



IRIS OUTLAW

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Don't blame the rich

I have to admit that the ideological debate surrounding the rich and poor, specifically regarding Catholic teaching, interests me tremendously.

Although not the most prominent debate on campus at the moment, the rich/poor question has inspired everything from heated classroom debates to 50-part columns here at Notre Dame. I'd rather not focus on the futile, anti-capitalist arguments pushed by some students and faculty. Instead I want to address the hatred of the upper class voiced almost universally by the "have-nots," of which I am a member economically if not ideologically. I hear all sorts of attacks on the wealthy, most revolving around "they stole it" or "they inherited it," neither of which constitute a majority of rich persons in the United States.

Many people feel the need to blame poverty on the fact that the rich won't give their money away. Some even utilize religion and Catholic doctrine to demonize the rich, referring to their "deep moral and spiritual peril." Not so fast, folks! I'm well aware of a moral obligation to help the needy, but I know of no Catholic teaching damning rich people simply for their wealth. There has never been anything inherently evil with earning money if done so ethically.

I can't imagine what will happen when I make that fateful journey to chat with St. Peter: "Well Ferrell, judging by your adjusted gross income for the past 40 years, it says here you qualify for the Fifth Circle of Hell." Is that after you weigh in the good things, like the unifying themes of my columns?

Hopefully I've illustrated a point that most people already comprehend — it's okay to have money. It's fine to worship in the Basilica with all of those golden statues and beautiful stained glass windows. Yes, you can even eat three meals a day, guilt-free. Why? Because you do have a moral obligation to help those in need, but not to suffer merely because someone suffers elsewhere.

Your suffering will not decrease anyone else's problems, but only appease your conscience. This is a trademark of "progressives": "Look, I'm helping, don't I feel better! What have YOU done?" Then these same folks chastise my cronies and myself for a lack of compassion, and wonder why no one takes them seriously.

If you still feel guilty, do something about it. Go on a summer service project. Work at the Center for the Homeless, something I enjoyed doing last year. But do not at any time criticize or blame those who are better off as if they're responsible for the lot of everyone else.

It takes guts to admit the causes of poverty do not all lie in the hands of the "well off," and to offer concrete solutions. These charitable endeavors are necessary, but offer only temporary help, as people on both sides realize. And who offers more permanent solutions through job creation? You guessed it.

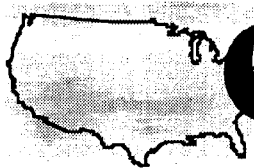
So if it makes things easier for you, consider "the rich" some sort of enemy. But while you're serving mankind by telling us what doom awaits the rich, remember a few other Catholic teachings as well. Is your service just appeasing your conscience and adding to your résumé, or do you do it for the ideal reasons?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Dustin Ferrell can be reached at: ferrell.3@nd.edu

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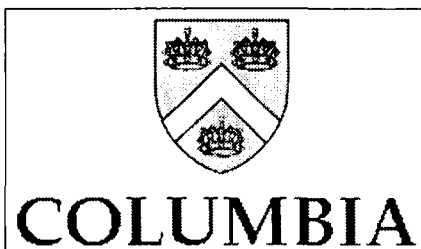
Administrators defend affirmative action in admissions

NEW YORK, N.Y.

One day after the Center for Individual Rights (CIR) launched its nationwide campaign against the use of affirmative action in college admissions procedures, Columbia officials defended the school's admissions policies as not only legal, but essential to the creation of a diverse student body.

"Columbia has had an affirmative action program for more than 30 years, and it has been extremely successful in attracting to Columbia gifted students from all racial and ethnic backgrounds," University President George Rupp said in a statement released by his office.

But former Dean of Students Roger Lehecka was reluctant to characterize Columbia's admissions policies as a form of affirmative action, a phrase which refers to a government program established in the 1970s requiring colleges and other institutions to see that



they searched affirmatively for a broad range of candidates in admissions and hiring procedures.

Lehecka said Columbia admissions officers have been using such searching policies since the mid-60s, in search for "good students who will provide them with a diverse class."

CIR is accusing "nearly every elite college in America" of violating nondiscrimination laws in a the full-page advertisement that encouraged students to order a free handbook that explains how to investigate a school's

admissions policies and possibly file a lawsuit against the school.

The law in question was established by a 1978 Supreme Court decision which found the use of racial quotas in the admissions process to be illegal. According to the decision, known as Bakke, race can be used as one of several criteria in admissions.

Provost Jonathan Cole asserted that no school, to his knowledge, breaks the law as established in Bakke.

"I certainly don't think that we do that," Cole said.

Lehecka affirmed Cole's sentiment, stating, "I certainly don't believe that," in reference to the CIR's accusations against schools nationwide.

Columbia has never faced a lawsuit related to the admissions process, Cole said, and the University is legally obligated to file affirmative action reports annually, and has been very careful in its adherence to federal and state laws.

■ SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Politicians criticize tuition waivers

CARBONDALE, Ill.

A 94-year-old tradition of state legislators awarding tuition waivers has drawn concern from some Illinois politicians who fear a long-standing pattern of abuse within the system has rendered the program in dire need of reform. The system has been widely criticized since a Chicago Tribune report appeared earlier in January that embarrassed several state legislators. The Tribune investigation documented numerous politicians who have used their tuition waiver privilege to award scholarships at public universities to the offspring of friends, colleagues and campaign contributors. The legislative scholarship program, started in 1905, allows the 177 members of the General Assembly to waive tuition costs at Illinois' public universities for up to eight students at a time. The waivers can be distributed regardless of a recipient's financial need or academic prowess.

■ UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Governor examines racial tension

TUCSON, Ariz.

Attorneys for Gov. Jane Dee Hull yesterday reviewed a complaint of possible race and gender discrimination filed by the Africana Studies' core faculty members and the program's former director. Francie Noyes, Hull's press secretary, said that the governor's office recently received a letter alleging there is a "hostile" racial environment at the University of Arizona. State lawyers are waiting for more information until they react to the situation, she said. The letter, signed by four UA faculty members, states that racism is "so endemic to the University of Arizona that something desperately needs to be done here to dispel the hostility to African-American women and other people of color." Mikelle Omari, a UA arts professor and former Africana Studies program director, and three Africana Studies professors asked for outside assistance to remove the department's acting director, Julian Kunnie.

■ UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Legislators debate student government

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

For the first time in history, Florida's public university student governments could be recognized as a legal entity. And if a proposed bill passes through the Legislature, that legal status would make it impossible for university presidents to abolish them. The draft bill, introduced last week by Kevin Mayeux, Florida Student Association director, proposes adding a statement to the Florida statute that each student government is organized by and accountable to students. The proposal, to be considered first by the House Colleges and Universities Committee chaired by Casey, also states each student government will have a president and legislative branch responsible for its own rules and representatives, Mayeux said. "Basically, the bill puts in statute guarantees that are already in place at UF," Mayeux said. "It will apply to all universities in Florida."

■ GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Protests fail to impede labor code

WASHINGTON

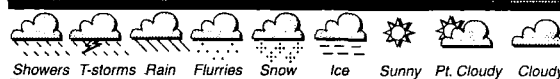
Georgetown University will most likely sign on to a controversial code of conduct designed to improve working conditions in the factories that make collegiate apparel, Dean of Students James A. Donahue said Thursday. The decision would go against the expressed wishes of GUSA, the Graduate Students Association and the Georgetown Solidarity Committee (GSC), which has scheduled a rally in protest of the code at 1 p.m. today in Red Square. The code, the product of a task force set up by the Atlanta-based Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC), was written in response to a growing movement among students and human rights activists seeking to end sweatshop labor practices. The CLC acts as a go-between for 160 colleges and universities, including Georgetown, and the manufacturers who produce their apparel. Georgetown was among the fifteen schools represented on the task force that drafted the code.

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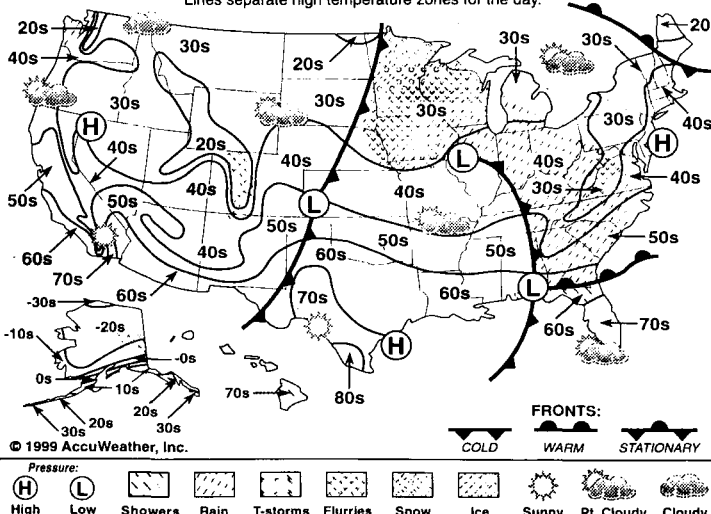
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Legendary tales survive time to teach age-old lessons

RUTH SNELL
News Writer

Most students know the "five minute rule." If a professor is not in class by five minutes after the class' starting time, everyone can leave.

While some may call it common sense, these unwritten standards and laws — especially at the university level — constitute urban legends. With their universal draw, the mystique of their origins and their all-encompassing lessons, urban legends bond groups with tales of wonder and woe.

According to John Shinnars, associate professor and chair of the Humanistic Studies department at Saint Mary's, urban legends are especially prevalent on college campuses.

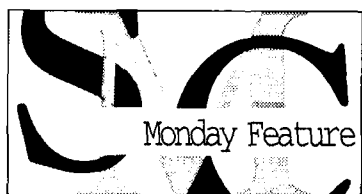
"These tales tend to address problems of modern living," Shinnars said. "They are especially found on college campuses because lots of young people from different places are adjusting to being away from home and living in a community of relative strangers. The tales are told to caution and entertain."

According to Shinnars, some characteristics are found in all urban legends. They seem to come from a reliable source, or there is a traceable chain of relation. There is an element of horror or humor or bizarreness. And always, there is an important message or moral.

LEGENDS ... SAINT MARY'S STYLE

The most famous Saint Mary's legend, which Shinnars said

began with a psychic's prediction of a mass murder on a college campus, involves a serial killer dressed in a Little Bo



Peep Halloween costume.

In the Saint Mary's version, the psychic predicted the murderer would attack a women's Midwestern college that had a building shaped like an "H," possibly with tunnels. However, the legend was false, and Shinnars said that the story had been "circulating since the 1960s, and is refreshed as audiences get a hold of [the details]."

Another false legend describes three girls playing with a Ouija board in Regina Hall, one of whom is possessed by the devil. Shinnars said he heard the same rumor, which ends with the girl's exorcism, 25 years ago when he was in college in Louisiana.

Christa Heidbreder, the director of McCandless Hall, has heard that the ghost of an old maintenance worker who wears overalls haunts the tunnels of LeMans Hall. LeMans Hall's

reputation as one of the oldest halls on campus adds fuel to the fire of the circulating legends.

"Our room was haunted," said Tiffany Mayerhofer, a freshman who lived in the second annex of LeMans earlier this year. "Stuff fell off the walls the first night we were there, and we heard chains jingling in the night. We'd leave the door locked and we'd come back and it'd be unlocked."

During orientation weekend, Mayerhofer also heard a story that during pre-year room checks, the resident advisor in the second annex was unable to unlock any of the doors, even with the master key. Only after she went to get assistance did the doors open.

THE RAPID WRATH OF RUMORS

'I HEARD THAT IN QUEENS COURT [A LEMANS SECTION] SOME GIRL HAD A BABY AND KILLED IT AND PUT IT IN A DUMPSTER, AND SOMETIMES YOU CAN STILL HEAR IT CRYING AT NIGHT.'

SHANNON O'DONNELL
McCANDLESS RESIDENT

Perpetuated much like rumors, urban legends are a form of folk tale and are meant to pass on some sort of important message to the community, Shinnars said.

"I heard that in Queens Court [a LeMans section] some girl had a baby and killed it and put it in a dumpster, and sometimes you can still hear it crying at night," said Shannon O'Donnell, a McCandless freshman.

One true legend, according to Shinnars, involves a student

solving two unsolvable math equations on accident.

"Dantzig, a graduate student at UC-Berkley, saw two math equations on the board in an empty classroom, and thinking they were his assignments, went home and solved previously unsolved problems," Shinnars said.

The use of e-mail has assisted the rapid spread of legends, especially on college campuses.

"I think the Internet is the great backyard fence for

spreading urban legends," Shinnars said. "It has all the advantages of quick communications with a large group of strangers. And because it's in print, it looks like it's true."

At the same time, some Web sites, including The San Fernando Valley Folklore Society's Urban Legends Reference Pages at www.snopes.com, list and rank legends according to their validity, and provide information on some legend sources.

Row, row, row your boat ...



The Observer/Rob Exconde

The 13th annual Late Night Olympics rocked the Rolfs Aquatic Center Friday with kayaking and innertube water polo. The competition sponsored 20 events, including broomball and indoor soccer held at the Joyce Center and Rolfs RecSports Center. Proceeds were donated to Special Olympics.

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Using official figures, finance professor Richard Sheehan, a specialist in sports finances, said that Notre Dame's athletic programs would most likely lose more than \$4.5 million each year by joining the Big Ten.

"If you look at the numbers, it's not a good deal from an athletic perspective," he said.

The Athletic Department continued its silence on the issue,

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ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF
ATHLETICS

although Tom Kelly, associate director of Athletics did sit on the panel. He said his department was prepared for either option and had looked at the researching process as a good opportunity.

"We have approached this as a learning experience," he said. "We've put together information on where we're going."

Two members of the Board of Trustees listened in on the forum. Provost Nathan Hatch attended the discussion while Trustee Robert Conway had a special telephone hookup to his home in London in order to hear the debate. One of the panelists, Elizabeth Toomey, sits on the Board as president of the Alumni Association. She indicated that she will vote against joining the Big Ten because of strong alumni opposition to the move.

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"Unfortunately, this is the only time that people of African descent get any kind of publication," Outlaw said. "I am more about including this spirit throughout the entire year. It is appropriate that we do lift up all year."

Black History Month was officially organized in 1976. Its roots go back to 1929, when Woodson created "Negro History Week" to celebrate black heritage. The week of Feb. 19 was chosen, since the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, leaders in the fight for emancipation, both fall during that time.

People expressed concern that one week was not sufficient to observe all of the contributions blacks have made in America's history. As a result, the entire month of February was designated as "Black History Month" in 1976.

■ CORRECTIONS

A quote in Friday's paper regarding bishops' voting in Rome was incorrectly attributed to Father Richard McBrien. The quote was said by Father Richard McCormick.

An article in Friday's paper quoted Camilla Rodgers from New Mexico. The quote was said by Camille Romero.

The Observer regrets these errors.

Big Ten

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and the fact that the University falls behind CIC members in graduate programs has become a major concern in the decision to become a Big Ten member.

Membership in the CIC would also boost Notre Dame's reputation as a graduate and research university through a connection with the Association of American Universities [AAU] and a higher rank in the Carnegie Classification System.

Notre Dame currently boasts an R2 classification regarding research abilities and is not a member of the AAU. All CIC institutions, however, are AAU members with R1 status. Joining the Big Ten would give the University immediate exposure to these high-ranking qualifications and could very well propel it to an R1 position.

"I think we [can] do our graduate students a service in getting postgraduate jobs by joining consortia like the CIC," said Michael Detlefsen, chair of the Faculty Senate.

Not everyone, however, shares the same zest for graduate improvement through the CIC as Detlefsen.

"It's a way to improve our graduate programs," said Anthony Ilyder, associate vice president of the graduate school. "But it's not the only way. The University and the University alone will decide what research takes place on our campus. No affiliation will dictate that to us."

Though joining the CIC seems a good prospect for graduate students, many undergraduates are worried about how it will affect them.

According to the report sent

not plan to stray from undergraduate teaching.

Other programs offered through the CIC could enhance initiative in deciding to join. Efforts such as the Alliance for Success [AFS], which promotes advancement in minority graduate attendance, and the Traveling Scholar Program, which allows doctoral students from CIC schools to do course work abroad, add to the appeal of CIC membership.

Academic pros and cons aside, much concern has been raised over the Catholic identity of the University.

"I don't think we're going to lose our Catholic character," said Preacher.

As the only member of the CIC with a Catholic affiliation, questions have been raised whether the University would lose its religious identity.

The CIC bases its membership on the autonomy of each institution, which many of faculty members hope would help maintain the independent and religious character of the University.

"I don't think Notre Dame is ever going to lose its independent character," added Preacher. "We define our own character within the confines of our institution."

Tim Logan contributed to this story.

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FACULTY SENATE CHAIR

out by the Student Senate, there are also real negatives for undergraduates if Notre Dame moves blindly towards being a research university.

"They [undergraduates] won't be academically harmed," said Preacher, who emphasized the fact that though they will be able to spend more time and energy researching, the faculty does

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH FILM SERIES

1. Wednesday, February 3, 1999/ 7:00 PM/ 141 Debartolo
NELSON MANDELA: THE MAN, by Tony Cimber/ 1994

Nelson Mandela, easily the most recognizable Black man in the world, dramatically rose to power over a government that imprisoned him for over a quarter of a century. His relentless quest for freedom and peace opposed the turbulent Apartheid government of South Africa: a country marred by political arrest, violence, and racial turmoil. This in-depth and moving film details the remarkable life of Nelson Mandela with footage that had never before been seen in the United States. Nelson Mandela fulfills a dream for post Apartheid South Africa and gives hope to suppressed peoples everywhere.

2. Wednesday, February 10, 1999/ 7:00 PM/ 141 Debartolo
ASHAKARA, by Gérard Louvin/ Togo, Switzerland, and France/ 1991/ 90 min.

Set in Togo, West Africa, Ashakara is a modern African tale. An African doctor finds a cure to a deadly virus and decides to mass produce the drug at low cost in Africa. However, a pharmaceutical multi-national does not want the doctor to succeed and sends an agent to Africa first to buy the drug, then to destroy it... Mixing action, suspense, good humor, and a lucid depiction of the contemporary African continent, *Ashakara* entertains and educates us all at once.

3. Wednesday, February 17, 1999/ 7:00 PM/ 141 Debartolo
BEHIND THESE WALLS: Mumia Abu-Jamal & the Long Struggle for Freedom, by Jules Buerjes & Heike Kleffner/ 1996/ 70 min.

On August 17, 1995, Mumia Abu-Jamal, journalist and former Black Panther Party Member was scheduled to be executed and his case - he is one of the 3,000 death row inmates in the US - has raised international attention and protest. The execution warrant was stayed; however, Governor Ridge of Pennsylvania immediately announced his plan to sign a new death warrant as soon as legally possible. This film documents Mumia-Abu-Jamal's long struggle for a new trial. It explores the history of his trial and subsequent hearings and meticulously tells the story of this famous case through interviews with Abu-Jamal himself, the attorneys, family members and others involved in the story of one of the US' most controversial political prisoners.

2. Wednesday, February 24, 1999/ 7:00 PM/ 141 Debartolo
FARAW! MOTHER OF THE DUNES, by Abdoulaye Ascofaré/ Mali/ 1997/ 90 min.

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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Conservative Party suspends Spencer for behavior

LONDON

The opposition Conservative Party on Sunday suspended a European Parliament lawmaker who was fined by customs for bringing marijuana and homosexual pornography into Britain. Tom Spencer, 50, a member of the Conservative group in the European Union's parliament, based in Strasbourg, France, paid \$900 to customs in an out-of-court settlement after pornographic videos, magazines and a small amount of marijuana were found in his briefcase during a routine check at London's Heathrow Airport. Such settlements are usually confidential and mean individuals do not have to appear in court. However, news of the fine was leaked to newspapers at the weekend. Spencer said he would not stand for re-election to the European Parliament in June, adding that he would understand if the Tories decided to drop him. "I am gay, I have always been gay," Spencer told reporters, standing alongside his wife, Elizabeth, outside their home in Churt, Surrey.

Scientists link origin of AIDS with chimps

CHICAGO

Where did the AIDS virus come from? Scientists believe they have solved this lingering mystery. The answer: chimps. In a presentation Sunday, researchers from the University of Alabama at Birmingham said they have convincing proof that the virus has spread on at least three separate occasions from chimpanzees to people in Africa. One of these cross-species transmissions was the start of the epidemic that now infects about 35 million people worldwide. Chimps, which have probably carried the virus for hundreds of thousands of years, apparently do not get sick from it. Figuring out why could be important.

Bauer announces bid for 2000

WASHINGTON

Conservative activist Gary Bauer, saying he has a vision for the country that will excite the American people, announced Sunday his intention to run for the Republican nomination for president. Bauer, 52, admitted that "a lot of Americans probably don't know me yet" but said he has the conservative credentials and money-raising skills necessary for a viable candidacy. Bauer, interviewed on NBC's "Meet the Press," said he will file papers Monday with the Federal Election Commission on forming a presidential exploratory committee. "I'm anxious and enthusiastic about getting into this debate and seeing if we can elevate it, see if we can put some real issues on the table for the American people," he said.

■ YUGOSLAVIA



AFP Photo

A group of Albanian men proceed behind the coffins of two Albanians killed this weekend. Fighting continues in the province of Kosovo as ethnic Albanians prepare to begin their peace talks.

Kosovo Albanians seek to unite

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRISTINA

Only days before Kosovo Albanians were expected to talk peace with the Serbs, U.S. and British envoys were shuttling between hotel rooms, explaining conference plans to rival ethnic Albanians who wouldn't even sit together.

Beyond that common goal of independence for their Kosovo homeland, ethnic Albanian leaders are divided by deep personal and philosophical differences, petty rivalries and a desire for power.

The success of the international Kosovo peace conference, which the United States and five major European powers have called for Saturday, may depend largely on whether these groups can speak with a single voice in negotiations with the Serbs.

NATO has authorized Secretary-General Javier Solana to launch military action in Yugoslavia if the diplomatic initiative fails.

"There is considerable pressure now for them to unite, and it's not only coming from the international community but from inside the Albanian community as well," Veton Surroi, an influential ethnic Albanian journalist, told The Associated Press.

Independence from the Yugoslav republic of Serbia is a goal agreed on by most Kosovo Albanians, who form 90 percent of the province's 2 million people.

Mahmut Bakali, the former Communist Party president in Kosovo, says international pressure will probably lead the rivals to overcome their differences.

"There is no difference in the goal of independence," he said. "These rivalries are irrational."

Still animosities are strong and have sometimes exploded into bloodshed.

In September, moderate politician Sabri Hamiti was critically wounded in an unsolved ambush after expressing readiness to negotiate only self-rule — the goal of the talks

in Rambouillet, France.

The key ethnic Albanian players are: Ibrahim Rugova, the twice-elected "president" of a Kosovo government that the Serbs have never recognized; and the Kosovo Liberation Army, which has rebounded from battlefield defeats last summer.

Although independence remains his goal, Rugova has accepted a plan for an "interim solution" to grant Kosovo sweeping autonomy for three years.

After that, Serbs and ethnic Albanians could reconsider full independence. But Albanian state television quoted senior KLA official Jakup Krasniqi as saying "negotiations organized in a rush do not guarantee success for the solving of the Kosovo problem."

Krasniqi, who met last week with U.S. envoy Christopher Hill, was quoted by the rebel news agency Kosova Press as saying the guerrillas "remain open to negotiations with relevant international actors."

■ UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Iran celebrates Khomeini's anniversary

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBAI

As if reciting a fairy tale, the host of a children's TV program narrates a brief account of Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution, which overthrew a king, stunned the United States and rumbled through the entire Muslim world.

He points to a reverent portrait of the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and holds up a long-nosed puppet of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, who was toppled by the man Iranians call "imam," or saint.

"This, children, was the good imam who rid Iran of the evil shah," he says.

As the anniversary approaches of Khomeini's return from exile in France 20 years ago, state-run television has been full of programs to keep Khomeini's memory alive — especially among Iranians born since 1979.

The moment that Khomeini's plane touched down — 9:33 a.m. — will be marked Monday with the ringing of school bells, and trains and ships will blow their whistles. A helicopter will shower flowers on his tomb.

The stern Shiite Muslim cleric rallied the nation to overthrow the U.S.-supported shah, defied the United States by holding 52 American diplomats hostage for more than a year and threatened to export his revolution around the world.

Later, in February 1989, Khomeini shocked the world when he accused British writer Salman Rushdie of insulting Islam in his novel, "Satanic Verses," and called on Muslims to kill him. Rushdie was forced into hiding.

Khomeini died on June 3, 1989, and the Islamic republic that he left behind is now in the grips of a power struggle. Hard-liners want to continue to rule in his uncompromising style and moderates are loyal to the reformist president, Mohammad

Khatami.

Despite state efforts to burnish Khomeini's image with television shows, many in Iran know that his revolution shattered many lives.

More than 10,000 Iranians were executed in waves of revolutionary terror unleashed by Khomeini. More than a half-million Iranians, mostly professionals and the rich, left the country to live abroad.

And about a million people were killed in the 1980-88 war with Iraq, which created two million refugees in Iran alone. Disabled war veterans still beg in the streets.

In the run-up to Monday's anniversary, state television has broadcast at least a dozen times a day the footage of Khomeini climbing down the stairs of an Air France jumbo jet, a French steward holding his hand.

What those heavily edited images don't show is what Khomeini told a reporter on the plane who asked how he felt about returning home.

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■ JORDAN

King chooses son as heir to throne

Associated Press

AMMAN

King Hussein's departure to the United States last week to treat a relapse of cancer ended a stunning week of power struggles and purges that forever changed the royal family.

At times, not even the king's closest advisers knew his choice for an heir — and many suspected it might be his 19-year-old son, Hamzeh, considered his favorite, palace sources said on condition of anonymity. Throughout, the king was in and out of the hospital, twice after falling in his bathroom, they said.

The sources provided this account: Word of the change came a day after Hussein's return, on Jan. 20, when the king hinted to CNN that, after 34 years grooming his brother for the throne, he might choose a new successor. The next day, Prince Hassan contacted the king's office, inquiring about his status. He received no answer.

The response was to come Jan. 22, when the king sent two senior aides — his intelligence chief and army chief of staff — to Hassan's home to tell him that he was no longer crown prince. The two men were among a group that Hussein had accused Hassan of trying to purge while he was sick.

Hassan tried to call the king, but he had returned to a mili-

tary hospital to receive transfusions. Upon his release Friday evening, the king saw Hassan at his home in Amman's outskirts.

On Jan. 23, the king informed his senior aides of his decision that Hassan would not be his successor, but stopped short of naming an heir.

That decision was taken the next day, when the king met Abdullah, his oldest son and a major general in the army.

Later that night, the king fell in his bathroom, hitting his head — the first in a series of mishaps — and had to return to the hospital. He fell again in his bathroom Monday and cut his thigh, just hours after signing the decree to appoint Abdullah as heir to the Hashemite throne.

He was again taken to the hospital with a high fever, and his doctors decided he had to return to the United States.

He was released about midnight, convening his security and military aides, the prime minister and his brother, Prince Mohammed, to give them instructions while he was gone. Hassan arrived three hours late. Once there, he turned over the medal of crownship to Abdullah in the presence of the king.

The next day, the king, weak and flushed, left for the airport, where he swore in Abdullah and then departed.

Indicted pilots blame faulty map

Associated Press

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.

A flawed map that failed to show ski gondola towers stretching 500 feet above an alpine valley may be the central issue at the court-martial of a Marine pilot charged with killing 20 people when his plane's wing severed a gondola cable.

Capt. Richard Ashby's defense team says he never would have flown his EA-6B Prowler jet into the valley near Cavalese, Italy, if he had known about the ski lift. But his map didn't show the cable system, built in 1966.

"Air crews rely on maps given to them by the United States to plan their mission," said Frank Spinner, a civilian lawyer hired to assist Ashby's military attorneys.

"When you have an uncharted obstruction that goes 500 feet above ground level smack in the middle of an approved low-altitude route, how could you expect them to know that it exists?"

Prosecution lawyers acknowledge Ashby's map did not show the Mount Cermis ski lift but say the omission does not bear on the fact that Ashby was "flattening," flying too low and too fast. Ashby denies it.

Attorneys plan to question the 15 military jurors Thursday and Friday in a squat brick building on this sprawling Marine Corps base. Opening statements are planned Feb. 8.

The tragedy itself, in which a giant cable car plummeted more than 350 feet, tossing dismembered bodies onto blood-stained snow, will be fresh in many

minds when the court-martial begins. A memorial service is planned in Italy on Wednesday, the first anniversary.

Ashby, 31, of Mission Viejo, Calif., faces a possible 200-year sentence if convicted of 20 involuntary manslaughter counts. He also is charged with destroying government and private property and dereliction of duty.

The jet's navigator, Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, 31, of Westbury, N.Y., faces court-martial Feb. 22 on 20 counts each of involuntary manslaughter and negligent homicide. Charges were dismissed last year against two other crew members who were seated in the rear and had obstructed views of the plane's path.

Besides the bad map, Ashby's lawyers plan to show the pilot may have succumbed to an optical illusion that tricked him into thinking he was flying higher than he was. A crash investigator said he experienced the same illusion in a simulator: When he "flew" out of the narrow valley into the wider area where the lift was, he said ground appeared — incorrectly — to be falling away.

Another issue will be whether the jet's radar altimeter — properly signaled whenever the jet dropped below 1,000 feet, its prescribed minimum altitude. The cables were 370 feet above the ground where the wing hit them.

Spinner said the radar altimeter checked out on the ground, and a crew member said he heard it before the accident. The altimeter's tone had sounded frequently during the ridge-hopping flight, Spinner said, and the

pilot may have not noticed it after awhile.

Spinner, a former Air Force prosecutor who as a civilian represented Air Force Lt. Kelly Flinn in her adultery case, said the case would rely heavily on expert testimony. Each side plans to produce eight to 10 experts.

While the personal stakes are great for Ashby, foreign relations are at stake for the United States.

Last year, when the Italian government threatened U.S. landing privileges at the Aviano air base, President Clinton assured the Italians justice would be served.

Giuseppe Pontrelli, spokesman for a Cavalese residents association, accused the United States of trying to minimize the accident. Last week, he said the trial should have been held in Italy.

"The fact that the two back-seat crewmen have been cleared of charges tells you a lot about the way the U.S. is handling the case," Pontrelli said. "If I said I'm confident about the outcome of the trial, it would be a lie."

During the trial, jurors will be taken 60 miles to the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station. That's home base for the Prowler, which is designed to fly at 20,000 feet and use its radar to find enemy planes and missiles and warn fighters and bombers. There jurors will observe a Prowler in the air and sit in another's cockpit.

Relatives of the five Belgian victims plan to attend the trial, at the Marine Corps' invitation, said their lawyer, Torrence Armstrong.

WHY SHOULD YOU

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WEEK OF ACTION Feb. 1-5

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- ◆ **Tuesday:** **7:00pm in Washington Hall**, presentations by **Phil Donahue**, Pete Cesaro and others concerning the revision of the non-discrimination clause. Films: *Love, Valour, Compassion* & *South Park*.
- ◆ **Wednesday:** **Fast begins at sunrise.** Pick up a copy of the WOA newsletter. Films: *Longtime Companion* & *South Park*.
- ◆ **Thursday:** **Fast continues. 8:30-9:00pm Vigil at the Grotto.** Films: *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* & *South Park*.
- ◆ **Friday:** **Fast ends at midnight.** Go see *The Opposite of Sex* by N.D.'s own Don Roos at the Snite.

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- Monday, February 1, 1999

— Vladimir Nabokov

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Women Engineers Forgotten, Again

The Technical Review, the University of Notre Dame's Engineering magazine, is published four times each year and is sent to students in the College of Engineering. When my copy of the Technical Review (the Space Edition 1998, Volume 52, No. 2) found its way to my mailbox this past week, I began to leaf through its pages as I normally do. Unfortunately, I became offended, both by what I saw, and by what I did not see.

On page 45 of the magazine, there is an advertisement for the Technical Review. "We're Looking for a Few Good Men" the ad said — a few good men to be a part of the great tradition of the University of Notre Dame. The phrase, "a few good men" is a common one, it is even the title of a wonderful movie, but in its context, the Technical Review use of this phrase fails to recognize the presence of women engineers.

It appears to me that the Technical Review (an official publication of the University of Notre Dame, as stated on page 3) clearly is looking for a few good men. While there are two women listed on the magazine's staff, the Space Edition 1998 includes no articles written by women. There are six men profiled in the magazine, no women. It is not my intent to deny that men such as Alan Sheperd have had a great impact on the United States and the world. But what about Sally Ride, the first American



woman in space? Or Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, the first woman Shuttle Commander? Or Nancy Roman, the first female to hold an executive position at NASA? All these women have influenced the U. S. space program, and yet there is no mention of them.

One woman, Shannon Lucid, was mentioned briefly in the magazine, listed merely as one of the "American astronauts who served a tour on Mir" (p. 25). The article fails to mention her many contributions to the space program and to the international community. Not only did Shannon Lucid spend a record 188 days in space, Dr. Lucid has flown on five space missions and is the recipient of one of Russia's highest civilian awards, the Order of Friendship medal.

Another woman was mentioned in the magazine as well, her name appeared in one of the photo captions — Elena Maroka, a NASA employee. The only other woman mentioned by name in the entire magazine is Jennifer Aniston. Her name is not offered as that of a woman who is to be respected, but rather as part of a slew of disparaging comments made in the Comedy Relief. Mr. Barry makes various references to pornography (typically seen as degrading to women) in his article. And the "high tech information" he speaks of involves, really, really dirty pictures of Jennifer Aniston (p. 45).

Unfortunately, recognition of women engineers is not a failure of only the Technical Review. In my four years at this university (all of which have been spent in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in civil engineering), I have not had a single female instructor in any course except literature and theology. Of all the guest speakers I have listened to in my classes, I have heard but one female's voice. And from Ms. Anne Ellis, a structural engineer with the Portland Cement Association, I received a great deal of encouragement as a woman in a predominately male-dominated field.

Twice the Technical Review makes reference to the future of engineering and technology. "The next generation of scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs, and explorers" is mentioned on page 29. The next generation does not consist only of men, but of "a few good women as well." By failing to recognize the presence of women, neither the Technical Review nor the University of Notre Dame, is doing their job to inspire the engineers and explorers of the future. It is a hope that technological advances such as the space station will serve to "inspire children to want to learn more about science and eventually pursue careers in science and engineering" (p. 24). But it must be remembered that "children" is a term inclusive of both young women and young men. There are women in the College of Engineering at this university. I am one of them, and I am looking forward to my career as a civil engineer.

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■ JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Right to Age Rites

(U-WIRE) BALTIMORE, Md. — In four days I am going to be 21 years old.

Everyone makes such a big deal when I tell them, and they all want to know how I am going to celebrate this great milestone in my life. What they really mean to say is "Where are you going to try your first drink?" After all, everyone has to have at least a little something on their 21st birthday, right? But I don't drink and have no plans to do so. So what then, if any, is the significance of this birthday I am about to have?

If you ask people who are not members of the Hopkins drinking team, you get various answers. Some say that it's just a number, whereas others see it as independence and the entrance into adulthood.

But is 21 actually the signifier of adulthood? At 18 years of age you can join the military, vote, sign any legal document, buy cigarettes and porno, and be tried as an adult. At 21 you can also purchase alcohol and gamble, but you still can't rent a car until you are 24. So when do you become a full-fledged adult?

Most earlier civilizations and many tribal nations have rite of passage ceremonies which provide a clear line between childhood and adulthood.

Although they vary in their actual rituals, they all consist of three parts. Separation, transition, and incorporation. The child must be separated from the family and go through some sort of ritual, sometimes hunting or survival in the wilderness for males and seclusion during the first menstrual period for females, in which they are considered to have earned their manhood or womanhood. Upon completion, they are incorporated into the adult society and no longer looked upon as children. Most will marry and begin to have children shortly after their rite of passage.

Modern culture is quite a bit different. Many religions have spiritual rites of passage: Jewish children have their Bar/Bat Mitzvah at 13 years of age; Catholics are confirmed at 12 years old; Islamic children are expected to begin praying between 7 and 10 years old; and Hindu boys of the Brahmin Cast go through a Sacred Thread ceremony shortly before puberty in which they are given a sacred thread to wear around their bodies and the responsibility to perform prayers and rituals every morning. A spiritual maturation marker does not equal or create a social rite of passage, and a fourteen year old in these cultures is still considered less than a full-fledged adult—an adolescent.

The end of adolescence and the beginning of adulthood is greatly influenced by a culturally set time clock which establishes the appropriate timing for particular life events. This social clock varies between different cultures, but often highlights events such as marriage and child-

birth.

Psychologically, adulthood has often been measured by the mastery of Erickson's Identity vs. Role Confusion Stage or the entrance into Postformal thought, but today in most cultures there is no definite life event which signifies adulthood.

Now as the "Educated Class" we find ourselves with even more ambiguity. Whereas you may be able to find a few over-confident students who consider themselves full adults, most of us are stuck in this thing called Extended Adolescence. Sort of a new term in psychosocial studies, extended adolescence is this period where we are quasi-independent, relying on our parents or sponsors for financial stability, but making many of our own life choices. Fifty years ago, most women ages 20-24 were married with at least one child. Now many are choosing to extend their education and fall behind on the social clock.

As a result, we have begun to create our own rites of passage. As stated earlier, a rite of passage must have separation, transition, and incorporation. Most students have separation. Unless you commute, you have left your home and gone off on your own. It is at the transition stage that we have become stuck. Some people still believe in the sanctity of the marriage and have kept that as the point when they know they will be an adult.

Others have decided that when they become financially independent or reach a certain level of education, they will be an adult. Still others felt they were an adult the second their parents drove away on move-in day. This month's Glamour Magazine ran the results of a poll where they asked women when they knew they were an adult. Buying furniture full-price and promotions in their careers were highest on the list.

Insecure adults who create their own rite of passage often begin to wonder if they passed the right test. Men whose marriages failed, or women who reach 30 years of age and have never been married often challenge their own adulthood wondering, "Why can't I grow up?"

Whatever self-made rite of passage is chosen, it must be accomplished for the individual to truly feel like an adult. Everyone has an intrinsic need to pass a "test" and prove their adulthood so that they will be accepted by themselves and others as a bona fide adult. The coveted acceptance as a real adult is the third step of the rite of passage, incorporation.

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

'The wise learn many things from their enemies.'

— Aristophanes

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Much to be desired 'At First Sight'

"At First Sight"

Director: Irwin Winkler

Starring: Mira Sorvino, Val Kilmer, Nathan Lane, Kelly McGillis and Steven Weber



(Out of five shamrocks)

By JENELLE WILLIAMS
Scene Movie Critic

Sitting in front of a computer screen, fingers poised awaiting divine inspiration, it is often difficult to formulate concrete opinions on that which compels no serious passion; that which does not elicit significant emotion. This is perhaps the best way to describe "At First Sight." It is a movie unlike the tear-jerking, gut-wrenching, love story the commercials strive so hard to portray.

Amy (Mira Sorvino) is a New York architect burnt out by the fast-paced city-life swirling around her. The perfect solution to her problem, according to her overly concerned coworkers and friends, is a vacation to a spa out in the sticks. Although skeptical, she concedes, heading off for a few peaceful and uneventful days.

Enter Val Kilmer as Virgil, the blind massage therapist whose deep tissue jobs are a little too deep and personal for the emotionally volatile Amy. After carrying the weight of the world around on her shoulders, she lies on the table and breaks down. When Virgil is there to comfort her, she realizes just how

caring he is, and she begins to look at him in a new way.

Suddenly, he understands her and views her like no other person ever has — without physically seeing her. Through some kind of mystical magnetism, they develop a relationship, illogical to everyone in the outside world, including Virgil's overprotective sister, Jenny (Kelly McGillis) and Amy's ex-husband.

They continue to spend every possible minute together until one day, after only a short period together, Amy discovers the possibility that Virgil could regain his sight by means of surgery. However, when Virgil goes through with the procedure and moves in with Amy, things are not exactly how



Val Kilmer (as Virgil) tries to exemplify what love 'at first sight' really is.

they expected. As both of them adapt to the new lifestyle, life becomes difficult, and their relationship is put to the test.

The bottom line — this movie is horribly predictable. But of course, that is only one of the essential "chick flick" ingredients present. The plot closely follows the "love" story formula, complete with stereotypical gender roles. She is overworked and underloved. At the brink of a nervous breakdown, she is suffering from the frenzied city life she can't seem to leave.

And he is going to show her the light. Because, of course, he is like no other man alive — sensitive, observant and friendly; a regular 'saint' with Ice Man good looks. Oh yeah, and he can give a great massage. And she is the one for him because she smells like "coffee cake" and has a deep, seductive voice.

As a drama, this movie harbors on the border of some serious issues, but unfortunately it chops them up into digestible fragments so as to not disturb the love story. Besides the topics related to blindness — living with a handicap, being accepted by society, etc. — the plot attempts to transform interpersonal dilemmas into something philosophical and profound. This is primarily done in the moments of intense (relatively speaking) emotion between the two given characters. It takes the shape of a misplaced comment, which only serves to harshly disrupt the flow of natural conversation.

There is one exception. An underlying message that could have been more developed was the concept of comfort zones. Everyone attempts to live in a zone of stability where all is safe, com-



Val Kilmer (left) and Mira Sorvino (right) star in the inspired-from-true-life love story, "At First Sight."

fortable and predictable. And perhaps some people are content existing in this manner.

But do these people ever really live? Only when people step outside of their own little worlds, taking a chance to view things from a new perspective, can they fully appreciate life. Only then are they capable of personal growth, happiness and love. While this theme came up at random moments, it was not adequately developed.

Within one film lies the possibility for two. Potential for an endearing love story and a compelling drama exists in "At First Sight." But these two conflicting stories undercut one another leaving only a forced melodrama. It is not a movie which provokes thought or stirs emotions, but it is solid entertainment. It is not a bad movie, but it just is not particularly creative. Based on a true story, it is more plausible than, for example, "Sleepless In Seattle." Indeed, it follows the love story outline to the letter. So, in that capacity, perhaps it has succeeded. For that reason, though, perhaps it is worth seeing — if only once.

'Varsity Blues' can't fake the funk

"Varsity Blues"

Director: Brian Robbins

Starring: James Van Der Beek, Jon Voight, Paul Walker, Ron Lester and Scott Caan



(Out of five shamrocks)

By JEFFREY Q. IRISH
Scene Movie Critic

"Football is religion" is a witticism often uttered on fall Saturdays in South Bend, but it is the true belief of almost all residents of the small hick town of West Canaan, Texas. And West Canaan just happens to be the setting for "Varsity Blues," a stereotypical high school movie about the overemphasis put on sports in many communities across America.

As the seemingly infinite commercials have hinted, "Varsity Blues" is a corporate motion picture (Coca-Cola and Budweiser plugs included) by MTV Productions. The film is void of both originality and reality, though it does produce some likeable characters.

Veteran Jon Voight plays Coach Kilmer who is the deviant behind

the glorification of the football team. Kilmer is searching for his elusive 23rd district championship and disregards the grades, health and maturation of his players for the sake of winning. The entire town buys into Coach Kilmer's beliefs except for his backup quarterback Mox. Mox, played by James Van Der Beek, ("Dawson's Creek") is more interested in achieving an Ivy League scholarship. He dislikes football so much that he reads Kurt Vonnegut during his initial few games as a backup.

Then as suspected, the star quarterback is injured in a game, and Mox has to step up to lead the team to victory. Mox also has to learn to deal with some

of the "extras" that come along with the position of starting quarterback.

These "extras" include dating the most attractive cheerleader, not paying for beer and having complete control over the football team, both on and off the field.

Mox is a man of character though, and tries his best to stay away from the delinquent temptations in which many of his teammates indulge. Among these delinquents is Tweeder (Scott Caan), who is the wide receiver, party animal and fan favorite. Tweeder is immature and witty, and he epitomizes frat boy comedy. This includes the scene in which Tweeder drunkenly steals a police car at a party, immediately in front of the sheriff's eyes, for the purpose of picking up nude sophomore girls.

There is a gratuitous amount of nudity throughout the film and it is the most obvious reason for the R-rating. In one memorable scene, the team visits a nearby strip club in which the orca-fat lineman Billy Bob (Ron Lester) dances with the high school's sex education teacher.

Billy Bob is another main character that provides frat boyish comedy, only he is not nearly as funny as Tweeder. Hackneyed comedy and flatulence jokes are attributes that follow Billy Bob and most of Brian Robbins' other



Jon Voight (right) confronts quarterback James Van Der Beek in the inconsistent "Varsity Blues."



Van Der Beek loves the ladies in "Varsity Blues."

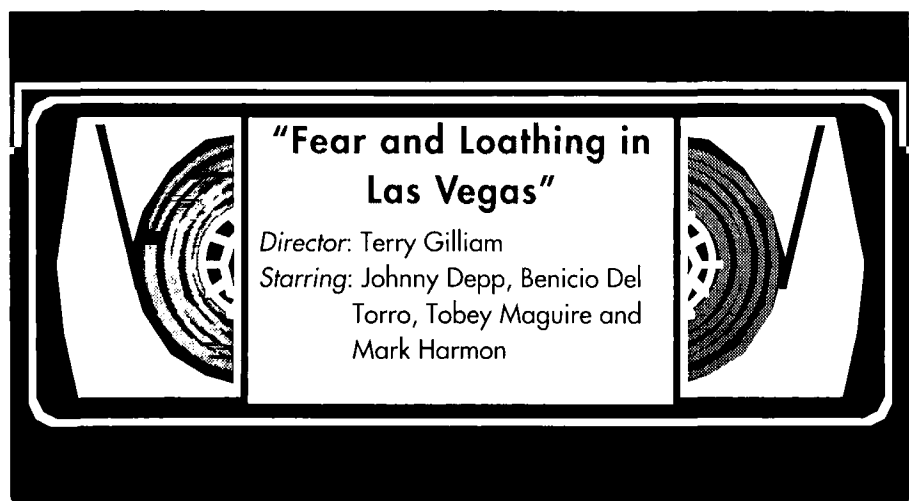
films ("Good Burger").

Robbins' directing tried to do too much with a poor script and the film simply did not come together. He unsuccessfully sought to portray a movie about sports, religion, tyranny, racism and other woes of a small town.

And while Van Der Beek's movie star career is probably over just as quickly as it started, Voight and other actors gave solid performances that just couldn't make a poorly written and poorly directed corporate motion picture interesting.

Overall "Varsity Blues" is humorous and entertaining at many parts, but it never lives up to its hype or even to other high school films such as "Dazed and Confused" and the recent "Can't Hardly Wait." If you are crazy about football or love stereotypical high school films then this movie is for you. Otherwise a rerun of "Friends" is equally entertaining.

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK



"Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas"

Director: Terry Gilliam

Starring: Johnny Depp, Benicio Del Toro, Tobey Maguire and Mark Harmon

By CHRISTIAN A. PIERCE
Scene Movie Critic

Do you find yourself wandering down the video rental aisles looking for something different, only to find repetitive Hollywood garbage? Does it seem like the plot is always the same and only the faces change?

Well, the idea of watching another Meg Ryan-Tom Hanks romantic comedy makes me want to vomit. As I selected a film to review, I was determined to find a pioneer, an innovator who like myself was tired of the same old crap.

I'm not usually one to be sucked in by creative cover design, but "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" made a statement. The cover alone said that this was a film which would push the envelope, taking the medium of film to a new realm. "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" is the newest project by director Terry Gilliam, creator of such brilliant work as "Brazil" and "Time Bandits."

Typically, his films are labeled as absurdist, using ridiculous situations as a means of commenting on present day society. This strategy of filmmaking rejects many of the conventions of Hollywood by eliminating predictable plots. Therefore, I chose this film with the hope that Gilliam understood my frustration with recent releases.

"Fear and Loathing" is based on a notorious autobiographical novel written by Hunter S. Thompson in 1971. In the '70s, Thompson worked for *Sports Illustrated* and covered such events as a famous moto-cross in Las Vegas. The novel discusses his venture to Vegas with a rented convertible, his typewriter and a suitcase filled with drugs.

Well, hey, it was the '70s right? Everybody did a little drugs.

Knowing this going in, I expected a road film on the lines of "Easy Rider," but I was seriously underestimating the trippy writing of Thompson and



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures
Johnny Depp plays typewriter-holding Raoul Drake in "Fear and Loathing."

the creative genius of Gilliam. Thompson wrote in a style which he coined "gonzo journalism," a form in which he rants and raves on a particular topic. This drug-induced verbal tirade structures the film as we fol-

low Thompson on his bender.

The film stars Johnny Depp as Raoul Duke, the character based on Thompson. With his "lawyer," Dr. Gonzo, played by Benicio Del Toro (based on Thompson's friend, Oscar Zeta Acosta) Raoul journeys to Vegas to cover the moto-cross. The duo drives from Los Angeles only stopping to fill the car with gas and fill themselves with hallucinogenic drugs.

The loose narrative follows Duke and Dr. Gonzo as they persist in trashing every hotel room and casino they enter while in Vegas. Their



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures
Johnny Depp stars in "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."

action seem completely ludicrous and Depp's voice-over does little to rationalize their physical state. Moods swing from those of joy to depression, to psychotic thoughts of murder. We watch as they eat enormous meals, only to see them vomit minutes later.

At times the viewer also sees the world through the eyes of the character's hallucinations. To reveal any of the details of these acid trips is to do the film injustice. The transitions Gilliam makes as a director are shocking, entertaining and disgusting at the same time. Duke's trip is painful to watch as one wonders how much of this really happened to Thompson.

Now in no way does this film glorify drug use! Gilliam uses Thompson as an example of a life wasted with drugs, as the character rarely remembers what he did over the course of an entire week. For me it is this effect which makes the film worth seeing — the state of shock that leaves this viewer feeling dirty after watching the film. A viewing of this film is disturbing. It is one of the only films to actually make me feel sick. Not physically sick, but outraged that someone could actually waste away their life like this.

I recommend the film not for some sadistic reason, but due to the effect mentioned above. Johnny Depp is priceless as Duke and numerous cameos are made by a rather curious range of talent (Tobey Maguire, Mark Harmon, Cameron Diaz, Lyle Lovett, Flea, Gary Busey and Christina Ricci). So if you are sick and tired of the same old films, rent "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" and experience Hunter S. Thompson's messed-up reality.

CHART-TOPPERS



Photo courtesy of Miramax

High school rules at this weekend's box office, as newcomer "She's All That" pulls in at the number one spot with \$16.8 million. This follows two straight weeks with "Varsity Blues" at the helm. "Varsity" came in at number three with \$6.2 million.

Top Ten Weekend at the Box Office

| Movie Title | Gross Sales |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. She's All That | \$ 16.8 million |
| 2. Patch Adams | \$ 6.8 million |
| 3. Varsity Blues | \$ 6.2 million |
| 4. A Civil Action | \$ 4.8 million |
| 5. Shakespeare in Love | \$ 4.0 million |
| 6. The Thin Red Line | \$ 3.8 million |
| 7. Stepmom | \$ 3.7 million |
| 8. The Prince of Egypt | \$ 3.0 million |
| 9. You've Got Mail | \$ 3.0 million |
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Top Ten Last Week's Video Rentals

| Movie Title |
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| 1. Lethal Weapon 4 |
| 2. Blade |
| 3. Six Days, Seven Nights |
| 4. The Negotiator |
| 5. Out of Sight |
| 6. The Truman Show |
| 7. The Mask of Zorro |
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■ NFL

Elway leaves retirement question unanswered

Associated Press

MIAMI

For John Elway, the best times have been the recent ones, consecutive Super Bowl victories to perhaps close out a Hall of Fame career.

Elway added another exclamation point Sunday, joining Bart Starr, Bob Griese, Terry Bradshaw, Joe Montana and Troy Aikman as the only quarterbacks to win consecutive Super Bowls. At age 38, he is also the oldest to do it.

That makes the future questionable.

There was speculation a year ago that Elway would retire after winning the Super Bowl, but he instead chose to defend the title. And he did it brilliantly, passing for 336 yards and tying the record for the second longest TD in Super Bowl history, an 80-yard hookup with Rod Smith, as Denver beat Atlanta 34-19.

Not bad for an old guy.

That's why it's hard to come to grips with Elway possibly leaving the NFL. He's simply too good to stop playing football.

"I don't know, this definitely puts a chink in it," he said of his plans to retire. If this was his last game, it was memorable. He walked off the field with less than a minute left,

thrusting both boosts skyward with a huge smile on his face.

"I would love John to come back next season," Denver coach Mike Shanahan said.

When he ran a lap around Mile High Stadium after the Broncos won the AFC championship two weeks ago, some considered it a farewell to the home fans. Not even Elway is sure, though.

"I thought about it last year," he said before the game. "It would always be nice to go out on top and be able to walk away from this game winning the Super Bowl."

He put it aside, though.

"I think the thrill of winning the game is really hard to walk away from," he said. "I have to cross that bridge."

This year's championship might have been more difficult to achieve than last year's was for Elway. There was the summertime illness of his wife, Janet, who underwent colon surgery. Then there were nagging injuries that cost him four games at a time when he said, "I don't have that many games left." And finally, there was the week-by-week pressure of Denver's 13-game, winning streak, a run at the second perfect season in NFL history.

Still he reached significant plateaus during the season — over 50,000 yards and 300



KRT Photo

Super Bowl MVP John Elway evades a tackler in Sunday's win over the Atlanta Falcons, 34-19.

touchdowns. And he capped it all off by beating his longtime coach, Dan Reeves, with whom he had a messy feud and split six years ago.

The health of his wife was an overriding issue in Elway's decision to return this season. "She wanted me to play another year and I think, deep down, I did, too," he said. "All football

players physically eventually run out of gas. I don't think you ever want to stop playing, and I think that's the biggest thing. I don't want to leave too early, and I don't want to leave too late, either."

That hardly sounded like a man who had made up his mind.

Elway said retirement would

be a family decision.

"We'll sit down and talk about it," he said. "If you run out of mental desire before you run out of physical attributes, then it makes it a little easier."

Neither quality was missing Sunday, and that's why the Broncos have another Super Bowl trophy.

Falcons' Robinson starts despite Saturday's arrest

Associated Press

MIAMI

Eugene Robinson is one of the NFL's most respected players.

His bubbly, infectious leadership was a major reason the Atlanta Falcons reached their first Super Bowl. His strong religious beliefs, usually espoused in sermonlike fashion, seemed to make him a role model in this era of misbehaving athletes.

But Saturday night, less than 24 hours before the Super Bowl, the Pro Bowl safety was arrested on a downtown Miami street, charged with soliciting an undercover police officer for oral sex.

"I don't believe it... anybody but Eugene," linebacker Henri Crockett said Sunday in the lobby of his team's hotel. "I know what kind of person he is. There has to be something more to it."

Despite the arrest, Falcons coach Dan Reeves allowed Robinson to start Sunday night against the

Denver Broncos, the first championship game in Atlanta's 33-year history.

"I love Eugene unconditionally," said Reeves, speaking poolside during a pregame TV show. "As far as I'm concerned, and as far as the league is concerned, he can play."

Robinson warmed up as normal before the game, stopping to shake hands with head linesman Sanford Rivers.

Robinson's father, Samuel, said the defensive back needed to play to help him work through his troubles.

"There's a lesson here somewhere," he said in the hotel lobby before the game.

"While conducting an undercover prostitution sting, defendant drove up ... and offered the officer \$40 for (oral sex)," the police report said.

The misdemeanor charge carries a maximum sentence of 60 days in jail, but most first-time offenders are offered some combination of community service, attending a course on the dangers of solicitation and a

fine, said police spokesman Angel Calzadilla.

On Saturday morning, Robinson was honored with the Bart Starr Award by the religious group Athletes in Action. Balloting is conducted among NFL players to select the person who displays "high moral character."

"Unfortunately, even as Christians, we do things wrong," Reeves said. "We're all sinners."

Defensive tackle Shane Dronett said the Falcons remained intent on concentrating on the game.

Dronett said, "I'm sure he's innocent. He was probably in the wrong place at the wrong time."

"He didn't say anything about what happened, and I didn't ask him," the father said. "But you could see he was crushed. I've never seen my son with that look of concern and disappointment in his entire life."

"You can't put Eugene Robinson aside, but we've got to do the best we can," Reeves said. "We've done a good job dealing with distractions this year."

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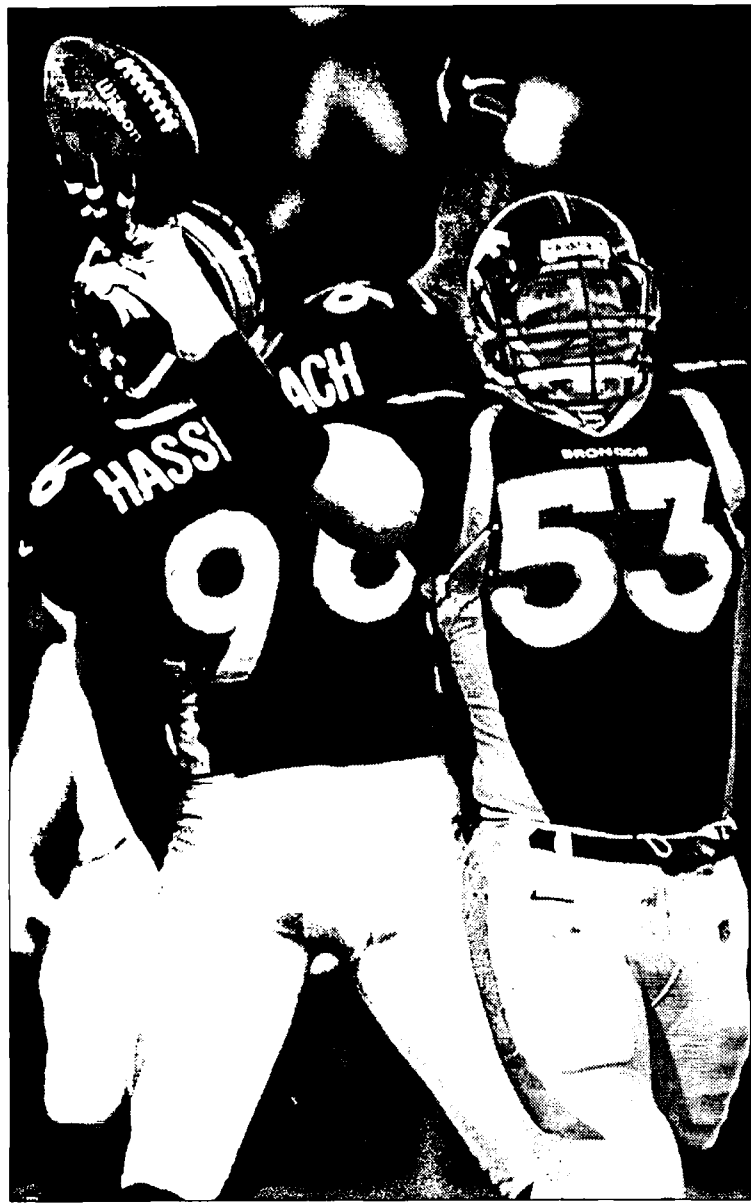
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■ NFL

Broncos capture second Super Bowl Championship



Denver's Bill Romanowski and Harold Hasselbach proved key in the Broncos 34-19 victory over the Falcons.

Associated Press

MIAMI

What a perfect way for John Elway to say goodbye.

The man who spent his first 14 NFL seasons without a Super Bowl ring got his second straight Sunday, weaving his magic for what could be the final time and gaining revenge on former coach and adversary Dan Reeves and his upstart Atlanta Falcons.

The final score was 34-19 over an Atlanta team that was its own worst enemy as the 38-year-old Elway, who was the unanimous choice for MVP, completed 18 of 29 passes for 336 yards and one touchdown and ran 3 yards for another score.

The total yardage was third best in Super Bowl history.

In addition to the Falcons, who did everything they could to self-destruct on offense, Elway's accomplices were:

— Darrien Gordon, who intercepted two passes that set up two scores and set a Super Bowl record with 108 yards in interception returns.

— Fullback Howard Griffith, who had two 1-yard TD runs.

— Terrell Davis, the league MVP, who carried 25 times for 102 yards for his seventh consecutive postseason 100-yard game, an NFL record set by John Riggins.

— Wide receiver Rod Smith, who caught five passes for 152 yards and an 80-yard touchdown.

Despite the absence of tight end Shannon Sharpe, who injured a knee in the first quarter, Smith and the other Denver receivers consistently burned

Eugene Robinson, the Atlanta safety who was arrested Saturday night on charges of soliciting sex from an undercover police officer.

All that helped Denver become the first team to win two straight Super Bowls since Dallas did in 1993 and 1994 and the first AFC team to win two straight since Pittsburgh won in 1979 and 1980.

But for all the Broncos did, the game turned on what the Falcons didn't do — getting only six points on their first six forays into Denver territory. Their first TD came on rookie Tim Dwight's 94-yard kickoff return with 11 minutes left in the game.

On the others, Jamal Anderson was dumped for a 2-yard loss on fourth and 1 from the Broncos 26, Morten Andersen missed a 28-yard field goal, and Chris Chandler threw an interception to Gordon.

In all, Chandler threw three interceptions, two picked off by Gordon, who also had two in the AFC championship game.

The game turned on one of those failures with five minutes left in the second quarter.

Atlanta moved to the Denver 8, but couldn't convert on third and goal. Then Andersen, one of only two kickers with more than 400 career field goals, missed a 26-yard attempt.

On the next play, Smith raced by Ronnie Bradford and Robinson and caught the ball in stride for an 80-yard score that made it 17-6.

The Atlanta loss was the fourth defeat for Reeves as a Super Bowl coach, the first three with Denver in 1987, 1988 and 1990.

In each of those games, he said, his teams played nowhere near their potential.

That certainly was true Sunday with the Falcons, who won the AFC West with a 14-2 record after going 3-13 two years ago, the year before Reeves took over.

But even if Denver's offense hadn't self-destructed, the Falcons would have had problems because the defense just couldn't stop Elway. Denver scored on six of its first 10 possessions and was stopped twice because Jason Elam missed field goals.

Elway was intercepted on the other possession and the Broncos punted just once during that period.

Dwight returned the opening kickoff to his own 37 and the Falcons went 48 yards in 10 plays to set up Andersen's 32-yard field that gave them a 3-0 lead. They got as far as the 8, but Bill Romanowski sacked Chandler on third down.

The Broncos responded with an 80-yard, 10-play drive capped by Griffith's 1-yard dive for a touchdown. The key play was a 41-yard Elway pass to Smith on third and 7 from the Denver 35.

On the Broncos' next possession, a pass deflected off Sharpe's hands to Bradford, giving the Falcons a first down at the Denver 35. But the Falcons came up short on third and 1, and then lost two yards going for it on fourth down when Keith Traylor stopped Anderson trying to run wide right.

From there, the Broncos drove 63 yards in 11 plays to set up a 26-yard field goal by Elam that gave them a 10-3 lead 5:43 into the second quarter.

Once again the Falcons threatened and didn't score when Andersen missed a 26-yard field goal wide right.

That was a killer.

On the next play, Smith caught Elway's pass for the 80-yard touchdown.

Once again, Atlanta moved well — down to the Denver 11 — but it couldn't get the ball in the end zone and had to settle for Andersen's 28-yard field goal that made it 17-6 at the half.

On its first possession of the second half, Denver threatened yet again. But a holding penalty by Duane Carswell, who replaced Sharpe, pushed the Broncos back and Elam missed a 38-yard field goal attempt.

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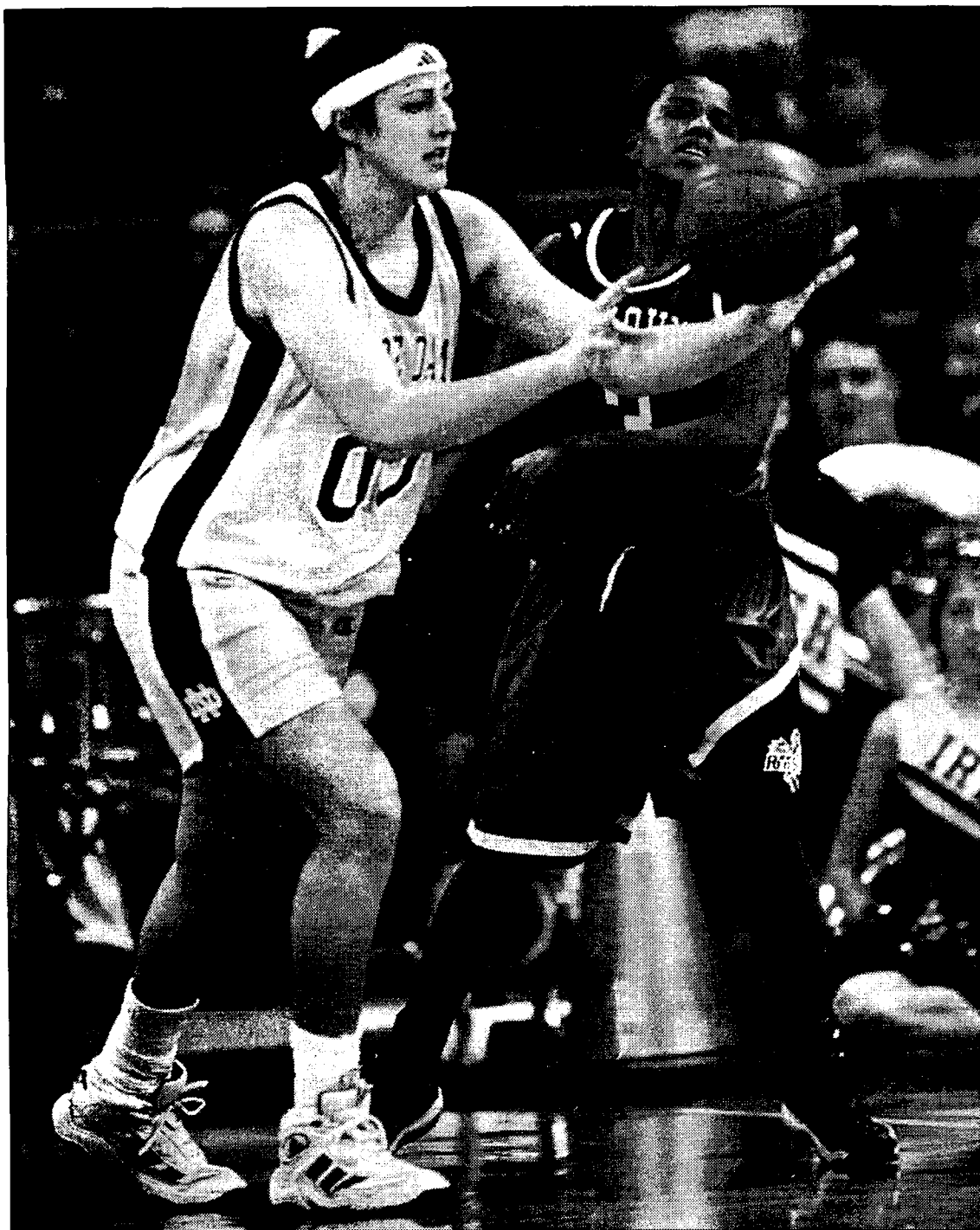
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Irish

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The Friars' defense was unable to keep pace with Notre Dame's offense, allowing Riley to score 26 in the first half alone and finish with 41 after checking out of the game with 9:15 remaining in the second. Sheila McMillen and Danielle Green balanced out the attack, scoring 14 and 13 points in the contest. The Friar defense was once again unable to hold in check Notre Dame's double-sided scoring machine.

"[Riley] is so strong and supplements that with her great soft touch," Friars coach Jim Jabir said. "We couldn't move her and we couldn't double-down quickly enough. She is a fundamentally tough athlete to defend."

The Friars came up with similar luck on offense, shooting a dismal 29 percent from the floor, as only starting guard Chrissy Vozab and Kerri Sullivan off the bench scored in double digits, 11 and ten points respectively.

The win caps an undefeated January for the Irish, who started the new year 1-2 in the Big East and exit 1998 with a 9-2 mark that has them in position to move past conference leaders Connecticut and Rutgers for the number-one spot. The Irish have not let an opponent shoot better the 45 percent from the floor since their last loss, which came on Dec. 30 at Boston College.

The Eagles, who look to share third place in the conference with the Irish, will come to the Joyce Center on Wednesday for their second season showdown.

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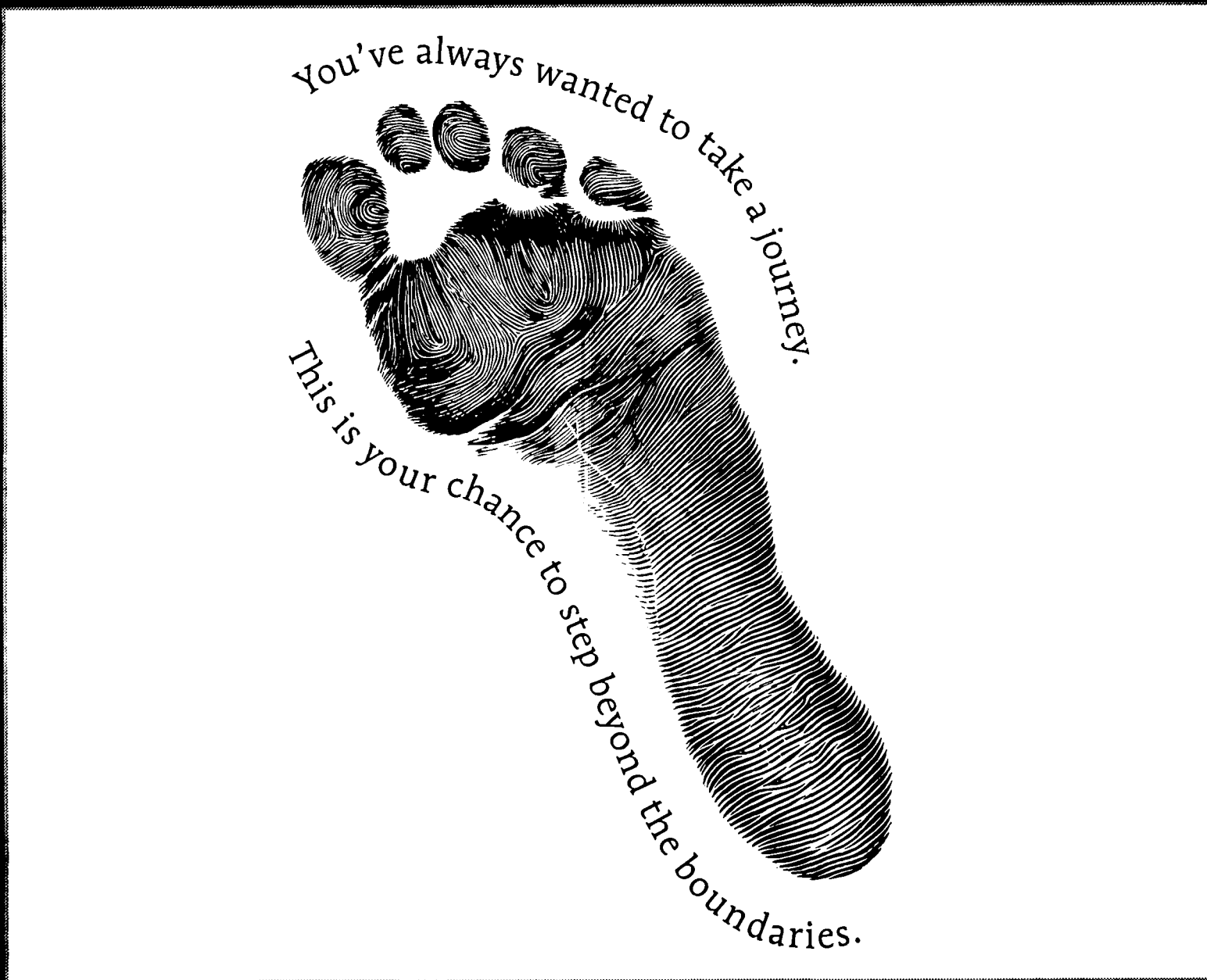
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B-Ball

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Murphy proved to be too much for the visitors to stop. Murphy hit a turn-around jumper on the next possession, followed by a two-handed dunk by Hickey that gave the home team some breathing room.

"I think that we complement each other well," Hickey said about Murphy's presence. "When Troy is hot they get the ball to him, and I screen, and when he gets double-teamed, I'm open, so it's a complementary role and it works both ways."

When the duo of senior and freshman were tightly covered by the tenacious Providence defense, players like freshman David Graves stepped up, knocking two straight jumpers to push the lead back up to six points.

Another Friar run brought the lead to within three, but the Irish scored the final six points of the half to accomplish something they haven't done since December 29: carry a lead into the locker room at halftime.

"You have different chemistry with different players on the floor that click," MacLeod said about the run. "When you [have the players] clicking, you leave them alone. Jimmy Dillon had some nice looks and really made things happen on that run."

While the Irish ended the first half in complete control, the Friars tried to change the momentum from the opening possession. By pushing up their tempo and turning up their aggressiveness, the visitors quickly chipped away at the lead the Irish built up. After a Murphy slam dunk from Wyche, the Friars went on a 10-0 run, ending with a leaning jumper that cut the lead to one point with 14:21 remaining.

But, after holding with the Irish for a few minutes, the visitors finally began to lose their steam. A tip-in from freshman Harold Swanagan from Dillon began a 13-0 run for the home team over the next four minutes, culminating in a two-handed slam by Hickey off a no-look pass from Dillon which put the final nail in the coffin. The run, which kept the balance of power on Notre Dame's

side for the rest of the game, was a fact that was not lost on Hickey.

"When Providence made that little run, we stepped it up," he remarked, "which is something that we've been working on all week in practice. We didn't yield, and that was pretty

'WE HAD A GREAT EFFORT AGAINST A GREAT TEAM.'

JOHN MACLEOD
NOTRE DAME BASKETBALL COACH

important."

In the waning minutes of the second half, the Friars tried to find one more rally left inside of them, but came up empty. A Connolly three-pointer with 7:16 remaining cut the lead to fourteen, but the duo of Hickey and Murphy used their size advantage to score the next six points and force Providence coach Tim Welsh to use another timeout. After that point, the

Friars never got within striking distance again.

"We had a good effort today against a great team," MacLeod remarked. "I liked the way we bounced back after we didn't play well against Boston College the other night. When you play that bad against a team, you should get peppered and we did. But we came back today and got a total team effort."

The Irish were led by Murphy, who was back in the lineup at the Joyce Center for the first time after suffering a sprain left ankle during practice several weeks ago. The forward had 26 points and 12 rebounds on the day to go along with five blocked shots that stifled the Friar offense.

"He's a tough matchup," Welsh said about the freshman. "He put inside pressure on us. I said he was one of the best freshmen in the country the first time we played them. Murphy was able to pass through our double-team really well today."

Hickey turned in another fine performance with 15 points and eight boards, while Ingelsby chipped in with 10 in

26 minutes of play. Wyche and Graves had nine points each to round out the top scorers.

For the Friars, who fell to 6-5 in the conference and 13-8 overall, Connelly and Thomas led an otherwise balanced scoring effort with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Connelly went 5-of-10 from three points range, but his offense wasn't enough to carry the team near the end.

"We got inside, but just couldn't hit the shots," Welsh said after the game. "Notre Dame has good basket protectors. They did a fantastic job on us."

With the win, Notre Dame moves up to 11-11 overall and 5-6 in the Big East.

After a few days of rest, the team travels eastward for a chance of another series sweep, this time against Seton Hall.

"This victory was the result of a lot of hard work," Hickey said. "It's good to get back on track, but we need to keep on playing like this."

The tip-off between the Irish and the Pirates is set for Saturday, 12:00 p.m. EST.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's falls short against Olivet, 67-57

By MOLLY MCVOY
Sports Writer

What may have been one of the Belles' best defensive efforts of the year fell just short Saturday, as Olivet defeated St. Mary's 67-57.

"It was anybody's game to win," sophomore guard Julie Norman said. "It was a tough loss, but we've got to just bounce back."

Norman had a career game

on Saturday, scoring 21 points for the Belles, 15 of which came from three-point field goals. When asked what was the difference, Olivet's defense and luck stood out.

"I had my career high; I just got lucky," Norman said. "My shots were dropping and they played zone defense which left me open at the three point line."

As is typical for the freshman leader, center Kelly Jones backed Norman up with 15

points for the Belles.

Saint Mary's was by no means outmatched by Olivet, which may have been the most frustrating part. They went into halftime down by eight but were never behind by that much again, until the last minute. They came out in the second half and showed Olivet what they could do when everyone worked together.

Their full court press defense definitely worked and help the Belles stop Olivet. They tied the game at 51 points with four minutes left to play, and it looked like the momentum was

theirs.

Although the Belles could stop Olivet, it seemed they could not capitalize on their strong defensive play and open a big lead. St. Mary's had a 54-52 lead with two minutes to play, but their youth hurt them again.

"It's frustrating," said head coach Dave Roeder. "We played well enough to win. We don't have a lot of upperclassmen and, as a result, we're going to make mental mistakes."

Olivet's experienced guards took control with less than a

minute to play.

They seemed to simply outmaneuver the young Belles and helped Olivet pull out a close game.

"We're still making too many mistakes," said Norman. "We just have a lot of freshman. It's always a challenge."

The Belles look to turn the last part of their season around with a big home game against Kalamazoo on Wednesday. This will be one of their last home conference games of the season, and Saint Mary's hopes to make it a good one.

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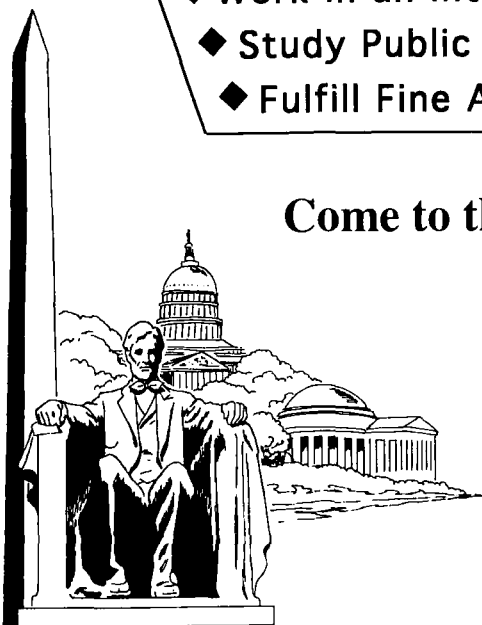


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Such tentativeness would cost them later on.

With the teams skating four-on-four, sophomore Ryan Dolder worked to get a loose puck along the boards, fighting off two Michigan checkers in the process. Since neither Michigan player managed to finish his check on Dolder, Ryan was able to pass the puck to a wide open Benoit Cotnoir, who read the play and took the puck in the slot. Once again, Blackburn was beaten high by Cotnoir's wrist shot, and the Irish had a 2-0 first period lead.

In the first period alone, the Irish were twice on the short end of five-on-three skating situations, yet Michigan did not score on either opportunity. For the game, Notre Dame killed off all eight Michigan power play opportunities, making the penalty-killing unit 28 for its last 29.

Trailing by two in the second period, the Wolverines began to pick up their game. Michigan's transition game kicked into high gear, catching Notre Dame's defense on a few occasions with long passes through center ice. However, even with all the odd-man rushes Michigan had in the second period they still entered the third period down by the same 2-0 score.

In the third period, Michigan finally cashed in on one of those opportunities. Freshman sensation Mike Comrie received a long pass at the blue line and was able to get around the Notre Dame defense, as the teams were again skating four-on-four. Comrie then beat Forrest Karr through his legs with a shot along the ice for his team-leading fourteenth goal of the year.

That play seemed to turn the tide in Michigan's favor. Moments after Michigan got on the board, a slap shot from Andy Jurkowski caromed off both posts and managed to stay out of the Michigan net keeping Notre Dame's

lead at one goal.

After Comrie's goal, Michigan took the game to the Irish as Notre Dame started to play a bit more conservatively. As a result, Michigan was able to keep the puck in the offensive zone for long periods of time which led to numerous scoring opportunities.

On one of those long shifts, after Ben Simon lost his stick in the defensive zone, Michigan capitalized in front of the net. Without a stick, Simon attempted to kick the puck towards goaltender Forrest Karr so the play could stop. The puck squirted through the pile of players, and Michigan senior Bobby Hayes tucked it home to tie the game at two.

Even with the huge momentum shift, Coach Poulin remained confident.

"It never even crossed my mind that we weren't going to win the game. We needed a big goal from a big player," he said.

With 6:27 remaining in the contest the Irish went on the power play and the big player stepped forward. Senior Aniket Dhadphale, who leads the team in power play goals, came through with the biggest one of his career with just :15 remaining on the penalty. Sophomore Dan Carlson took a slap shot from the point, and Blackburn allowed the rebound to get away from him as he had done throughout the game. Dhadphale, as he always seems to be, was in the right place at the right time to slide the rebound past Blackburn for what turned out to be the game-winning goal as the Joyce Center erupted.

For the night, Notre Dame's three goals were scored by points leader Simon and co-captains Cotnoir and Dhadphale. Senior Forrest Karr sparkled in the net with 26 saves, frustrating Michigan's power play by not allowing rebounds. It was all in the line of duty as Dhadphale said afterwards.

"We needed to step up, this was a key game. We're the leaders of this team. We had to come through and luckily we did," Dhadphale said.



Junior Joe Dusbabek added to his two previous assists versus Michigan this season with his assist on Ben Simon's game-opening goal.

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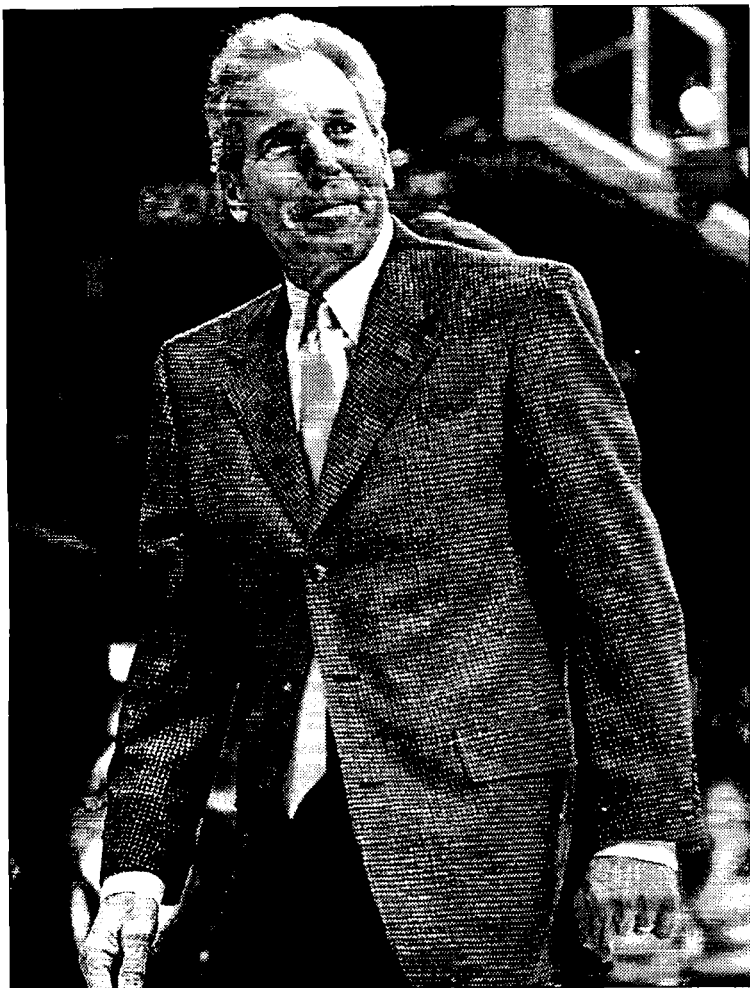
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Notre Dame head basketball coach John MacLeod's recent decisions have led to tremendous turnaround in the team's season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Strategy changes equal success

By ALAN WASIELEWSKI
Sports Writer

There is a line in the current Notre Dame men's basketball media guide that reveals just how different the 1998-99 team really is: "Irish coach John MacLeod promised his teams would play man to man defense once he took over in '91-'92, he has delivered on that promise and MacLeod has no plans to change that philosophy."

Add one amendment to the last statement: May switch to zone to knock off Big East rivals. In an example just how difficult it is to understand MacLeod's team, he has abandoned his traditional defensive playbook and created a new one. It worked like a charm against Providence — an 81-62 triumph against one of the better teams in the Big East.

The Notre Dame team that beat Providence was a new one. A team this focused, motivated, and dominating has not been seen at all this season. Shots were being blocked, no-look passes were executed to perfection, and the bench provided

the spark MacLeod has been looking for all year. The team effort that was promised in the Seton Hall and Rutgers games, then lost against Boston College last Wednesday, reappeared in spectacular fashion.

When asked if he knows what to expect from his team game to game, MacLeod indicated that he is as baffled as the rest of us.

"Tuesday we went to Boston to practice before the game and had one of the best work-outs of the season. Wednesday, Boston College took us to the cleaners. Last (Friday) night, I have to be honest, was what I would call a so-so practice, then we came out and played the best game of the season. It's what young kids do, and we have a lot of young players but they are a great group of kids."

The defensive change in philosophy isn't the only alteration in the Irish program. The infusion of the young talent from freshmen Troy Murphy, David Graves, and Harold Swanagan along with sophomore Martin Ingelsby promises to give the Irish a nucleus to be reckoned

with in the coming years. As the season progresses, MacLeod is looking to this young talent more and more.

Ingelsby was the man who led the late charge back to lead Rutgers two weeks ago before the Irish fell to a last second shot. Graves and Swanagan are both dealing with freshmen growing pains, but still contribute heavy minutes and key points when the game is on the line.

Murphy's stat line from the Providence game tells its own story: 26 points, 12 rebounds, two assists, five blocks, and three steals. The departure of All-American Pat Garrity left a huge hole in the Irish roster that Murphy has stepped into and let the country know that for the next three years the Irish power forward position will dominate.

The challenge that MacLeod faces is if he can mold this team into a consistent winner. The changes, adjustments, and personnel decisions MacLeod makes in the next few weeks will determine the outcome of this tumultuous season.

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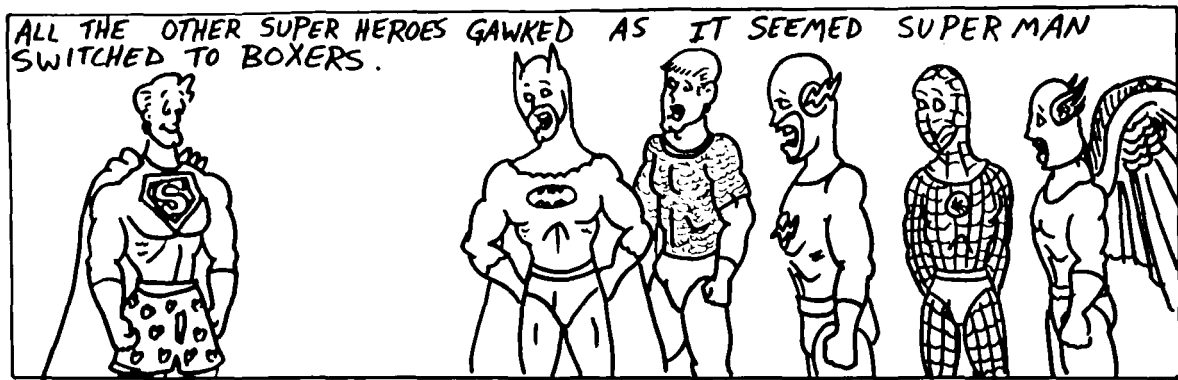
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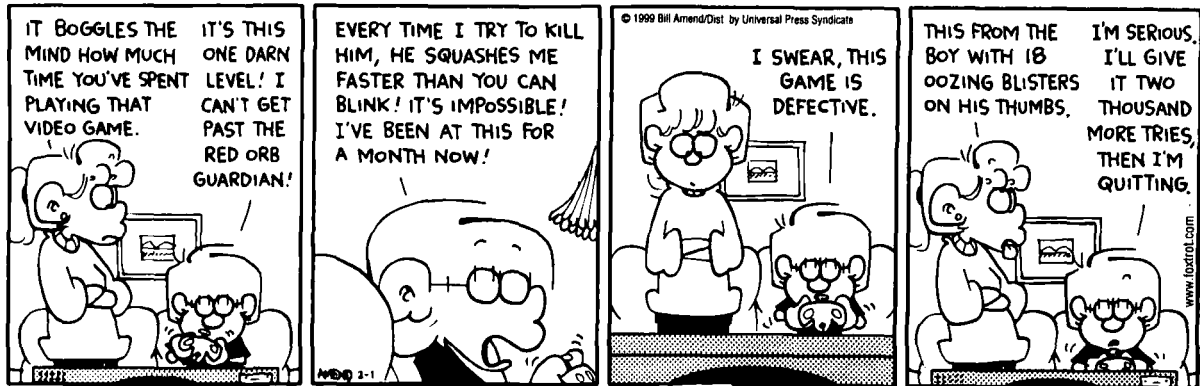
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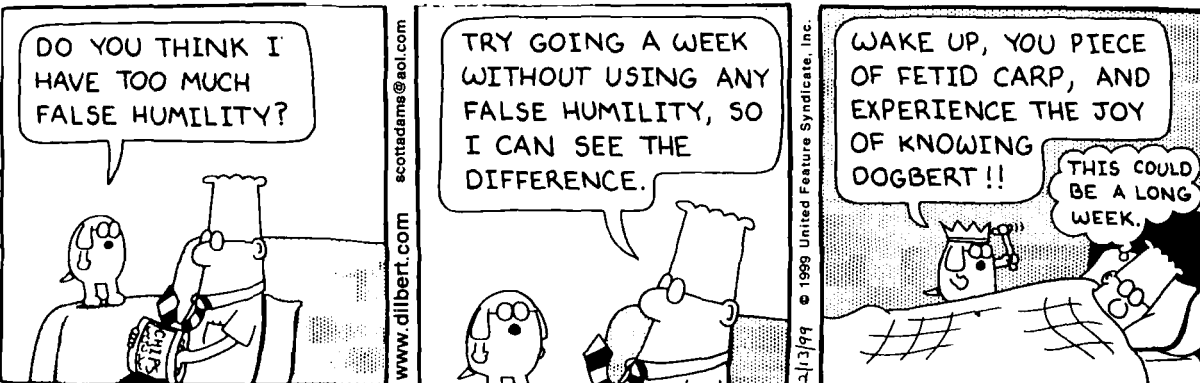
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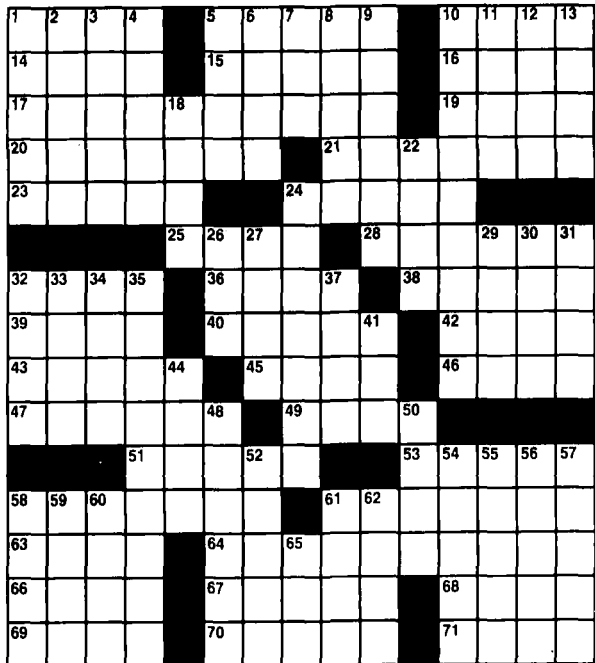
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Long story
 - 5 Rich kid in "Nancy"
 - 10 Panhandles
 - 14 Shangri-la
 - 15 Hoopster Shaquille
 - 16 One of the Four Corners states
 - 17 Penny purchase, years ago
 - 19 "Ali — and the Forty Thieves"
 - 20 "A" or "an"
 - 21 Incomprehensible, as a message
 - 23 Parasite
 - 24 Business bigwig
 - 25 Miss Kett of old comics
- DOWN**
- 2 Liveliness
 - 32 Custard dessert
 - 36 "Horrors!"
 - 38 Rocket stage
 - 39 Gofer
 - 40 Jelly fruit
 - 42 E pluribus —
 - 43 Throng
 - 45 Seize with a toothpick
 - 46 Forest growth
 - 47 Mortarboard attachment
 - 49 Actress Lanchester
 - 51 Grand jury's activity
 - 53 Pueblo site
 - 58 Jack of "City Slickers"
 - 61 One making a medical inquiry
- DOWN**
- 1 Flower part
 - 2 Be wild about
 - 3 "Beau —"
 - 4 Shenanigan
 - 5 Paper towel unit
 - 6 "Going —, going..."
 - 7 Meadow
 - 8 Slow, in music
 - 9 Opposite of youth
 - 10 Penny purchase, years ago
 - 11 Catchall abbr.
 - 12 Kotter of "Welcome Back, Kotter"
 - 13 Certain herring
 - 18 Pain
 - 22 — fever (be hot)
 - 24 Endangered Florida creature
 - 26 Dress (up)
 - 27 Therefore
 - 29 Snap-marriage locale



Puzzle by Fred Piscop

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 30 Wildebeests
- 31 Thanksgiving side dish
- 32 Almanac tidbit
- 33 Money in Milano
- 34 Fussess
- 35 Penny purchase, years ago
- 37 Model train layout, often
- 41 Not present: Abbr.
- 44 Gosh-awful
- 48 Pinpoint
- 50 Realtor's unit
- 52 Quotable catcher Yogi
- 54 Access the Net
- 55 Cockamamie
- 56 — fatale
- 57 No longer a slave
- 58 El —, Tex.
- 59 Elementary particle
- 60 "Damn Yankees" vamp
- 61 Cro-Magnon's home
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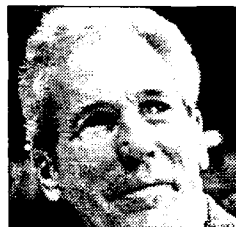
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■ HOCKEY

Irish knock off Wolverines, 3-2

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

On Saturday night, the most anticipated game of the season for Notre Dame lived up to its billing.

An enthusiastic sellout crowd, in addition to a large number of professional scouts, was on hand to watch one of the best college hockey games of the year. Furthermore, the crowd itself played a role in the outcome. The electricity in the air for the game against archrival Michigan helped carry the Irish to an exciting 3-2 win, keeping them in fourth place in the CCHA standings.

Jason Gola and the rest of the Irish Goon Squad helped pump up the crowd, and their efforts caught the attention of Notre Dame's players and coaches alike.

"This is what I envisioned when I came to Notre Dame," Irish head coach Dave Poulin said afterwards. "The whole evening was great: the atmosphere, the game, the spirit, the enthusiasm, the crowd. That's terrific college hockey."

"The start of the game was awesome," said junior Ben Simon. "It's never been that loud before...In the third period, I think [the noise] really picked us up."

In the early going, Notre Dame took advantage of some

tired Michigan skaters by using their great team speed. On Friday night, Michigan played an exhausting road game against their biggest rival, the Michigan State Spartans. Therefore, playing another road game against a team who are undefeated on home ice and were fully rested, proved a tough task for the Wolverines.

Before the game was two minutes old, Notre Dame's team speed drew first blood as center Ben Simon scored his thirteenth goal of the year. Simon snapped a wrist shot high and to the stick side, and the puck went into the goal just under the crossbar for a quick 1-0 lead.

"We have a lot of speed on our team and we like to go wide on teams," Simon said of his goal. "Our game plan was to hit them early and with the game before, it took its toll on them for the weekend."

Junior defenseman Andy Jurkowski earned his first point of the season with his assist on Simon's goal.

In the first period, both teams played with reckless abandon in the offensive zone with a ferocious forecheck. In their defensive zone, however, Michigan seemed a bit tentative and let the Irish dictate the flow of play in their zone.

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Senior Aniket Dhadphale scored the game-winning goal in Saturday's upset of Michigan, 3-2.

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Riley sets record against the Friars

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

Two times they tried and two times they failed — Providence came away from two meetings with the Irish this season unable to contain 6-foot-5 center Ruth Riley.

Saturday night the Friars did even less than that, allowing Riley unchecked free-reign on the hardwood. The sophomore center shot 18-for-22 from the floor and chipped in another five points from the charity line to tally a school-record 41 points in Notre Dame's 97-59 win against Providence.

Riley stole the Irish record from another center, Katryna Gaither. The 1997 graduate set the previous mark with 40 points and 17 field goals in a contest against Ohio University in 1996.

"It's a great honor to have

that record," Riley said. "My sister was at the game the night [Gaither] scored 40. When she told me about it, I said: 'Forty points in a college game? That's awesome.'"

The 41 points also broke Riley's previously set game-high of 36, which came back at the Joyce Center on Jan. 10. Riley held the advantage in both meetings with Providence's Dani Trippany missing all but one game this season with a stress fracture. The 6-foot-5 sophomore was replaced in the lineup Saturday with 6-foot-2 Monika Roberts.

"I'm sure having that first game against [Providence] gave her a lot of confidence for tonight," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I don't think they had anyone who could stop her."

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND's stability key in victory

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

There have been many words used to describe the men's basketball team this season, but "consistency" has not been one of them.

While it is common for a team with sometimes as many as three starting freshmen to struggle with lack of experience, various obstacles have tried to slow down whatever momentum the team has created. Having used four different starting lineups in the last five games, the Irish were looking for some stability to carry them through the rest of the season.

This weekend, they just may have found it.

Bouncing back from a loss earlier to Boston College, the Irish completed their first sweep of a Big East opponent this season, soundly defeating the Providence Friars 81-62 Saturday afternoon at the Joyce Center.

Early on, the Friars attempted to take the crowd out of the game. Using an aggressive defense and relying on perimeter shooting, the visitors scored the first five points of the game and forced Irish coach John MacLeod to take a twenty-second timeout. That lead grew even

higher when Jamel Thomas hit a three-pointer to give the Friars a 15-8.

But with the same gritty determination they have used all season, the Irish came back. A three-pointer by guard Martin Ingelsby started Notre Dame on a 14-0 run over the next 3:39 to take a commanding seven point lead. En route to a 26-17 lead, a three-pointer from Wyche with 12:22 remaining in the first

brought the Irish their first lead change of the game, putting them up 16-15. As it turned out, it would be the only lead change of the game.

"For every game, the team is going to have some jitters," junior Jimmy Dillon said. "Once they missed a couple of shots, and we made a few, we were definitely more comfortable. All it takes is one shot to get a team going."

Just as quickly as the Irish pulled up, however, the Friars attempted to strike back. After Troy Murphy's tip-in pushed the lead to nine points, shooting guard Sean Connolly hit a three-pointer to make it a two possession game.

That lead quickly dwindled again as a steal and another long-range shot from Connolly made it a 26-23 game.

However, the Irish pair of Phil Hickey and

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