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SAINT MARY'S STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Midden/Little ticket captures SMC presidency

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Vision was the key element that allowed the Midden/Little ticket to emerge victorious in the Saint Mary's student body president/vice president elections Wednesday night, according to student body president-elect Nancy Midden.

"Our vision was what gave us the extra edge," Midden said. "I've been saying it throughout the campaign, and I'm going to continue to say it, because it's what we believe."

The Midden/Little ticket won the election with relative ease, securing 61.6 percent of the popular vote. Their only competition, the Horvath/Guerreso ticket, received 35.2 percent of the vote, while 3.3 percent of voters abstained, according to Bridget Hefferman, elections commissioner.

Midden and Little, whose platform features initiating a

study day before finals each semester, a pep rally for Saint Mary's Pride Day, establishing an alumnae mentoring program and creating the position of technology commissioner for the Board of Governance, will get right to work, according to Little.

The team's first objective will be draft a proposal for the study day.



'WE WANT TO THANK THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY FOR COMING OUT TO VOTE. WE ARE EXTREMELY HONORED AND EXCITED TO BEGIN OUR WORK.'

NANCY MIDDEN
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT-ELECT

"Our next move will be to work on the study day. We want to get a jump start on that before the year is out," Little said.

Midden and Little have already met with registrar

Lorraine Kitchner to discuss the feasibility of the study day, and the next step will be to formulate a proposal for the faculty, Midden explained.

"We expect to meet our greatest opposition there, but we do not foresee anything too major," Midden said.

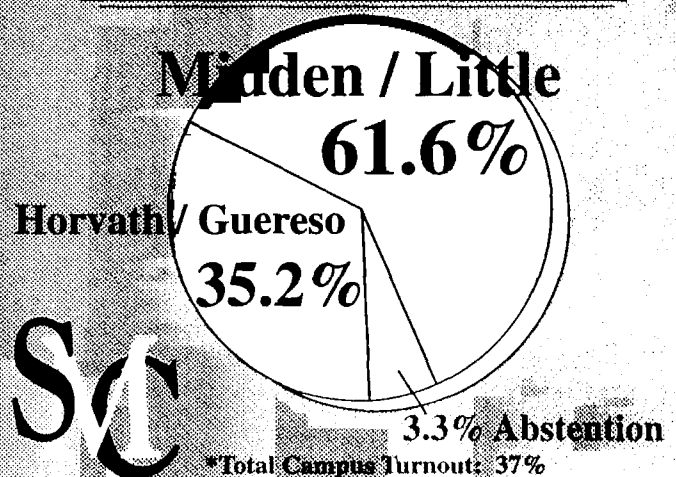
Midden and Little's proposal differs from those of the past because it states the need for one study day rather than two, which they think makes their plan feasible. Additionally, the plan would allow Madeleva Hall to be open for use for review sessions for students on the study day.

The pair is also soliciting applicants for next year's Board of Governance.

"We are going to wait until after class elections are over so that we can encourage some new people to get involved," said Little.

Signs with information for potential applicants will be available in residence halls and in campus lounges in the

Student Body President Election Returns



next three weeks, said Midden.

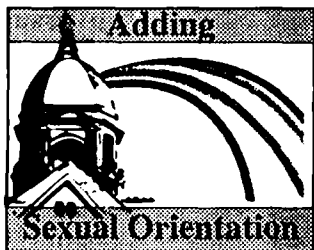
"We want to thank the students and faculty for coming out to vote," said Midden. "We are extremely honored and excited to begin our work."

Thirty-seven percent of students turned out for the vote, a percentage that Hefferman and election workers were

pleased with. Typical voter turnout for Saint Mary's is between 30 and 40 percent, Hefferman said.

"It's relatively high compared to other schools," Hefferman said. "This year's percentages are average for us. We are very pleased with the turnout."

DECISIONS IN LONDON



Today, Notre Dame's Board of Trustees will meet in London where it is anticipated they will vote on whether the University should pursue membership in the Big Ten. The board also will deliberate on whether to revise the University's non-discrimination clause to include sexual orientation.

A press conference to reveal their decisions on Big Ten membership has been tentatively scheduled for 11 a.m. EST.

See Monday's edition of The Observer for complete coverage of the board's decisions.

Open for business, soon



Workers began moving into the new Eck Center on Thursday. The new structure will house the Hammes Bookstore as well as an alumni center, and has planned a grand opening for Feb. 19.

The Observer/ Peter Richardson

■ INSIDE COLUMN

A Very Fine Line

Judging by the various reactions I received from my last column, I left much confusion as to my feelings concerning the rich. Some wondered how I could insult snotty rich students one week and defend the rich the next time around. One respondent to my article had the belief that I was using Catholic Social Teaching and even defining it. A very fine line exists in this debate, and I believe I am one of few who have acknowledged it as such.

Dustin P. Ferrell
Assistant Viewpoint Editor

To explain my argument more clearly, I'll define my point from last week: Obviously, the rich do have an obligation to the poor. However, this does not excuse nor does it justify the endless attempts by many to demonize the rich without proper knowledge of other important considerations. It's as simple as that — yet I've received undue criticism from many anytime I question this blatant generalization.

My point is, folks, that the rich by and large do earn their money — like it or not. Are many of our CEOs, athletes and professionals overpaid? Of course they are. But as stockholders, fans and citizens we often have more control over this situation than we care to admit. So if an individual earns substantial wealth, have they taken something away from the poor? Have they guaranteed the poverty of a billion persons? No. In many cases, they've actually bettered the positions of the poor.

No better example exists today than the United States. Our definition of "poor" includes those with many luxuries unheard of for the "poor" of other countries. The economic prosperity of our nation explains this situation. Yet we still have many homeless, and unfortunately this is also explained by our current system. This is where the obligation to help others applies, and precisely where I believe we are called to act.

The fine line I speak of makes these views appear contradictory to some, which is utter nonsense. Why can the rich not realize their moral obligation while still enjoying the fruits of their labors? Most of them have, after all, earned this right, a right proven through history and logic if not through Catholic teaching.

And here is where many miss the mark — assuming guilt until proven otherwise by taking things out of context. Will the Catholic Church tell me that accumulating wealth is evil without considering several important factors? I challenge any and all self-appointed "representatives" of the Church to enlighten me on this matter.

You see, I've made the decision to convert to Catholicism based on many reasons. Quite ironically, one of them was my great admiration of the Catholic Social Teaching principles, on which I received a basic introduction last year in a theology course. My instructor, far from a Reaganite, provided us with an ample study of option for the poor, among other things. She also gave us an overall context on the implications of these works, and of the teachings of Jesus. I came away from this course with a much better perspective on my obligation to help others.

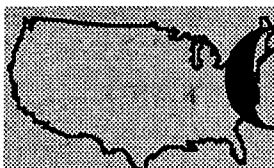
I have never presented myself as an expert on Catholic Social Teaching, nor did I attempt to explain it in my past article. I have taken from various sources, among them the irrefutable facts of economics. Those who take issue with me ought to supplement their reading with William F. Buckley and Edmund Burke, (and perhaps P.J. O'Rourke). And I will stand by my arguments, whether or not they hold to anyone's interpretation of Catholic teaching.

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

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Outside the Dome

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Bill to include homosexuality in California education code

LONG BEACH, Calif.

California assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl of Santa Monica is reintroducing a piece of legislation that aims to protect the rights of students in California public schools.

The bill, AB-222, aims to include sexual orientation in the California Education Code. The code presently states that every student has the right to educational opportunity regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex or economic status.

Kuehl's bill is being introduced for the third time. Kuehl promised to reintroduce the bill after it was defeated in the 1997-1998 assembly session.

Governor Gray Davis said that he would sign the bill into law, if it ever reached his desk, according to a press release from Kuehl's office. "This bill is about making certain



these students have equal access to education," Kuehl said in a press release. "You can't concentrate, you can't learn, and you can never reach your full potential if you're always frightened and made to feel ashamed."

A national survey in 1998 found a 34 percent increase in violence against homosexuals. The same survey also reported an increase in violence against people thought to be gay.

AB-222 supporters will be lobbying assembly members in Sacramento on March 22. This will be the fourth annual Youth Lobby Day.

Students will meet with state senators and assembly members to urge the passing of the bill.

The Youth Lobby Day is organized by community and church groups.

The Universal Fellowship for Metropolitan Community Churches in Los Angeles was identified as one of the leading organizers.

The CSULB Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Resource Center has participated in the Youth Lobby Day in past years. Several Long Beach students made the trip last year.

"We get to meet lots of people," said Karla Saldaa, GLBRC program coordinator. "We get a chance to talk to the assembly members and tell them what we need."

■ OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Bill limits student expression

COLUMBUS, Ohio

Crusading against what one called "the McCarthyism of the left," three witnesses at Tuesday evening's meeting of the Ohio House Education Committee went to bat for a House bill that would limit the restriction of student expression at Ohio's public colleges and universities. Some of these institutions, including Ohio State, say the bill would not change their policies much because it only assures freedom of expression already protected by the First Amendment. But Rep. Bill Schuck, R-Columbus, who introduced the bill, testified that the action is primarily a reaction to university speech codes that "punish speech that is deemed to be 'offensive' or not 'politically correct.'" In addition, Jonathon Archey, Schuck's legislative aid, said the bill would allow students to challenge the legality of school speech codes before they were prosecuted for something they said.

■ UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

New logo resembles Nazi symbol

STORRS, Conn.

UConn administrators have a new criticism to add to its laundry list surrounding the new school logo — some say it looks like a Nazi symbol. First, Anita Bologna, a 1969 UConn alumni, went to last week's Undergraduate Student Government meeting with a petition against the new logo, requesting it revert to back to the original state seal. "I graduated from the University of Connecticut, not the University of Oak," was her now famous quotation. Now, Michael Michalczyk, a Glastonbury resident and former art history professor at UConn-Waterbury in 1972, has made the connection that the logo bears a resemblance to the symbol used in the shield of the 16th Reichsfuhrer division of the S.S. of the Panzergrenadiers, a German mobile warfare unit during World War II. He said while flipping through "Scale Aircraft Modeling" magazine's Winter 1997 edition, his eyes rested on an article titled "German Armor Dioramas."

■ MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Bar will lose license, pay heavy fine

EAST LANSING, Mich.

Rick's American Cafe will lose its liquor license for 30 days starting Sunday and will have to pay \$50,000 for violating Michigan's liquor laws in conjunction with the Nov. 5 drinking death of Bradley McCue, Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm announced Wednesday. McCue, a parks and recreation junior, died of acute alcohol poisoning after drinking 24 shots at Rick's on his 21st birthday. The conditions are part of an agreement reached Friday between Rick's, 224 Abbott Road, and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. "I think it was in everyone's best interest (to negotiate an agreement)," said Assistant Attorney General Irene Mead, who handled the case. "We could've gone through a hearing." John Doyle, the attorney for Rick's, agreed a hearing would have had only negative effects. "It's such a tragic situation," Doyle said.

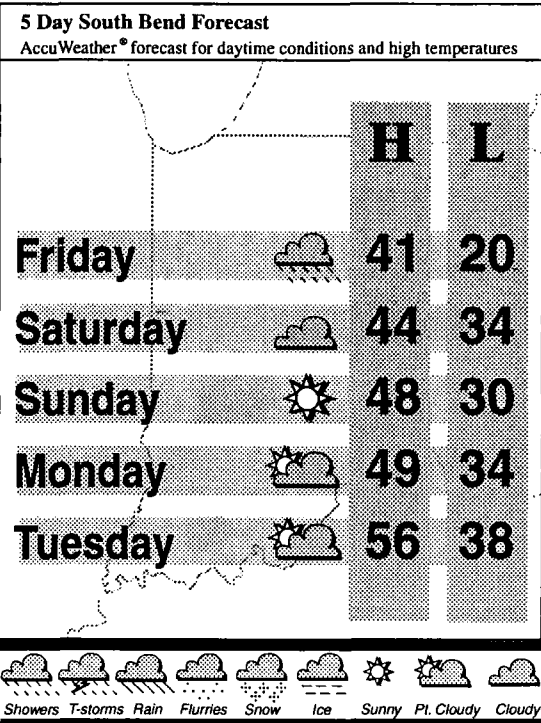
■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

Law professor calls lawsuit "novel"

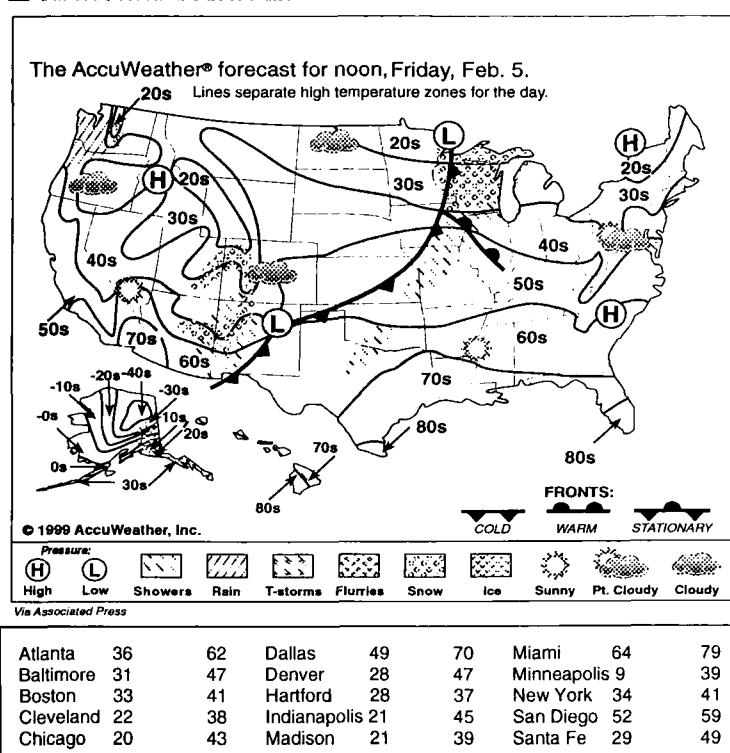
BERKELEY, Calif.

By accusing UC Berkeley of "discrimination" and attacking its use of standardized test scores, the civil rights groups who sued the university this week are trying a new legal tactic to rescind the ban on affirmative action, according to civil rights attorneys. The suit, filed in U.S. District Court on Tuesday by an alliance of civil rights groups and minority students, alleges that 750 black, Latino and Filipino students who had 4.0 GPAs were rejected by the university because it placed too much weight on SAT and Advanced Placement test scores. "I think it's going to be an interesting and novel lawsuit," said Boalt law professor Rachel Moran, a member of the faculty diversity task force. "It's novel because it really is treading on ground we haven't had to walk on. Now, in the absence of affirmative action, the battles over what constitutes discrimination are going to intensify."

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Profs: Democracy on the rise

By SCOTT FORD
News Writer

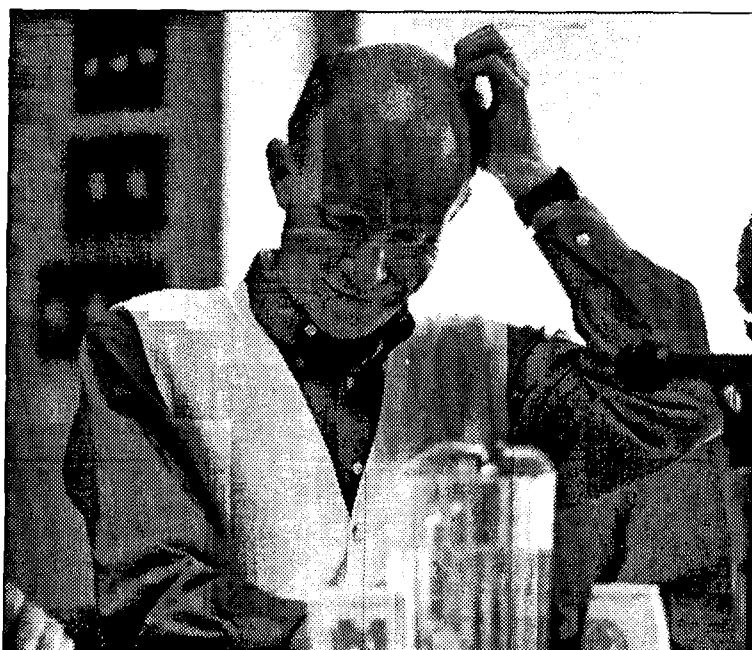
Many of the University's strongest Latin American scholars came together on Thursday afternoon to evaluate the work of professor Scott Mainwaring, which addresses democratization in Latin America.

"First, patent authoritarian regimes used to dominate in Latin America have now almost disappeared [and] the number of democratic regimes has risen a lot since 1978," Mainwaring explained.

Mainwaring, director of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute and professor of government, used the session to outline his two main arguments of his paper, "Democratic Survivability in Latin America."

After delineating a rise in democracy, Mainwaring moved to the second aspect of his argument and sought to explain the causal factors of the trend toward democratization in Latin American countries. Mainwaring focused on the social, economic and political modernization that took place from 1945 to 1980 in Latin America as the impetus for democratization.

When asked what stimulated his research in the topic, Mainwaring replied that he had been pursuing "intellectual and normative" issues surrounding Latin American politics his whole career. Mainwaring spent his senior year in high school in Argentina during the waning



Professor of government Scott Mainwaring summarized the points of his paper, "Democratic Survivability in Latin America," for critique by colleagues at a lecture Thursday afternoon.

days of its authoritarian regime. As an undergraduate, Mainwaring's interests in Latin American politics were stimulated by a Notre Dame alumnus.

The goal of the forum was to provide an intellectual evaluation of the paper and stimulate discussion on the topic. Other roundtable participants were professors Robert Fishman, Guillermo O'Donnell and Michael Coppedge. The three professors evaluated Mainwaring's work and then questioned the author on specific aspects of the research.

"It was an interesting analysis of some large scale, histori-

cal reasons why a surprising number of new democracies have survived in Latin America since 1978," Coppedge said.

Coppedge went on to label such discussion forums "stimulating and fun" and that in the end the participants came to a "richer and original understanding of some of the reasons of this success."

Most of the debate was related to the theoretical, quantitative classification of democracy. In order to employ a level of statistical analysis to the research, Mainwaring classified various levels of democracy and "semi-democracies."

Grants honor pair of ND peace scholars

Special to The Observer

Two political scientists at Notre Dame have received research grants totaling \$80,000 from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the United States Institute of Peace to study creative measures for punishing violators of international law.

George Lopez, professor of government and international studies, and David Cortright, visiting fellow in the University's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, plan to produce scholarly and policy articles and a book on what have been called "smart sanctions," which included measures such as freezing assets, comprehensive approaches to arms embargoes, restrictions on international

travel, and bans on participation in international activities.

Lopez and Cortright believe the international community has devoted inadequate attention to smart sanctions, despite the fact that they have been imposed with increasing frequency in recent years.

"While we don't think smart sanctions are a magic bullet for dealing with violators of international law," Lopez said, "our earlier work has shown that when strategically combined, such measures may prove to be more effective than general trade sanctions for coercing compliance with U.N. objectives. They also are more likely to minimize unintended negative consequences for innocent citizens and to gain the support of a broad number of member states."

■ SECURITY BEAT

MONDAY, FEB. 1

9:45 a.m. A Farley Hall resident reported the theft of her bicycle from outside her residence hall. The bike was locked at the time of the theft.

2:40 p.m. Security transported a Lyons Hall resident to the University Health Center for treatment of a sports injury.

9:18 p.m. Security cited a South Bend resident for disregarding an automatic signal on Juniper Road.

TUESDAY, FEB. 2

12:30 p.m. A University employee reported the theft of

her University parking decal from her vehicle.

11:29 p.m. Security transported a University employee to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of injury.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3

12:56 a.m. A Zahm Hall resident was transported by Security to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

3:57 p.m. Two Lewis Hall residents reported a theft from a carrel in the Hesburgh Library. The case is being investigated further.

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Clinton targets alien species

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Troublesome alien species such as the Chinese mitten crab and the voracious Asian long-horned beetle are costing Americans tens of billions of dollars and threatening entire ecosystems. President Clinton on Wednesday promised a government counteroffensive.

Clinton issued an executive order to expand federal efforts to combat the growing problems created by the quiet influx of foreign plants and animals into this country.

Three senior administration officials, who will head a new interagency Invasive Species Council, sought to draw attention to the magnitude of the problem with a news conference at the National Geographic Society museum.

"There is no question that we are being invaded by alien species. ... We could call this order the 'X-Files' order," said Commerce Undersecretary James Baker.

"The costs to habitat and the economy are racing out of control," added Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

Three years ago, Congress passed a law requiring the government to address the issue of non-native species, but the problem has only become worse, ecologists say.

"There are thousands of alien

species established in the United States. No one really knows the exact count. And (the number) is rapidly growing," said Harvard biologist Edward Wilson, a leading expert on invasive animal and plant species.

Wilson showed slides of a "rogue's gallery" of alien predators, including the leafy spurge, a weed from Eurasia that now plagues 3 million acres of rangeland across the West, and Europe's green crab, which threatens native shellfish in the San Francisco Bay and New England.

The president's executive order directs the Departments of Agriculture, Interior and Commerce, the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Coast Guard to coordinate better the efforts against invading species. And it calls on the new council to develop an alien species management plan within 18 months to blunt the economic, ecological and health impacts of these predators.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman promised "a unified, all-out battle against unwanted plants and animal pests."

But senior administration officials acknowledged that the task will be difficult and — in the end — may succeed only through greater international cooperation.

The difficulties are many, the officials acknowledged.

For example, last month the

Agriculture Department imposed a requirement that shipping crates coming in from China be heated and disinfected to kill Asian long-horned beetles.

Such crates are believed to have brought in the beetle, which gained notoriety by attacking thousands of maple trees that lined the streets of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Chicago, forcing many to be cut down.

Despite the new requirements, Glickman conceded he doesn't have enough inspectors to make sure of compliance. And the Chinese government has accused the United States of using the issue as a form of trade protection.

At the same time, officials acknowledge there are thousands of foreign species that are beneficial, and that the United States also has species that cause concerns when they migrate to other countries. Babbitt said the long-term answer is to resolve these issues through international agreements that would benefit all countries.

Environmentalists, meanwhile, maintain the administration has been slow in regulating ballast discharges from freighters — one of the major pathways for exotic aquatic organisms such as the Chinese mitten crab, green crab and Asian clam, which are threatening native marine life in San Francisco Bay and as far north as Washington state.

Pluto to remain ninth planet

Associated Press

PARIS

Reports that Pluto is about to lose its status as a planet are false, the International Astronomical Union said today, a pronouncement aimed at calming scientists and stargazers.

The rare announcement came after reports that the planet discovered in 1930 was about to be knocked down to "minor planet" status or — worse — a "trans-Neptunian object."

"No proposal to change the status of Pluto as the ninth planet in the solar system has been made by any division, commission or working group of the IAU responsible for solar system science," said the Paris-based organization, known as the IAU.

The IAU attributed the false reports of Pluto's demise to "incomplete or misleading information." The allegations had set the world of stargazers astir.

In fact, discussions have been under way at the IAU on creating a potential numbering system for what scientists call trans-Neptunian objects, and giving Pluto a number.

These trans-Neptunian objects, which are beyond Neptune in the outer solar system, have some similarities to Pluto, including the type of orbit and "possibly other properties," the statement said. Including Pluto in a cataloging system would make study of such objects easier.

But, the IAU statement insisted, "This process was explicitly designed to not change Pluto's status as a planet."

"The discussion was equivalent to giving Pluto a social security number," IAU Secretary-General Johannes Andersen said in a telephone interview.

"But other people saw it as a sort of attack on Pluto as a planet ... that doing so would be equivalent to demoting Pluto."

The misunderstanding snowballed, causing misleading press reports on Pluto's fate, Andersen said.

Mark Marley, an assistant astronomy professor at New Mexico State University, said today he still thinks there was a genuine move to make Pluto a minor planet — akin to an asteroid.

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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Wynette to be exhumed

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

Three of Tammy Wynette's daughters have written letters asking that the country singer's body be exhumed for an autopsy. In letters sent to Dr. Bruce Levy, Nashville's medical examiner, the daughters said they want to make sure their mother died from a blood clot as reported by her personal doctor. In a letter obtained by WTVF-TV in Nashville, Jackie Daly told Levy she wants "to stress to you how important it is to my sisters and I to really know how our mother died. I find it hard to believe you can tell how my mother died by looking at her and not doing an autopsy." Similar letters were sent to Levy by Wynette's daughters Tina Jones and Georgette Smith, whose father is country singer George Jones. Wynette, 55, whose many hits included "Stand by Your Man," was found dead in her Nashville home April 6 by husband George Richey.

Journalism class cracks case

CHICAGO

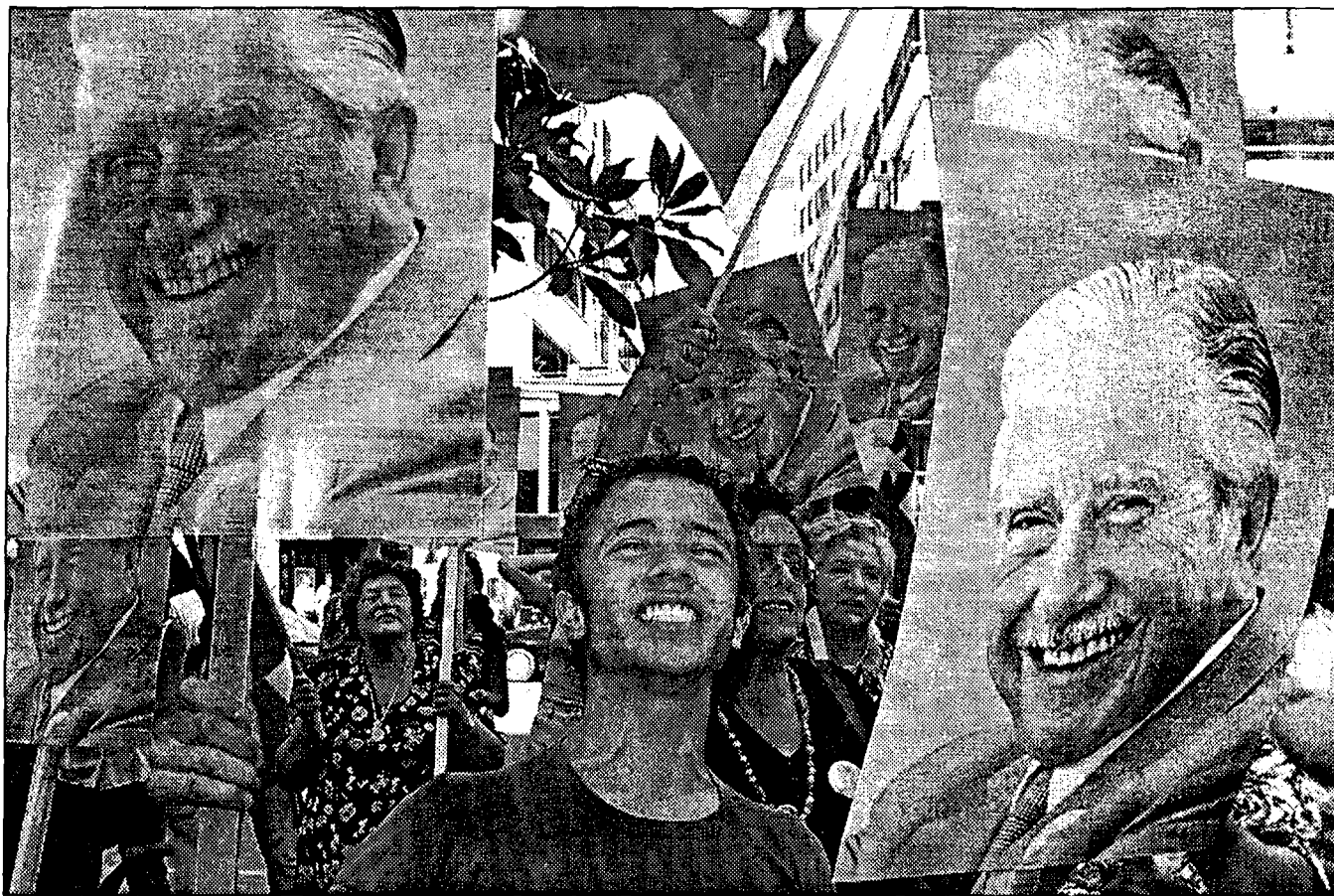
A convicted double-murderer who spent the last 16 years on death row — recently coming within two days of execution — may go free now that another man has allegedly confessed to the crimes. Anthony Porter cried, "Thank you, God," upon hearing Wednesday that a private investigator and group of journalism students announced they had videotaped the confession. Porter, 43, was two days away from lethal injection in September when he won a stay from the Illinois Supreme Court on an appeal that claimed his IQ of 51 was too low for him to be put to death. His lawyer is hoping Porter will be released within days. The state's attorney's office said it is investigating the alleged confession. "He wept and he laughed and he was very happy," his attorney Terri Marroquin said.

Giant panda's health worsens

BEIJING

Veterinarians at a zoo in northern China are struggling to save a 28-year-old giant panda whose kidneys appear to be failing, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported Thursday. The panda, named Zhaizhai, has been unhealthy since his first mate, Rongrong, died six years ago. His keepers at the zoo in Tianjin, 60 miles southeast of Beijing, introduced him to a new mate last month, and he initially was very friendly, the report said. Last week, however, the animal began refusing food, vomiting and passing blood in his urine — symptoms of kidney failure, it said. Veterinarians tried blood transfusions, oxygen and injections, but they were not expecting him to recover. The giant panda is one of the world's most endangered species. Native only to China, 1,000 are believed to survive in the wild.

■ UNITED KINGDOM



AFP Photo

Demonstrators display pictures of Augusto Pinochet during a London rally. British lawyers made closing arguments in their case against the former Chilean dictator Wednesday.

Lawyers close Pinochet proceedings

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON

Britain's highest court wrapped up hearings Thursday to determine Gen. Augusto Pinochet's fate, with opposing lawyers contending that human rights law would be reduced to a "meek little mouse" if he goes free.

The judges from the House of Lords said they would begin private considerations and announce "in due course" their ruling whether the former Chilean dictator is immune from prosecution for crimes against humanity he allegedly committed during his 17-year rule.

Lawyers for Spain, which seeks Pinochet's extradition, and for human rights groups insisted that the International Convention against Torture allowed any country to try another nation's officials for such

crimes.

"This is a case about conduct that has been accepted throughout by everyone concerned as fundamentally unlawful," said Christopher Greenwood, a lawyer for Spain.

The torture convention permits any nation to claim jurisdiction "because a state whose officials behave in this way could not be trusted to deal with this matter on its own," Greenwood said in arguments before the Lords.

Allowing Pinochet to evade the torture convention, Greenwood said, would turn the law into a "meek little mouse."

"We'll take time to consider this," Lord Chief Justice Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson announced as 12 days of intricate legal arguments came to an end.

Pinochet was arrested Oct. 16 in London on a Spanish warrant alleging

that he ordered killings, torture and hostage-taking during his rule, which began when he ousted Chile's elected president, Marxist Salvador Allende, in 1973.

An official Chilean report says 3,197 people were killed or disappeared at the hands of Pinochet's secret police during his dictatorship.

The 83-year-old general's lawyers contend Pinochet is entitled to absolute immunity for any acts he ordered as a former head of state and that trying him abroad is an affront to Chile's sovereignty.

The House of Lords already has denied Pinochet immunity once before. But the 3-2 ruling by a different panel was thrown out after the discovery that a judge who voted against the general had close ties to Amnesty International, a participant in the case.

■ JORDAN

King Hussein leaves U.S. hospital

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMMAN

A gravely ill King Hussein left a U.S. hospital Thursday after an unsuccessful bone marrow transplant and was flying home to Jordan, accompanied by his wife and family members.

The king's return comes only 10 days after he had abruptly gone back to the United States suffering a relapse of lymphatic cancer. Just before he left, the king named his oldest son as his successor in an apparent move to ensure Jordan's future stability.

The condition of the 63-year-old Hussein "has become critical due to the

failure of the function of internal organs," the king's private physician, Lt. Gen. Samir Farraj, said Thursday.

Farraj's statement, issued at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., gave no further details on the king's health.

But an official in Amman said Hussein's body had apparently rejected a bone marrow transplant performed on Tuesday.

On Thursday, Hussein left the clinic where he has been receiving treatment for recurrence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer since Jan. 26.

In Amman, a royal palace statement read over the

state-run Jordan Television said: "Upon King Hussein's persistent wish, he will return home tomorrow morning" — Friday.

The announcement was the first item on the evening news, which was preceded by film clips of the king being greeted by thousands of Jordanians from an earlier trip abroad.

Hussein is the Middle East's longest ruling monarch; he has been on the throne 46 years. He is known as a force for moderation in the volatile Middle East and, after Jordan's 1994 peace with Israel, he has pushed for a broader regional peace.

In Washington, President

Clinton urged prayers for the king who had helped forge the Wye River peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians in October.

"I ask you to pray for our King Hussein, a wonderful human being, a champion of peace who, I promise you today, is fighting for his life mostly so he can continue to fight for peace," Clinton said.

Many Jordanians have known no other leader. When Hussein suddenly flew back to the Mayo Clinic last week, Jordan's stock market shuddered and people began buying dollars in apparent fear that the Jordanian currency might suffer.

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Senate vote allows live video testimony

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Senate voted Thursday for videotaped testimony by Monica Lewinsky in President Clinton's impeachment case after dealing a bipartisan brush-off to a personal appearance. Parts of her recorded deposition are to be played at the nationally televised trial session on Saturday.

As lawmakers settled that issue, Republicans retreated from their plan to find Clinton guilty of wrongdoing without removing him from office.

With those decisions, trial-weary senators moved to wrap up the impeachment proceeding by the end of next week.

"I do think it's time we get to a vote and we move on to other issues," said Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Clinton's acquittal is assured on the charges of perjury and obstruction of justice, which stem from his efforts to conceal a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

While Republicans backed away from their plan to find Clinton guilty of wrongdoing before the trial ends, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said lawmakers in his party were putting the finishing touches on a censure proposal. He said he wants it voted on either during an interruption in the proceedings or after the conclusion.

Under the Senate's decisions on Thursday, prosecutors and White House lawyers will have up to three hours each to make presentations including portions of videotaped depositions on Saturday. In addition to Ms. Lewinsky, lawyers questioned presidential friend Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal earlier this week and recorded the proceedings.

An effort by the House prosecutors to call Ms. Lewinsky for live questioning was rejected, 70-30, with 25 of the Senate's 55 Republicans joining the 45 Democrats in opposition.

Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., pleaded with the senators: "I think that it is eminently fair that we be allowed to present

at least one witness live to you, the central witness in the cast of this entire proceeding and that is Monica Lewinsky."

But White House special counsel Gregory Craig argued the other side, cautioning that her testimony could "produce an avalanche of unwelcome" testimony "into the living rooms of the nation."

At the White House, press secretary Joe Lockhart said in a written statement: "Today's vote rejecting the House managers' request for live witnesses indicates the Senate appears ready to bring this trial to a conclusion."

Judy Smith, a spokeswoman for Ms. Lewinsky, said the former White House intern "and her family are pleased that she does not have to go through the painful and humiliating ordeal of having to testify on the floor of the Senate."

The vote against calling Ms. Lewinsky was a rebuff to Rep. Henry Hyde and other House prosecutors, who had pushed the two articles of impeachment through the House on a near party-line vote. They won a grudging Senate permission a week ago to depose the three witnesses, but only after paring their list down from a dozen or more.

Shortly before the vote, one House prosecutor aired his frustration.

"If one senator has failed to personally sit through ... every deposition, that senator is not equipped to render a verdict on the impeachment trial," said Rep. James Rogan, R-Calif..

A subsequent bid by Democratic Sen. Patty Murray to keep the videotapes out of presentations at the trial failed. The vote was 73-27, with 20 Democrats joining 53 Republicans.

That left Republican prosecutors — and White House defenders — free to use segments of the taped depositions on Saturday.

Taken together, the day's votes underscored that senators in both parties are eager for a swift conclusion to the trial, near the end of its fourth week.

Anthrax scare plagues Washington

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Police and FBI agents retrieved packages purporting to contain anthrax that were delivered to The Washington Post and the Old Executive Office Building on Thursday in an apparent hoax, law enforcement officials said.

Similar scares prompted police to cordon off a four-block area in downtown Atlanta, after a package was delivered to the NBC News bureau there with a note claiming it was anthrax. Earlier in the day, a postal

worker in Columbus, Ga., opened a parcel with a note reading, "You have been exposed to anthrax."

"If the past is any indication, this is all a hoax," said FBI spokesman Frank Scafidi of the scares in the District of Columbia and Georgia. "In Los Angeles a few weeks ago, these things were popping all over the place. These sound similar to those widely reported incidents. It sounds like another spike, just more of the same."

In Washington, an analysis showed that the substance contained inside the package

received by the Post was harmless. FBI Agent Elisa Foster said the parcel received by the Post "contained rambling threats and claimed that whoever opened the letter was exposed to a poisonous substance."

Shortly after noon, FBI agents in blue windbreakers and District of Columbia police entered the Old Executive Office Building next to the White House to retrieve the second package. No details on that parcel were immediately available, but the building was not evacuated.

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Fed keeps interest rates steady

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Trapped between conflicting pressures at home and abroad, the Federal Reserve voted Wednesday to leave interest rates unchanged, keeping its hands off an economy that is either gratifyingly robust or too strong for its own good.

The decision had been almost universally expected by economists and investors and caused barely a ripple on Wall Street. But it highlighted the dilemma facing the central bank just months after it cut rates three times to insure that financial turmoil in much of the rest of the world would not derail the long American business expansion.

Rather than slowing, the economy grew at a torrid 5.6 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter, putting back on the agenda the possibility that inflation, long dormant, could resurface. One faction within the Federal Reserve is also concerned about rapid growth in the money supply, a cause or signal of inflation.

As a result, analysts said, Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, and his colleagues on the central bank are almost certainly considering whether they will need to reverse course and raise rates later this year if growth does not slow markedly on its own.

Yet the continued fragility of global financial markets, a rapidly expanding trade deficit, concern about causing a big sell-off on Wall Street and the almost total absence of any hard evidence of inflation have combined to create a strong case for leaving rates alone or even cutting them further.

"The Fed cannot lower interest rates because of eye-pop-

ping economic strength," said Sung Won Sohn, an economist at Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis.

"They cannot raise rates because of the stock market bubble and what's going on overseas and because politically it's impossible to raise rates given the very low inflation rate right now," he said. "So the best course for them is to stand pat and see how the U.S. and the global economies unfold."

Wednesday's decision left the benchmark federal funds target rate on overnight loans among

selves?

The evidence in favor of a fundamental change includes some of the most recent economic statistics. The fourth-quarter growth rate of 5.6 percent brought growth for all of 1998 to 3.9 percent, the third consecutive year in which the economy has expanded at nearly a 4-percent rate.

Traditional economic theory holds that the economy cannot grow more than about 2.5 percent a year over the long run without igniting inflation. But the broadest measures of price changes suggest that inflation last year was one percent or less.

Moreover, the absence of meaningful inflation came despite falling unemployment, which has left the jobless rate, currently 4.3 percent, hovering near 30-year lows. And heavy investments in computers and other cost-saving technology has allowed many companies to improve productivity, setting off a debate about whether the United States has reversed a two-decade-long slide in productivity growth.

"Members of the Fed wake up every morning and look out at a booming economy and ask themselves whether it's a result of computers or of interest rates being low," said Brian Wesbury, an economist at Griffin, Kubik, Stephens & Thompson, a Chicago investment firm.

Wesbury comes down on the side of those who think technology has increased the economy's capacity for noninflationary growth. He said that relative to inflation, the short-term interest rates controlled by the Fed are still high and could be cut to further stimulate growth without any danger of overheating.

'THE FED CANNOT RAISE RATES BECAUSE OF THE STOCK MARKET BUBBLE AND WHAT'S GOING ON OVERSEAS AND BECAUSE POLITICALLY ITS IMPOSSIBLE TO RAISE RATES GIVEN THE VERY LOW INFLATION'

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banks at 4.75 percent and the discount rate on loans from the Federal Reserve system at 4.5 percent.

The central bank's usual terse announcement Wednesday afternoon that the policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee had adjourned with nothing to report belied the fundamental nature of the debate that has reemerged within the institution in the last few months: Has the economy entered a new era in which heavy investments in technology allow rapid growth to coexist with low inflation? Or is the United States merely enjoying a remarkable but temporary string of good economic luck that will end with inflationary forces reasserting them-

Bearish tech stocks drag markets down

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A fierce sell-off in technology shares sent stock indexes spinning lower Thursday, handing the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite the third-biggest point loss in its history.

The Dow Jones Industrial average fell 62.31 to 9,304.50. The blue-chip index swung widely during the day, falling 91 points in the morning then heading up 31 before retreating a second time.

Dow component and technology leader IBM lost 5 11/16 to 169 5/8 and was responsible for nearly 24 points of the Dow's loss.

The broad market indexes, however, were a much bigger story. The Nasdaq skidded 83.34 to 2,410.07, and the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index lost 23.58 to 1,248.49.

Decliners beat advancers 9 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was 1.03 billion shares on the Big Board, off slightly from Wednesday's pace.

Some market pundits and observers have been warning for months that the screamingly high valuations on technology shares, particularly on those of Internet companies, could not hold up forever. Some worried that technology had been so responsible for the market's overall advances, that once the technology bubble burst, the entire market would cave in.

"Technology is the key" to the market's high valuations, said Larry Wachtel, market analyst at Prudential Securities. By jumping the technology ship, "in effect the street is saying, you have reached valuations that I cannot justify."

Wachtel added however that

Thursday's declines don't necessarily signal a trend.

"In the month of January, the Nasdaq composite went up 14 percent, and in one day of correction, people ask whether it's all over," Wachtel said. But one day of contraction doesn't make a pattern, he said.

Even the stocks of online brokerages, which had been posting strong gains for the second day in a row, finally succumbed after New York state's attorney general said he was looking into trading irregularities at these firms. Most of them ended lower, with Siebert Financial losing 6 1/4 to 43 1/4.

The Dow's brief foray into positive territory was due to a rise in economically sensitive stocks, such as Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing, International Paper and Kodak.

All of these stocks ended in the positive column after the Federal Reserve Board released minutes of its December meeting indicating that it didn't plan to raise interest rates. Higher rates would hurt big manufacturers because their borrowing needs are relatively great.

Shares of computer chip makers Advanced Micro Devices and Intel were lower on talk of a price war in computer chips. AMD fell 2 1/6 to 18 7/8. Merrill Lynch downgraded the stock after the company pulled out of two high-profile technology conferences. Shares of Intel, which lowered its chip prices last month, fell 8 5/8 to 130 1/8.

The market paid little mind to several pieces of good economic news.

The Labor Department said the number of new unemployment claims fell 9,000 in the week ended Jan. 30. The Commerce Department reported a 2.3 percent jump in orders to U.S. factories in December.

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Microsoft video fails to have government warnings

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Seeking to recoup its credibility in the courtroom over a disputed computer demonstration, Microsoft Corp. played a new videotape at its trial Thursday but failed to include an important assertion from the original video that the government had challenged.

Microsoft said the overall results vindicated its arguments that government efforts to disable Internet functions within its Windows software cause serious problems.

The company recorded the new demonstration overnight in a conference room overlooking the White House at its law firm, under scrutiny of government lawyers and computer experts.

Thursday's video showed an IBM laptop behaving oddly, causing strange crashes and unusual flashing screens in parts of Windows after the government modified it.

"Right now, the system is in a very confused state," Microsoft

senior vice president James Allchin said during the demonstration. "It's definitely not well right now."

The video also showed several ways to browse the Internet despite government attempts to prevent it.

The government alleges that Microsoft illegally "tied" its Internet browser software into Windows, which forced consumers who use its computer operating system also to use its browser. It sought to modify Windows to refute Microsoft's claims that its browser is inseparable.

Microsoft acknowledged that it was unable to duplicate one disputed segment that purported to show that the government's tinkering caused its Internet software to run dramatically slower.

On the original video, another Microsoft employee said: "It's taking a very long time, however — unusually long — to access that Web site. That's a result of the performance degradation that has occurred because of running the gov-

ernment) program."

But Justice Department lawyer David Boies showed that a title bar for the Internet software suggested Microsoft's test actually used a version of Windows unaltered by the government.

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THOMAS PENFIELD JACKSON
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

When Windows was tested with the government's changes, "you didn't have this delay," Boies charged.

Microsoft said Thursday it couldn't guarantee in its overnight tests that identical laptops achieved comparable

connection rates to the Internet, which would have ensured a fair demonstration.

"The phone situation was a real mess," Allchin explained. He said on the new video that the obviously slow Internet performance "has nothing to do" with the government's changes.

But spokesman Mark Murray maintained that in the company's previous tests, Allchin had "personally witnessed the degradation under lab conditions."

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson had criticized Microsoft's earlier video demonstration as unreliable after Boies pointed out inconsistencies in a four-minute segments during two days of dramatic courtroom confrontation.

Allchin eventually explained that Microsoft had edited together video segments of several different computers so it appeared a single computer was being tested.

Murray said Thursday that the flawed video had been intended as "an illustration of

what we found in the laboratory." Microsoft lawyer Steven Holley called it "now infamous."

Despite being ravaged under cross-examination over two days, Allchin maintained his humor in the new video, showed unedited during 70 minutes in court.

When Allchin confessed he wasn't sure at one point whether to restart the laptop for one test, he murmured: "Well, I don't mind a little risk." Then his eyes widened, his lips pursed.

When one program in the test prompted him to enter his birth date before proceeding, he deadpanned: "OK, apparently I was born yesterday."

The judge told lawyers in a private meeting that he didn't believe Allchin had deliberately falsified the tests, according to a transcript obtained Thursday.

"I do not believe that he deliberately falsified this, but it does cast doubt on reliability of (the original video) altogether," the judge said in Wednesday's meeting at the close of court.

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Associated Press

Calls for farm reform ahead of Poland's bid to join the European Union have been resisted by farmers, who are afraid of losing control of their land.

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EDITORIAL

Observer endorses Jayme/Peate

With a healthy blend of idealism and realism, a willingness to voice student opinion and a focus on increasing diversity, Chana Jayme and Dan Peate have the vision and experience to lead Notre Dame's student government and student body into the year 2000.

In their interviews with The Observer, Jayme and Peate stressed their willingness to work on behalf of students on any issue. "If it's something the students want, we'll fight tooth and nail for it," Jayme said.

The candidates' willingness to take risks and their realistic conception of what they can accomplish, The Observer endorses Chana Jayme and Dan Peate for student body president and vice president.

Both candidates built a good general knowledge of the inner-workings of student government in their roles as McGlinn and Knott Hall presidents. Though they lack experience in Student Senate and Campus Life Council, their participation in other activities shows their leadership capabilities and an interest in events outside the traditional realm of student government. Jayme is active in La Alianza, Asian Allure and is a coxon for the women's crew team, and Peate captains the debate team.

As president of McGlinn, Jayme has displayed extraordinary exuberance in motivating resident involvement in campus spirit activities. With her "get-things-done" attitude, she will not stand for stalemate in the governing process and has the spunk to encourage both stu-

dents and her student government staff members to plan and participate in campus events. She is willing to speak up on major issues and has the confidence to be taken seriously.

Peate, a transfer student, served as Moorpark College's student body president last year — an unusual accomplishment for a sophomore. Having represented the more than 14,000 undergraduates of the California institution, Peate brings a different perspective of student government to Notre Dame's Office of the President. His experience as president of the debate

team will be pertinent and invaluable for his vice-presidential role as chair of the Student Senate.

The Micah Murphy/Michael Palumbo ticket also stands out from the crowd, promising that their "mission and vision" is to heed the concerns of students and coordinate programs that tackle those issues. The team's plat-

form outlines dozens of specific plans, but — like some of Jayme and Peate's ideas — many are pledges to continue projects already in the works, like improving the Career and Placement Center, increasing 24-hour space and promoting co-sponsored events.

Palumbo, a late replacement for Julie Reising on the ticket, provides intricate knowledge of the student government constitution and the workings of the Office of the President, thanks to his experience as this year's student government secretary. Murphy has sat on class councils, held leadership roles in Navy ROTC and currently serves as president

of Keough Hall.

However, Murphy and Palumbo are poised to follow into an old Cesaro/Selak rut: Rather than taking an active, vocal stance when a controversial issue grips campus, Cesaro and Selak slip into relative obscurity. Following this lackluster example, Murphy and Palumbo are unwilling to speak out on behalf of the student body on tough issues without a near-unanimous student opinion. And unless the issue is the Big Ten, a unified student voice will be hard to come by.

Individually, Murphy and Palumbo would bring charisma and dedication to their respective jobs as leaders of the CLC and Student Senate. But without the guts to take a chance, their administration risks being merely more of the same old thing — Murphy and Palumbo seem confined by the current student government programming structure.

Together, Murphy/Palumbo lack the interpersonal dynamic and confidence in each other necessary to work as a team — a chemistry that Jayme and Peate possess both naturally and abundantly. Their willingness to listen to each other and compromise will be assets when working with University administration as well as with other students. Jayme's concise and enthusiastic style make her a natural CLC chairperson, while Peate's analytical nature and more assertive confidence give him the tools for steering the often raucous or long-winded Student Senate meetings.

The team's push for more campus diversity is idealistic yet feasible. Through the use of co-sponsored events, Jayme and Peate plan to increase communication among members of clubs, dorms and other organizations, thereby increasing participation at events that target multiculturalism. With an understanding that increasing admissions for minorities is outside the direct control of

student government, the team's plan is clear: "What is here, we can experience."

To increase general participation in student government, the team plans to hold more forums and meetings to discuss campus issues. They also plan to add suggestion boxes around campus to better understand what students want.

Jayme and Peate's desire to compromise shines through in their plans to continue student government's lobby for a student on the Board of Trustees to investigate extending parietals. While

THEIR STRONG IDEALISM, DEDICATION, FEASIBLE PLANS AND STRONG TEAM DYNAMIC MAKE JAYME AND PEATE THE BEST CANDIDATES TO LEAD NOTRE DAME'S UNDERGRADUATES INTO 2000.

they promise to always voice student body sentiment and take a stand on issues, they also understand the need to get basic first steps approved by the administration — steps that chip away at attaining the larger goal. For example, they will push for a student trustee with an advisory vote and for a short extension of weekend parietals, in the hope that future student government officers will continue to rally for these issues.

The Office of the President changes hands on April 1; with Jayme and Peate at the helm, platform promises won't be just another April Fools joke. Their strong idealism, dedication, feasible plans and strong team dynamic make Chana Jayme and Dan Peate the best candidates to lead Notre Dame's undergraduate family toward the next century.

DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU

QUOTE OF THE DAY



'The novel is the genre of historical hope.'

— Margaret A. Doody

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■ LULA'S JOURNAL

Don't Believe the Hype

I was talking to a good friend of mine the other day about universities. He said something that startled me. A university should be "animated by a spirit of freedom and charity, mutual respect, sincere dialogue, and protection of individual rights. It assists each of its members to achieve wholeness as human persons; in turn, everyone in the community helps in promoting unity, and each one, according to his or her capacity, contributes toward decisions which affect the community."

What startled me is how undemocratic the whole debate about joining the Big Ten has been. The whole community has not been consulted about this

Jeff Langan

(I don't call a faculty brew-ha-ha one week before the Trustees meet in London real academic debate. That is not how academics exercise a collegial spirit in coming to decisions at, for example, academic conferences.)

Maybe it's because they can't come up with any better argument for joining the BIG TEN other than it will make us "larger," or because joining the BIG TEN will allow Notre Dame "to compare itself with those schools." As if we can't make ourselves larger or we can't compare ourselves with BIG TEN schools unless we actually join the BIG TEN.

As far as I can tell, the administration doesn't want the community as a whole to contribute to this decision. The administration has been unresponsive to any attempt by journalists to speak with them or other faculty about this matter. In spite of that, the community as a whole might in fact contribute to this decision, but this does not justify the way making the decision was handled.

Yes, you will tell me, there has been a flurry of news stories over the past week. That does nothing to contribute to really understanding the situation. That's just sensationalist journalism looking for this week's hit. It is kind of ironic, though, that the Sports pages have been covering this issue since November or December. Thus, we see where the real crack reporters congregate. It's also ironic that in public at least sports reporters have given more attention to this issue than our dedicated and responsible administrators and faculty.

This is more ironic because this same small group of administrators and faculty frequently criticizes organized religious institutions, arguing that these religious institutions are in some sense undemocratic and not responsive to the "real needs" of their flocks.

But there is perhaps a better explanation. An

underlying mentality in this debate is that it is not possible to be a committed faithful Catholic and a top-rate intellectual at the same time. This mentality assumes that we have to settle for being an irrelevant, under-funded po-dunk college or a big bad research university. The two, academic excellence and remaining faithful to the Pope, are incompatible.

This mentality extends to other more important matters as well. For example, many think that being a committed Catholic somehow prevents a guy from being a good basketball player or that committed Catholic guys can't talk to pretty girls, or to be really good at anything is somehow incompatible with being Catholic.

This mentality is patently false. If anything the opposite should prevail. An individual can be a top-rate whatever and a committed and faithful Catholic at the same time. Aquinas or Augustine weren't bad philosophers because they were Catholic. William Bennet was not an incompetent Head of the Department of Education because he was Catholic.

Alasdair MacIntyre is not a second-rate ethicist because he is Catholic and likes to read the writings of Cardinal Ratzinger. Likewise, committing itself to being a truly Catholic University does not exclude the possibility that Notre Dame be a top-notch whatever.

It is true, however, that many secular thinkers regard anybody who lives their life according to some principle of faith as irrelevant. For example, I know a professor at the University of Michigan, a school in the BIG TEN, who was told that the recent papal encyclical on Faith and Reason was "irrelevant to students and professors at the University of Michigan."

Has anybody asked if BIG TEN schools or any other secular school in this country respects the academic freedom of Catholic thinkers? If someone were to think, for example, that joining the BIG TEN somehow means Notre Dame has to hide its Catholicism, they would be wrong. And this is why I think the administration has been so secretive about debating joining the BIG TEN. There must be some kind of fear that we can't join the Big Ten and keep our Catholic identity, so we had better think of a way to hide our Catholic identity. But just the opposite should be the case. We should want to join the BIG TEN and sue anybody who treats us as second rate because we are faithful, for example to Rome.

Better yet, we could remain independent and sue any AAURP or ERP or whatever that attempts to classify us as second rate because of our Catholicism, and if they do so, too bad for them, they have committed the injustice.

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■ CAPITOL COMMENTS

Driving Mr. Clinton

On Tuesday, Punxsutawny Phil forecast that spring would arrive early this year. In Washington on Wednesday, mild temperatures and bright sunshine greeted President Clinton when his motorcade drove two blocks to the Willard Hotel for his appearance before a senior citizens' organization.

Despite the Republican bloodhounds sniffing the impeachment trail on Capitol Hill, Clinton

appeared confident and statesmanlike.

Transporting the President is a complicated and quite impressive task whether it involves Marine One, Air Force One and 23 members of the press and White House staff emerge from the vans. They scurry towards the tent while additional Secret Service agents and White House staff make a bee line for the hotel. A minute after the President's arrival, the entourage has disappeared, the street reopened and the sidewalk where I stood across the street from the tent is bustling again with pedestrians. The most powerful man in the world brushed briefly by us, just two blocks from his office and home...with the help of several dozen others.

TRYING MR. CLINTON

Scandal-related merchandise abounds in Washington. Buttons and bumper stickers proclaim such slogans as, "It takes a village idiot to believe Clinton," "Liar, liar, pants on fire" and "Win one for the Zipper." The President's attorney, David Kendall, entered a political memorabilia store during the last week of December and bought a picture of First Lady Hillary Clinton with a bumper sticker attached above it reading, "Get off his back!" Kendall had walked past piles of the Starr Report printed on toilet paper to make his selection.

House Judiciary member Jerrald Nadler (D-NY) left the White House Congressional Christmas Ball still clad in his tuxedo when a man came rushing up to him on Pennsylvania Avenue. "Congressman," the man called out as Nadler tried to evaluate whether the man was going to be friendly or hostile. "You are the man," the man said and then explained that he was proud of Nadler's defense of Clinton while handing the Congressman a gift...a set of Russian nesting dolls entitled "All the President's Dolls" which featured Clinton, Monica Lewinsky, Paul Jones, Jennifer Flowers and Kathleen Willey.

begun asking the question, "Where will the evidence go?" Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr subpoenaed everything from Monica Lewinsky's dress to photographs of intern classes that once hung in the halls of the White House. When the investigation and litigation have been completed, hun-

dreds of items and thousands of pages of materials will

be kept as prescribed by law. Staff at the National Archives have confirmed that the infamous blue dress will be stored along with such items as John F. Kennedy's blood-soaked shirt.

SPELLING IN CONGRESS

When Notre Dame students attending the Washington semester decided to stand in line to obtain tickets for the opening session of the Senate impeachment trial, they witnessed more than history. Each senator received a pen with which to sign the register on the first day of the proceedings. Each pen was supposed to have printed on it "United States Senate," but did not. The pens, rare collector's items known for their impeachment value, are more unique for another reason. The inscription may have been an omen foretelling of an upcoming confusing spectacle. It read, "Untied States Senate."

BUDDY THE FIRST PET

Handlers for both Socks and Buddy (the President's cat and dog) allow the animals to roam throughout the White House complex. Departing visitors of the daily White House tours have reported that they have held Socks or patted Buddy on the head. On the other hand, White House staff have had different, less pleasant experiences. Buddy is extremely pampered and spoiled, and tends to jump on people. One military staff person threw Buddy off his lap and against a chair. Buddy decided to bother other staff members in that office and avoided the unfriendly military man. One can only imagine how Buddy would have fared if that military person had been in actuality the First Family's dreaded nemesis Ken Starr.

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Gary Caruso



A Thank You to the PSA

On behalf of the 750 members of GALA-ND/SMC (The Gay and Lesbian Alumni(ae) of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College), we would like to personally thank the constituents of the Progressive Student Alliance for all of their hard work and dedication toward achieving equal rights on this campus.

From its inception, PSA has been at the forefront of attempts to make a difference ... not only on the issue of non-discrimination, but concerning academic freedom, environmental issues, animal rights and gender equality.

This is the type of inquiry and thoughtfulness which great universities inspire ... and we thank PSA for bringing it here to Notre Dame. Actually, for bringing it BACK to Notre Dame.

Through the years, GALA-ND/SMC and the g/l/b student group OUTreach ND (formerly GLND/SMC) have been blessed with many allies: the College Democrats, Gender Studies, the Graduate Student Union, the Center for Social Concerns, Prism and the Student and Faculty Senates, to name a few. These groups seek justice for all. They also desire to make a Notre Dame education more than just textbooks and exams — for college is meant to be a time to realize one's full potential. Only in an environment of free and open discourse which offers exposure to the true diversity of the "real world," is such complete growth possible. And only with equal protection under the law is the right to a quality education



ensured.

Therefore, it is with deep gratitude that we offer a sincere "Thank you" to PSA, and to all of the members of the Notre Dame community who support the inclusion of sexual orientation in the University's non-discrimination clause.

Together, we can make it happen.

The Officers of GALA-ND/SMC
February 2, 1999

ARCHIVING THE SCANDAL
Reporters covering the
National Archives have

Dorm Stereotypes: Malicious



About Farley's Stereotype:

"I wouldn't say that most girls smoke, but in my section, I do have a number of smokers. But although some girls do smoke, they are still really nice people."

Beth Marino, R.A., Farley Hall

About Breen Phillips' Stereotype:

"B.S. The stereotype originated in one of two ways. The first origin had to do with a pizza-eating contest a few years ago. Apparently every time a guy's dorm ordered pizza, they said that they were from BP, and BP won the contest by an extreme majority. The second origin had to do with a pizza eating contest when BP was still a male dorm. The men won the contest, and the stereotype carried over to the women's dorm. Whatever the origin, it has been my experience that most BP girls are very athletic."

Heather Densmore, former resident of Breen Phillips

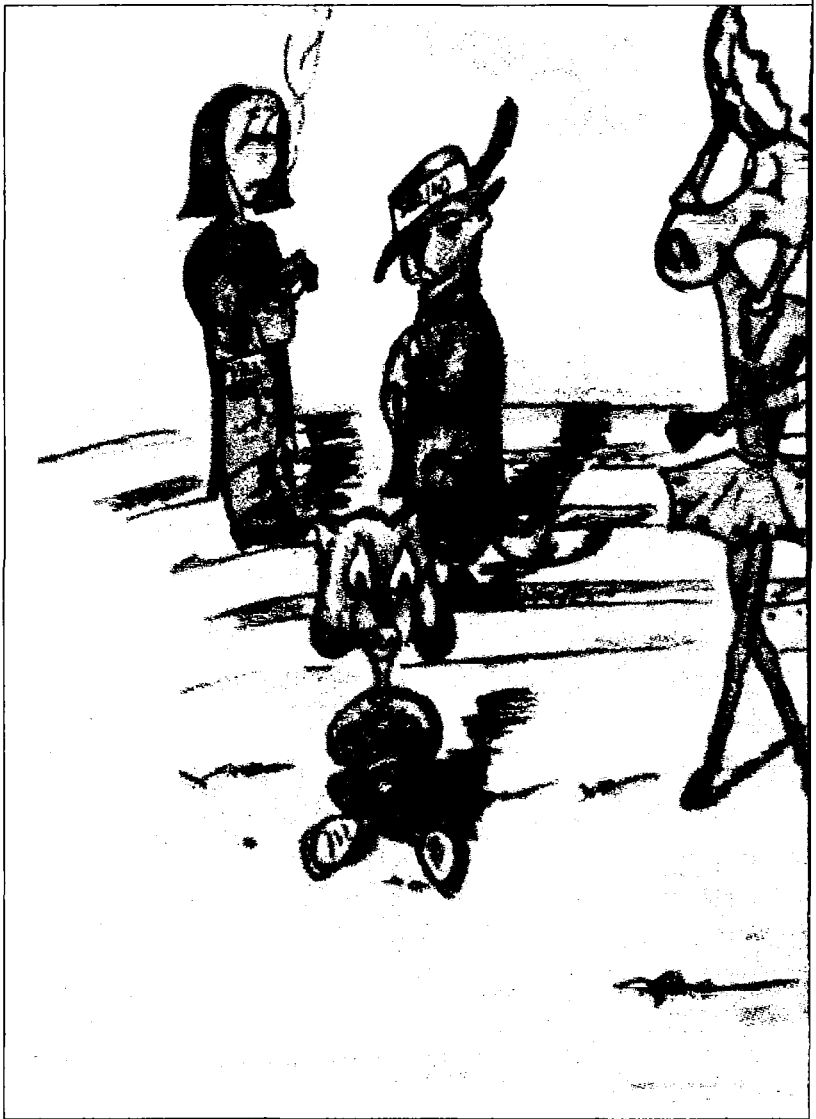
About Walsh's Stereotype:

"No, I do not think that the rich-alumni daughter stereotype is true. In the past there have been some alumni daughters living here, but now I think we have a really good mix — we are the same as any other dorm."

Deanette Weiss, senior, Walsh Hall

Everyone knows the stereotypes. Zahm guys are guys are just rich boys, right? Well, Scene conducted a survey to find out what the average student thinks about each of the dorms in — are you surprised?

Dawgs	Alumni Hall	Fraternity
Regatta	Fisher Hall	Dirty Dorm
Rats	Morrissey Hall	Nice Guys
Quiet	Howard Hall	Ducks
Quiet	Badin Hall	Loners
New	Keough Hall	Kangaroo
New	Welsh Hall	Rich
Alumni Kids	Sorin Hall	Big Parties
Hotties	Cavanaugh	Big Parties
Revue	Keenan Hall	Friendly
Fat	Breen Phillips Hall	Yo-Cream
Smart	Siegfried Hall	Flanner
Purple Weasels	Pasquerilla West	Flag Football
Parties	Off-Campus Housing	No Rules



Student Government '99 ELECTIONS

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Candidates range from determined to dubious



Blazing the campaign trail

Above: Presidential candidate Micah Murphy greets freshman Domingo Maynes to ask for his vote in Monday's election.

Right: Vice presidential candidate Dan Hennigan apparently has a great deal of faith in his running mate Luke White's knife juggling ability. The pair of roommates are hoping their mutual trust will inspire voters to elect them.

Photos by Joe Stark



Some candidates declare no intention of winning, but still push their issues

By MICHELLE KRUPA
News Editor

It has been said that winning isn't everything, but for some candidates in the race for Notre Dame student body president and vice president, it's not even part of the game plan.

With 11 tickets in this year's race, some candidates have admitted that their intentions have little to do with actually winning.

"Some interpret [our campaign] as a protest. Some interpret it as a joke," said presidential candidate Scott Killen. "Our feeling is that student government takes itself too seriously."

Killen, a Zahm sophomore, decided to run after being solicited by Zahm Hall residents to bolster the dorm's participation in the race. Currently, seven tickets are comprised of two candidates from Zahm.

"[We're doing this as a] favor to a friend. He wanted to get as many people from Zahm to run," Killen said. "It's just some guys going out, having a good time, throwing some issues into the ring."

Like Killen and his running mate, Zahm sophomore Paul Nebosky, Zahm residents Patrick McCormick and Brian Wahl are not running to win, but hope that some of their ideas will be implemented by the winners.

"We're doing this to challenge [student government] to change the process a little," McCormick said.

Of course, not all Zahm tickets are joking around. Many candidates have presented non-tra-

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■ THE CESARO/SELAK ADMINISTRATION

Duo reflects on successes, future of presidency

By TIM LOGAN
Associate News Editor

After a year of focusing on their campaign promises in a systematic, workmanlike manner, student body president Peter Cesaro and vice president Andréa Selak are now preparing to hand the reigns of government over to the winners of next week's elections.

Looking back over the past term, the pair point to a range of accomplishments in the areas of student services and student government cooperation as their most valued achievements.

"We have done a lot of things that have enhanced campus unity and student life here," Cesaro said. He pointed to the expansion of Saferide to Thursday nights, Academic Pride Week and the Diversity Education Program — which is still in the works — as the three most important initiatives of his administration.

Administrative relations is another area on which Cesaro and Selak have worked. Their Fall report to the Board of Trustees, which focused on expanding the services offered in the First Year of Studies — such as a writing center and tutoring — to all students, was reportedly well-received by members of the Board.

"The Fall Board of Trustees Report has the potential to make long-term improvements," said Selak. While their work at improving communica-



The Observer/Joe Stark

Student body president Peter Cesaro and vice president Andréa Selak look back upon their year in office. The two have focused on student services and improving campus life.

tions with the Board has been an improvement over other terms, there has still been no tangible progress made on getting a student member on the Board.

One criticism of the administration thus far has been that Cesaro and Selak have appeared reluctant to take a stand on major issues of importance to the student body, such as potential Big Ten membership and the addition of sexual orientation to the non-dis-

crimination clause. While Cesaro has spoken at public forums on both these matters in the past week, both officials were largely silent up until now.

This is especially true of the non-discrimination clause, which has been a hot issue on campus ever since Father David Garrick resigned last March, just before Cesaro and Selak took office. Cesaro took a public stance on the issue for the first time at a rally on Tuesday when he spoke in support of

the clause change. He explained this as an attempt to maximize the impact of his statement.

"If you speak out vocally on a lot of issues the amount of response and acknowledgment you receive dwindles," Cesaro said. "In order to register student opinion we wanted to talk about it close to the [Board of Trustees] meeting. You don't want to come out and make people sick of you."

At this point in their term, the two are looking towards the future, and hope the next administration will follow through on some of their initiatives while developing their own proposals for the long term.

"Student Government has the potential to be so much more than a one-year thing," said Selak. "You have the opportunity to make a difference that lasts. It's important to remember that." In looking towards the future, Cesaro and Selak have some suggestions for whoever moves in to 203 LaFortune on April 1. Vision, passion and commitment are qualities they see as essential to be an effective student leader.

"My hope is that the next administration will have a long-term vision," said Selak. "It's important to have a commitment and a real love for being at Notre Dame."

Cesaro also noted the importance of

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EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

Tickets offer a variety of valuable ideas

In a year when many have called politics a joke, some candidates in Notre Dame's race for student body president and vice president have been written off as jokesters.

It's unfair and unrealistic to blow off the tickets that aren't necessarily front-runners. True, two tickets admitted they do not want or expect to win, but no ticket ever told The Observer that it didn't care about Notre Dame or about student government.

Candidates threw in their hats for a number of reasons besides a desire to lead the undergraduate student body. Some want to shake up the election process, others are concentrating on a very specific goal while still others hope to restructure student government and increase its accessibility to the average student.

All candidates value their ideas and hope that even if they don't win, their suggestions for improving Notre Dame will make it to 203

LaFortune.

Regardless of their motivations for running, all 22 candidates dedicated time and money to the race. Each platform features at least one plank that merits consideration from student government officers — the student body president and vice president, hall senators, class representatives and dorm presidents — no matter which ticket wins on Feb. 12.

Brian Clemency and Daniel Chucta bring a valuable proposal to keep scheduling orientation-style activities for freshmen throughout the semester, rather than abruptly ending it when classes begin.

Chris Costigan and Matt

Buyske want to work for an increased student voice on issues of importance to the Notre Dame community. The current lack of student leadership on the Big Ten and non-discrimination decisions high-

Nebosky's interest in expanding student seating at hockey games shows foresight about a problem that will only increase as Notre Dame hockey continues to improve.

On a similar note, the football ticket distribution proposals of Bill Kuder and Joe Priest should be considered as the administration looks into changing the system. While their specific proposals may be unfeasible, student input in the decision is essential.

Patrick McCormick and Brian Wahl have some interesting suggestions for the use of Stepan Center. Making it into a disco club may not be a success, but devoting it to campus entertainment on a

regular basis is a good idea.

The ticket of Micah Murphy and Michael Palumbo has a host of solid proposals for student government, but perhaps the best one is establishing a housing network for summer interns. Whoever is elected would be well-served to look into this proposal.

The proposal by Wally Poirier and Greg Smith to institute gender and diversity forums at Freshman Orientation would be a good start in addressing two serious problems at Notre Dame: gender and race relations.

Cynthia Turski and Steven Robey's suggestions of putting TCEs online for review and standardizing detex hours are important initiatives that should be taken up by whoever takes over the presidency.

Luke White and Dan Hennigan's irreverent approach to student government could prove valuable in lightening the mood in a student government which often takes itself too seriously.

Some candidates have been written off as a joke, some don't even want to win, but all have presented a number of good suggestions that the winners should consider.

lights the importance of this plank.

Sean Deschene and Mike Revers have some important recommendations with regard to improved technology use in enrollment and DARTing.

Scott Killen and Paul

THE WAYS AND MEANS



The student body president and vice president are responsible for chairing meetings of student leaders, particularly Student Senate and Campus Life Council. They work closely with other student leaders to coordinate Student Union operations.

Student body president

Executive Cabinet

- The chief of staff, HPC co-chairs, class presidents, off-campus co-presidents, SUB board manager, SUB programming director, club coordinator the Student Union Treasurer and five club council representatives sit on the Executive Cabinet.

- The president chairs this body, which is responsible for coordinating the daily operations, priorities and programming of the Student Union.

Student Senate

- One representative from each hall sits on the Senate, along with one off-campus representative.

- The Senate, which is chaired by the student body vice president, is responsible for formulating and advancing the position of the undergraduate student body on campus issues.

- The Senate is also responsible for establishing Student Union fiscal policies and for overseeing the operations of the Union.

Judicial Council

- The Judicial Council is responsible for overseeing elections and peer advocacy programs.

Treasurer's Office

- The Student Union treasurer is responsible for disbursing undergraduate student organization funds and ensuring that Student Union organizations adhere to fiscal policy.

- The treasurer chairs the Financial Management Board, which makes funding recommendations for clubs and organizations.

Brian
Clemency*Daniel*
Chucta

Class/Major: Brian is a freshman pre-med major, and Chucta is a senior — he'll return for a fifth year — with a film production and design double major.

IN THEIR WORDS

Campaign Slogan: "A New Beginning, A Bright Future"

Most Important Idea: Make government open to students.

Most Feasible Idea: Direct election of other Student Union offices, like secretary and treasurer.

Least Feasible Idea: Eliminate the position of Club Coordination Council Coordinator.

Notable Quote: "A government without the people can't be for the people."

Prior Experience: Clemency comes off some high-school leadership positions; Chucta is on the Irish Guard.

IN OUR WORDS

The Best Ideas: Strengthen and lengthen Gender Relations Week; add gender relations and diversity retreats.

Most Feasible: Expanding Gender Relations Week; making all meetings open to the public and in public places.

Least Feasible: The sweeping constitutional reform, on which the Senate votes — but would it really vote to abolish itself? Also, moving student government out of its office space and moving The Observer back into LaFortune (it's a nice try, but if it were at all feasible, we'd be back over there already).

Sound Bite: "Closed doors breed elitism — they remove students from the process."

WHERE THEY STAND

Student-Administration Relations: Increase understanding of both sides. Clemency sees it as a tough balance between pushing for student needs without isolating the administration.

Inner-Workings of Government: The constitutional reforms include eliminating Student Senate and replacing it with other bodies, renaming the president "representative at large," and making class government autonomous.

Gender Relations: Instead of inundating freshmen with activities during orientation and letting things taper off later, Clemency proposed having socials and mini-retreats scattered throughout the year.

Diversity: "Strengthen the understanding of different cultures and promote better relations," the duo said.

Off-Campus Students: Eliminate off-campus student government and give greater representation in other government bodies.

What We Like: Clemency had energy and ambition which is rare in a freshman. Don't be surprised if you hear his name in the future.

What We Don't Like: Clemency is eloquent enough to express his ideas, but shows little understanding that constitutional reform takes a long time to implement. Chucta did speak up softly a few times, but mostly let Clemency run the show.

Class/Major: Both are freshmen; Costigan plans to be a government major, while Buyske is eyeing engineering.

IN THEIR WORDS

Campaign Slogan: "Why Not?"

Most Important Idea: Restructuring the meal plans

Most Feasible Idea: Getting cable in dorm rooms, like at Saint Mary's.

Least Feasible Idea: Getting kegs at on-campus parties by registering them with the dorm rector.

Notable Quote: "You can quote me on that."

Prior Experience: Buyske did not list any; Costigan is a volunteer fireman and EMT.

IN OUR WORDS

The Best Ideas: Having un-eaten dining hall meals convert to flex points at the end of the week so that the money is not wasted.

Most Feasible: Establishing more programming to get students involved in diversity issues.

Least Feasible: Unfortunately, getting cable TV in dorm rooms.

Sound Bite: "You can't group all the Zahm candidates together as jokes."

WHERE THEY STAND

Student-Administration Relations: Costigan wants to see an increased voice for students, especially with regard to major issues like the Big Ten.

Inner-Workings of Government: More interaction between groups.

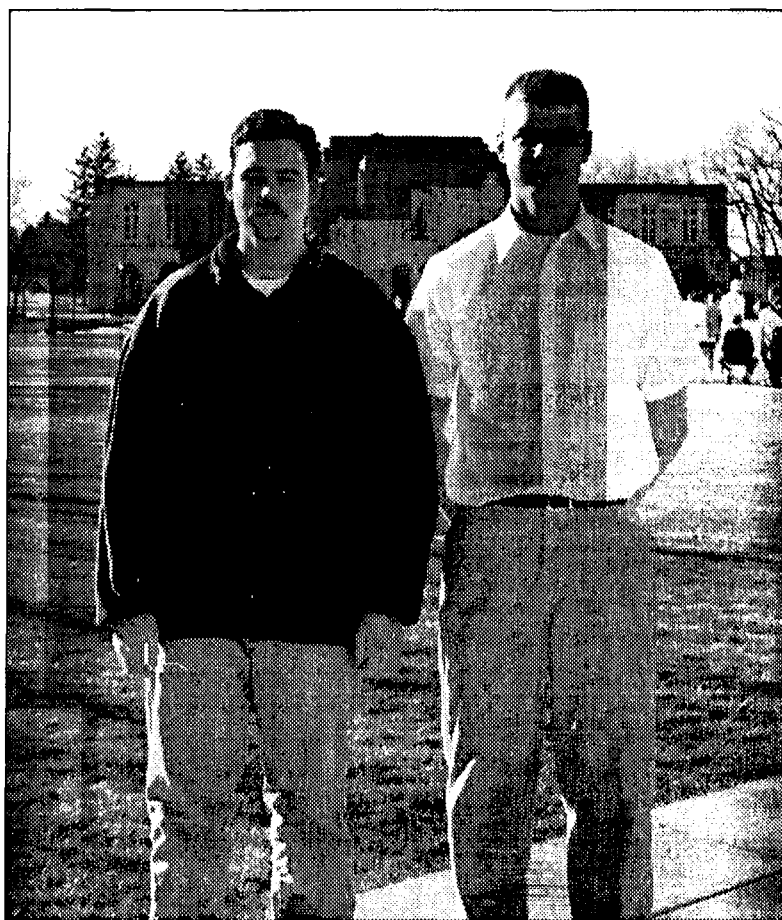
Gender Relations: More activities that extend beyond freshman orientation seminars.

Diversity: Fostering interaction through service projects.

Off-Campus Students: More involvement with campus, possibly through RecSports.

What We Like: Costigan/Buyske rightly note that the flex meal plans need refining and that money is wasted because on-campus students have to get large meal plans that charge \$7 or \$8 per meal even though they rarely — if ever — use them all.

What We Don't Like: Though we admire Costigan for his volunteer positions in the community, he does not seem self-assured enough to represent the students to the administration, especially on tough issues. And Buyske — well, he never came to meet us.

Chris
Costigan*Matt*
Buyske

ELECTION '99 CANDIDATES

Friday, February 5, 1999

Class/Major: Deschene and Revers are both juniors; Revers is in Management Information Systems and Deschene is a computer science major.

IN THEIR WORDS

Campaign Slogan: "Two Common Guys, One Common Vision."

Most Important Idea: Increasing diversity on campus and promoting multicultural events; increase power of the student voice by making sure government and the administration hear it.

Most Feasible Idea: Online DART and online enrollment, eliminating inconvenience of trekking to the Joyce Center for just 5 minutes.

Least Feasible Idea: Though Deschene and Revers are intense about getting a student Board of Trustees member, they acknowledge that it's something that can't be done in just one administration, but across several.

Notable Quote: "We want to be the voice of the student body, not just the voice of the student government."

Prior Experience: Deschene and Revers are new to student government. Both worked at campus clusters through OIT and Deschene is a dorm RCC. Revers is an assistant systems manager at The Observer and Deschene deejays at WVFI.

IN OUR WORDS

The Best Ideas: Increasing student-faculty forums; helping Career and Placement offer more online services; bringing DART and enrollment online.

Most Feasible: The technology-oriented ideas, which have been researched — and, it is an area of expertise for both candidates.

Least Feasible: Having an influence on distribution of financial aid.

Sound Bite: "It's hard for students to come to student government if student government doesn't come to them, too."

WHERE THEY STAND

Student-Administration Relations: Get a student member of the Board of Trustees; president and vice president should constantly interact with the administration to get across student needs.

Inner-Workings of Government: Work more openly to eliminate the perception of a student government clique.

Gender Relations: Improved 24-hour space for more interaction between genders.

Diversity: Forum on race relations.

Off-Campus Students: Encourage students to congregate during the day at Senior Bar, possibly by making it a coffee shop-area by day.

What We Like: Deschene and Revers are a strong ticket. Their ideas are grounded in practicality and their technical know-how is appropriate, given that this presidency helps usher Notre Dame into the new millennium.

What We Don't Like: Deschene tends to defer to Revers, whose public speaking ease seems better suited for the presidency. Also, the duo will have a lot to absorb if elected — the Constitution and parliamentary procedures are the tip of the iceberg.

Sean Deschene



Mike Revers

Chana Jayme



Dan Peate

Class/Major: Jayme is a junior from McGlinn and a graphic design/art history double major. Peate, a junior from Knott, is majoring in philosophy.

IN THEIR WORDS

Campaign Slogan: "Students for Students."

Most Important Idea: Giving back to the students.

Most Feasible Idea: Co-sponsorship of events, specifically to benefit gender relations and diversity.

Least Feasible Idea: Getting a student on the Board of Trustees.

Notable Quote: "We want all students to have the best possible experience at Notre Dame: socially, academically and spiritually."

Prior Experience: Jayme is the McGlinn Hall president and a coxswain on the women's crew team, and has been her hall secretary. Last year, Peate was student body president at the 15,000-student Moorpark College in California and was the California College Association Regional President. He is now Knott Hall president and captain of the debate team.

IN OUR WORDS

The Best Ideas: Improving race relations and bringing diversity issues to the forefront by encouraging clubs to co-sponsor events.

Most Feasible: Update and improve the Career and Placement center "for all the students on campus who want to be something other than a consultant or accountant."

Least Feasible: Making LaFortune open 24 hours.

Sound Bite: "I'm not a government major pretending to play government."

WHERE THEY STAND

Student-Administration Relations: Open the lines of communication to ensure that the student voice is heard.

Inner-Workings of Government: Increase the dialogue between different branches of government.

Gender Relations: increase 24-hour space on campus, improve gender relations week and have dorms and clubs co-sponsor events.

Diversity: Focus on students and clubs working together to address the issues.

Off-Campus Students: Facilitate activities that will draw them to campus and keep them informed of campus issues, in part through their senators.

What We Like: These two gel perfectly as a team, yet they retain their strong individuality. Both are familiar enough with government to get things done, yet possess a fresh perspective and readiness to work through all channels.

What We Don't Like: The duo were vague about plans to implement the Career and Placement improvements, another of their pet issues.

Scott
Killen*Paul*
Nebosky

Class/Major: Both are Zahm sophomores. Killen is an anthropology and Program of Liberal Studies double major, and Nebosky is studying mechanical engineering.

IN THEIR WORDS

Campaign Slogan: "We're Nice Guys"

Most Important Idea: Increasing seating options for Notre Dame hockey fans at home games.

Most Feasible Idea: An ethics review of business practices and pricing at the Notre Dame Bookstore.

Least Feasible Idea: The hockey seating idea.

Notable Quote: "We're in complete control over our campaign."

Prior Experience: Both have worked in Zahm Hall government as section leaders and recycling and athletic commissioners.

IN OUR WORDS

The Best Ideas: Hockey seating; pushing for a better hockey arena; the ethics review of the Bookstore.

Most Feasible: Revamping hockey seating and possibly student basketball seating as well.

Least Feasible: The Bookstore would probably rather self-destruct; getting better parking for the off-campus students.

Sound Bite: "Notre Dame expects us to act like adults, then treats us as less," Killen said.

WHERE THEY STAND

Student-Administration Relations: The ticket stands behind getting a student member of the Board of Trustees.

Inner-Workings of Government: Citing Andréa Selak's example, Killen and Nebosky think the student body president and vice president should visit Hall meetings.

Gender Relations: A parietals evaluation could help, according to Killen. Noting that it's unrealistic to promise complete elimination, they suggested compromising by targeting weekend parietals first.

Diversity: The two support bringing the issue to the forefront.

Off-Campus Students: Killen argued in favor of offering closer parking for off-campus students — perhaps even on-campus parking.

What We Like: Killen and Nebosky are two nice guys with solid ideas, and they articulated them well.

What We Don't Like: The duo isn't running to win — rather, they want to disseminate their ideas for the benefit of the eventual victor.

Class/Major: Kuder is a Zahm Hall junior Management information Systems major, and Priest is a Zahm junior computer engineering major.

IN THEIR WORDS

Campaign Slogan: "ND Football Rules"

Most Important Idea: Football Ticket Redistribution Plan

Most Feasible Idea: Notre Dame students getting football tickets before Saint Mary's students.

Least Feasible Idea: "All of our ideas are based in feasibility."

Notable Quote: "It's not just football, it's Notre Dame football."

Prior Experience: Kuder sat on the SUB concert committee, is a Hesburgh computer lab team leader and served as Zahm's computer commissioner and the vice president of the Guitar Players' Association.

IN OUR WORDS

The Best Ideas: A satellite workout area for North Quad residents and others who dislike the trek to Rolfs or the Roc. Kuder suggested Haggard or Stepan as sites.

Most Feasible: Generating stronger student support for the basketball team.

Least Feasible: The convoluted and ultimately impractical football ticket idea, in which a quiz weeds out the true fans and gives them the right to line up for the best tickets.

Sound Bite: "It is not our purpose to destroy Notre Dame/Saint Mary's relations."

WHERE THEY STAND

Student-Administration Relations: Both said they'd feel comfortable representing the administration to the students while strongly presenting student needs to the administration.

Inner-Workings of Government: "Delegate, delegate, delegate."

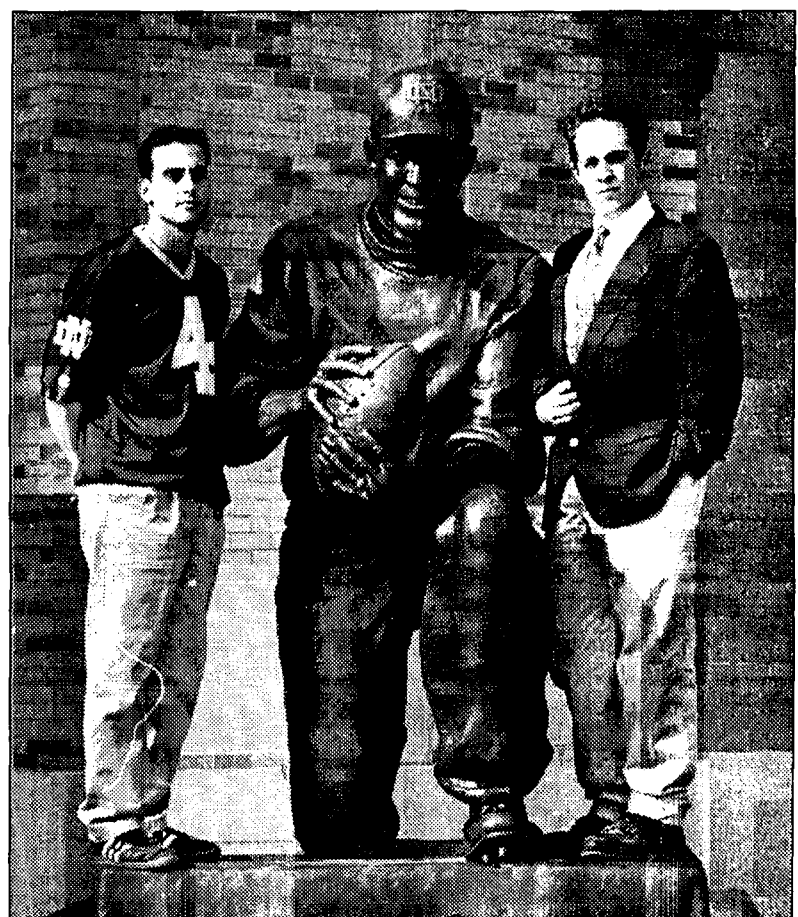
Gender Relations: Kuder and Priest explained their stance on gender relations by pointing to their idea of having Saint Mary's students buy their football tickets last.

Diversity: "We like it and we think it's good."

Off-Campus Students: They plan to push for free parking for students who move off campus.

What We Like: Kuder and Priest interact well, and the satellite gym idea is savvy.

What We Don't Like: "We need more things around here that everybody's talking about," they said, but the campaign platform gives no real detail. They also seemed unwilling to consider some of the logistical snags of their pet issue, football ticket redistribution.

Bill
Kuder*Joe*
Priest

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Class/Major: McCormick is a sophomore biology and gender studies double major; Wahl, a freshman, is undecided but will pursue a gender studies concentration.

IN THEIR WORDS

Campaign Slogan: "To Infinity and Beyond"

Most Important Idea: Flex points at Senior Bar

Most Feasible Idea: Stepan Center discoteque/liquor store

Least Feasible Idea: "All our ideas are feasible."

Notable Quote: "Let's Get it On," from Judge Mills Lane.

Prior Experience: McCormick captained the Zahm Hall basketball B-team in 1998. Wahl was class president of Newman Catholic for 2 years.

IN OUR WORDS

The Best Ideas: Flex points at Senior Bar.

Most Feasible: Using proceeds from the Stepan disco/liquor store to solve budget problems for the Student Union.

Least Feasible: Actually putting a combination disco and liquor store in Stepan Center; ending the tradition of enrolling a certain number of "legacies."

Sound Bite: "We may not be running to win, but we want to get the ideas out there"

WHERE THEY STAND

Student-Administration Relations: "No comment."

Inner-Workings of Government: "Improvement needed."

Gender Relations: "Improvement needed."

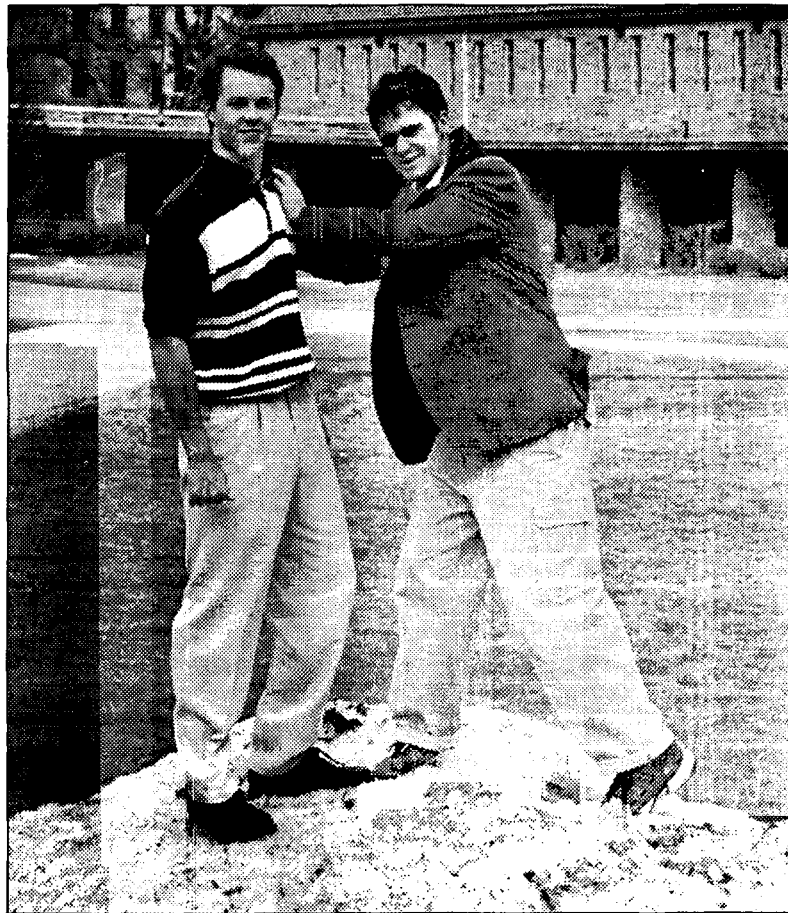
Diversity: "Improvement needed — we need to make minorities not afraid to come to this university."

Off-Campus Students: "Not applicable."

What We Like: Their platform reads, "We feel it is time that Notre Dame finally had a woman president," a campaign promise that takes on new meaning for an all-male ticket.

What We Don't Like: McCormick wasn't at all articulate, and Wahl let him do all the talking.

Patrick McCormick



Brian Wahl

Micah Murphy



Mike Palumbo

Class/Major: Murphy is a junior finance major from Keough Hall; Palumbo is a junior government major from Keenan.

IN THEIR WORDS

Campaign Slogan: "Bringing It All Together."

Most Important Idea: "To utilize the talents, resources and ideas of the students and other clubs and organizations on campus."

Most Feasible Idea: Using co-sponsorship successfully

Least Feasible Idea: A campus television station

Notable Quote: "As president and vice president, we see ourselves as servants of the Notre Dame community," Murphy said.

Prior Experience: Murphy is the Keough president and the head of the Trident Naval Society in the Navy ROTC battalion. He was also freshman class vice president. Palumbo is the secretary for the Student Union, the Executive Cabinet and the Campus Life Council.

IN OUR WORDS

The Best Ideas: The "Last Lecture" series; campuswide spirit events like midnight pancakes in the dining halls during finals week.

Most Feasible: Network for summer intern housing; most of the student services platform.

Least Feasible: Establishing classes with diversity-related content (student government would have little to no say in this). Also: campus media renovations, establishing later final exam times.

Sound Bite: "There's always an open-door policy on the second-floor of LaFortune."

WHERE THEY STAND

Student-Administration Relations: Strengthen the lines of communication; fight for what students deserve.

Inner-Workings of Government: Promoting student government unity by "greasing the wheels" and fine-tuning the workings of each body.

Gender Relations: Roundtable discussions; a gender relations week and mentor programs.

Diversity: A "celebrate ND" cultural festival; interactive campus forums and panels addressing diversity issues.

Off-Campus Students: Increase their awareness of what's happening on campus; work with off-campus representatives.

What We Like: Their experience; they've obviously made a commitment to student government. Palumbo's enthusiasm is infectious.

What We Don't Like: Murphy and Palumbo have no rapport. They also seem reluctant to take risks, meaning that their tenure would be more of the same "play-it-safe" attitude we saw from Cesaro/Selak.

Wally
Poirier*Greg*
Smith

Class/Major: Poirier is a junior government and history double major from Zahm. Smith is a sophomore architecture, math and economics triple major.

IN THEIR WORDS

Campaign Slogan: "We're Not Stupid Any More!"

Most Important Idea: A confrontation with the bookstore over the ethics of its pricing and buyback procedures.

Most Feasible Idea: Keeping the main floor of LaFortune open 24 hours.

Least Feasible Idea: Developing the islands that exist on St. Joseph and St. Mary's lakes (much like a similar area Saint Mary's has on its campus).

Notable Quote: "Why you get what you get?!" (Poirier, reciting words from a sign at the Bookstore that he finds offensive.)

Prior Experience: Poirier is Zahm's gender relations representative in hall government; Smith is on Zahm's hall council.

IN OUR WORDS

The Best Ideas: Forums for freshmen about gender and race relations; investigating the Bookstore; regular student opinion polls.

Most Feasible: Better lighting around the lakes; HPC Dorm Spirit Week; 24-hour basketball courts at the Rock.

Least Feasible: A Barnes & Noble book sale/fair for Notre Dame students to offer a comprehensive alternative to the Bookstore.

Sound Bite: "The University needs to offer more entertainment on campus. our current choices aren't widely appealing and aren't entertaining. LaFortune Ballroom gets old quickly."

WHERE THEY STAND

Student-Administration Relations: Persistence and feasibility: need proper presentation of ideas coupled with a willingness to fight for the students.

Inner-Workings of Government: End exclusivity, so as to understand campus concerns more universally; establish broader communication.

Gender Relations: Need as many men as women to participate in finding solutions for problems of this nature.

Diversity: Combat ignorance early, like at freshman orientation committee.

Off-Campus Students: Need to communicate the opportunities for participating in campus activities. Also, possibly student government-sponsored activities off campus.

What We Like: Poirier and Smith have a lot of good ideas for improving campus activities and aesthetics. Smith is a better match for Poirier this year because his ability to articulate himself improved.

What We Don't Like: Poirier's comfort-level with pushing the administration borders on being a hobby, and that could alienate government from the administration and impede progress.

Class/Major: Turski, a sophomore from Badin, majors in science-business. Robey is a Knott sophomore with a French-English double major.

IN THEIR WORDS

Campaign Slogan: "Bringing Student Government to Student Level."

Most Important Idea: Putting Teacher-Course Evaluations on-line.

Most Feasible Idea: Having campus-wide public forums for student government leaders.

Least Feasible Idea: A separate "express" line for students at the Bookstore on home football weekends.

Notable Quote: "The Big Ten = Big Zero."

Prior Experience: Turski works for the Notre Dame Council on International Business Development as the main contact for Poland for the schools program. Robey is a seventh-grade CCD teacher at St. Monica Church and works at both campus radio stations.

IN OUR WORDS

The Best Ideas: Making TCEs available online could be a useful resource for students trying to decide between several classes or professors.

Most Feasible: Campuswide forums and standardized detex hours so that the rules don't change from dorm to dorm.

Least Feasible: An "express" line at the Bookstore that actually is any quicker during football weekends.

Sound Bite: "Student Government needs a leader who's not so caught up in Student Government-type things."

WHERE THEY STAND

Student-Administration Relations: They want to improve relations by encouraging faculty to eat lunch with students.

Inner-Workings of Government: Less emphasis on internal conflict and more on unity; address issues that are pertinent to students.

Gender Relations: The duo said more 24-hour space would facilitate student gatherings after parties, which in turn could ease gender relations problems.

Diversity: Give multicultural groups more space in which to meet; encourage hiring of multicultural professors.

Off-Campus Students: Increase their representation in government bodies.

What We Like: Turski and Robey are two people who genuinely want the jobs and want to serve the student body.

What We Don't Like: Robey showed signs of life when he was allowed to speak for himself in the interview (twice). But don't misunderstand — Turski did jump in on most answers, but she was not effusive. Her manner was detached and monotone.

Cynthia
Turski*Stephen*
Robey

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Class/Major: Both are juniors; White is an English major, and Hennigan is pre-med.

IN THEIR WORDS

Campaign Slogan: "We Love You."

Most Important Idea: We should have a club where we all get along and bake things.

Most Feasible Idea: Kill the black devil swan and make his power our own.

Least Feasible Idea: Convince Father Malloy to grow a goatee.

Notable Quote: "Remember, orderly transfer of power is always better than a bloody coup."

Prior Experience: White is the editor-in-chief of Right Reason; Hennigan ????????

IN OUR WORDS

The Best Ideas: Convert the quads into a huge amusement park called Catholicworld; establish a "if you can catch it, you can eat it" rule around campus to control the squirrel population.

Most Feasible: Kill all swans and replace them with flamingoes.

Least Feasible: Eliminating the graduate school "leeches"; finding protective gear for the flamingoes so they will survive the winter.

Sound Bite: "The black swan is the Devil, and the white swans are his minions."

WHERE THEY STAND

Student-Administration Relations: White contends that only relations between students married to administrators should be allowed.

Inner-Workings of Government: Most student government problems can be fixed with an Allen wrench, in White's opinion. he recommends "a good quarter turn."

Gender Relations: "We should make a co-ed leper dorm."

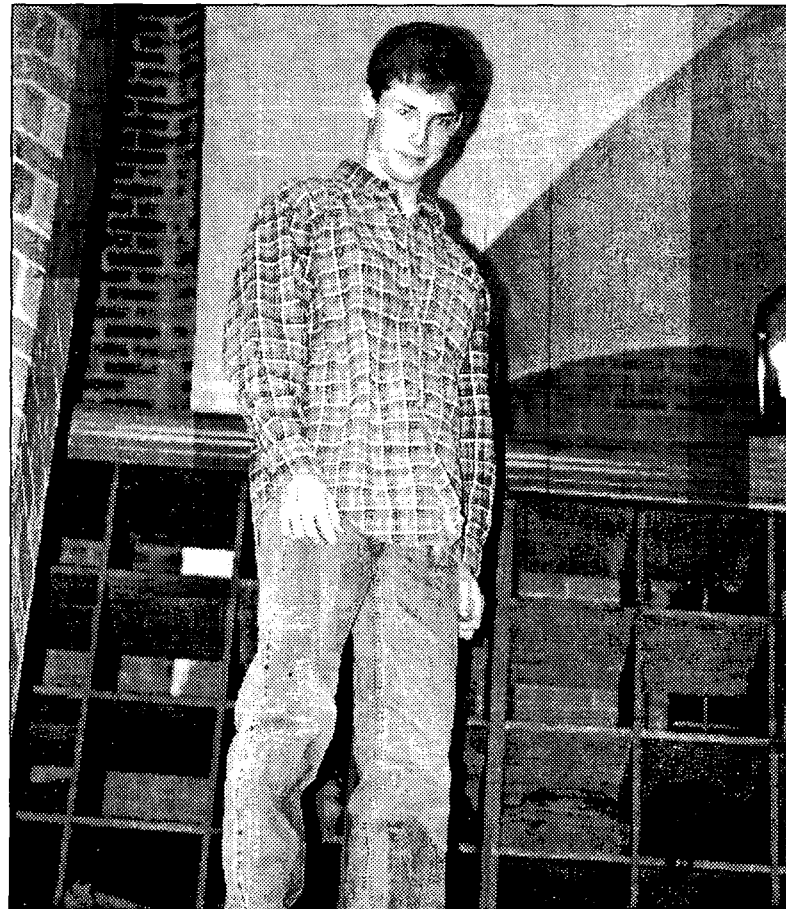
Diversity: "Why does Notre Dame accept no Eskimos?"

Off-Campus Students: "We love off-campus students and want to give each of them a puppy and a swan." White didn't comment on whether he'd kill the swan first.

What We Like: In his song, "The Ballad of Daniel Hennigan," White played a mean guitar, and he has pretty good pitch too. His "healthy dose of surreality" was as entertaining as his campaign posters.

What We Don't Like: "If you can catch it, you can eat it" works great for those squirrels (uh... trust us) but couldn't it also give rise to cannibalism?

Luke White



Dan Hennigan

Campaign

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ditional platform planks and are focused on breaking down the communication barriers between student government and students.

Zahm candidates freshman Brian Clemency and senior Dan Chucta are also focused on "changing the process." The pair wants to restructure Student Senate and have direct elections for student body secretary and treasurer.

"We want our administration to be not just open to the public but in the public," Clemency said, noting that if elected, he would move student government meetings to more public places like the dining halls. "Our transition would be the most difficult to implement, but we're concentrating on eliminating tyranny."

Zahm juniors Sean Deschene and Mike Revers hope to make student government more accessible to the average student if elected.

"We'd like to bring student government back to the students," said Revers, a vice-presidential candidate. "It's very hard if student government doesn't come to the students for the students to come to student government."

While Dillon juniors Luke White and Dan Hennigan claim not to be a "protest ticket," their print media campaign — which includes the slogan "Kill the Swans" — is designed to comment on the impracticality of campaign

promises.

"You can't promise anything because you don't know exactly what the [Student] Senate will do," Hennigan said, noting that most issues in the typical campaign platform must pass through the senate. "We're not making any promises. Most people are taking it as a joke. It's just to get a good laugh."

If elected, Hennigan said that the pair would resort to "the stuff that's already on the floor," like increasing campus 24-hour space and restructuring the football ticket lottery system.

Some candidates, like Zahm freshman Mario Pupillo, who began the race with no drive to actually win, have abandoned their campaigns.

"At first we just liked the idea of making a difference or something," Pupillo said, "but we had a change of heart, I guess."

Others have replaced running mates after personal situations took their partners out of contention.

Keenan junior Mike Palumbo, the vice presidential candidate on junior Micah Murphy's ticket, originally planned to run with Rhea Gertken. After being unofficially slated as the vice presidential candidate under current vice president Andr a Selak, who chose not to run, Murphy began campaigning for the presidency with Pasquerilla East junior Julie Reising. Reising dropped out of the race late Sunday night for personal reasons, and her vacated spot is now occupied by Palumbo.

"After Julie dropped out, everyone 'in the know' in student government though Mike Palumbo would be the best," Murphy said. "He's the natural choice."

Murphy admitted that his current platform looks much like the one he and Reising compiled.

"We didn't want to let everything on our platform die. Obviously, I knew Julie more than anybody, but we've added stuff from [Palumbo and Gertken's] campaign," Murphy said.

Between less-than-serious campaigns and last-minute ticket changes, election organization "has been crazy," according to Nicole Borda, vice president of elections for the Judicial Council.

"It upsets me and upsets the other candidates when we know that people are in it for something like humor value," Borda said. "Turning this into some kind of mockery upsets us because of the amount of hours we've been putting in for the last few weeks trying to organize this election."

Since no by-laws or constitutional amendments explicitly provide protocol for ticket changes, Borda explained that each case must be dealt with on an individual basis.

"Since there's nothing saying that they can't switch a ticket if one [candidate] drops out of the race, we have to decide if it is illegal or not for these changes to be made. Since [Reising] had a serious illness in her family, we allowed it," Borda said. "It changes daily who's on the ballot."

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staying in touch with the average students.

"You have to make sure you don't use student government for student government's sake," he said. "You have a duty to work for the students that elected you."

Ultimately, the pair express a sense of pride and a greater respect for Notre Dame after spending a year in

LaFortune's corner office.

"Being able to serve the students who elected us and make some changes and improvements has been really fulfilling," said Selak.

Cesaro agreed.

"It really grounds you in what you're working for," he said. "It brings you a greater appreciation and understanding of our student body and the University itself. It's been an honor to be student body president and represent students well and make Notre Dame a better place."

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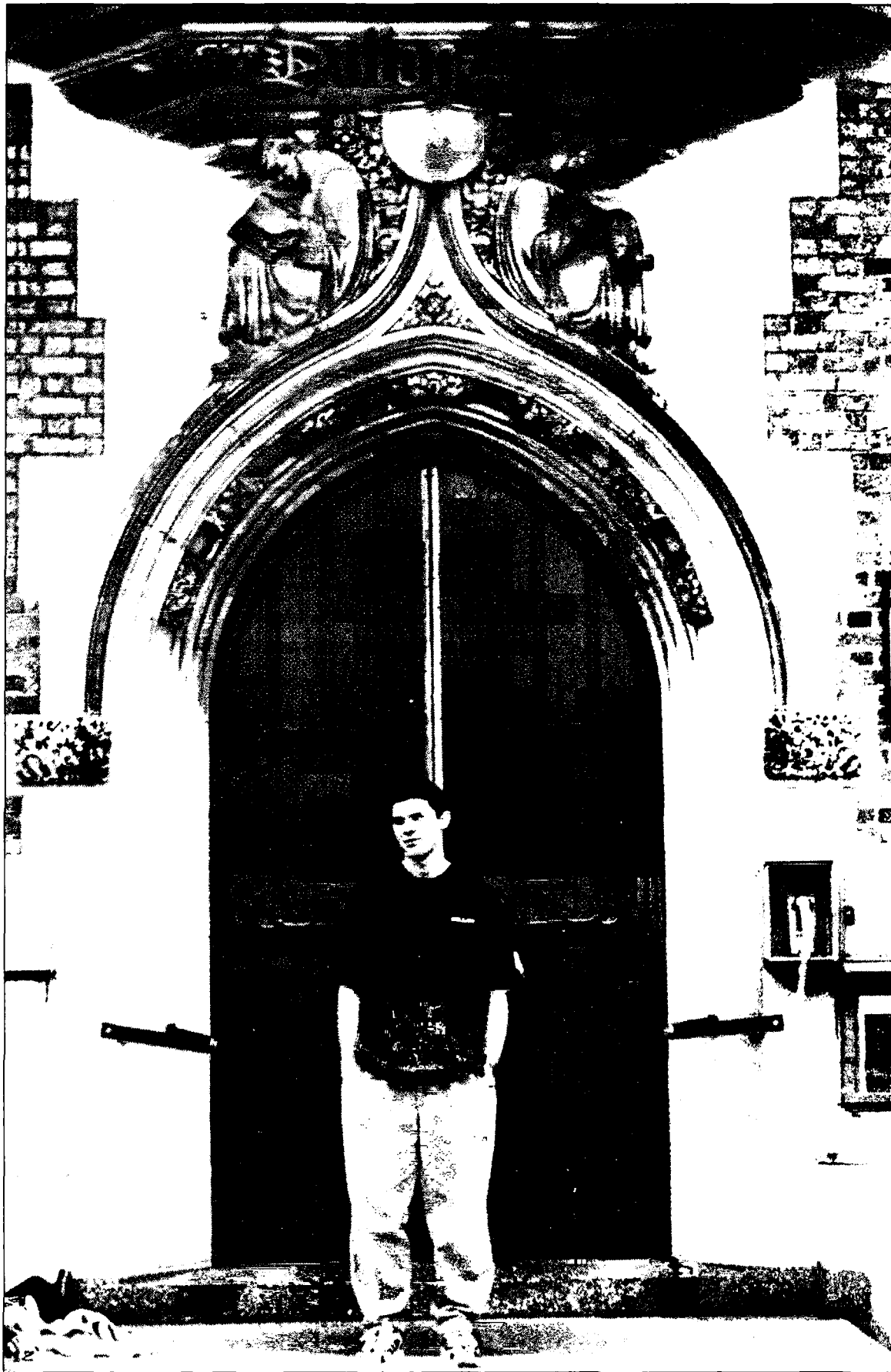
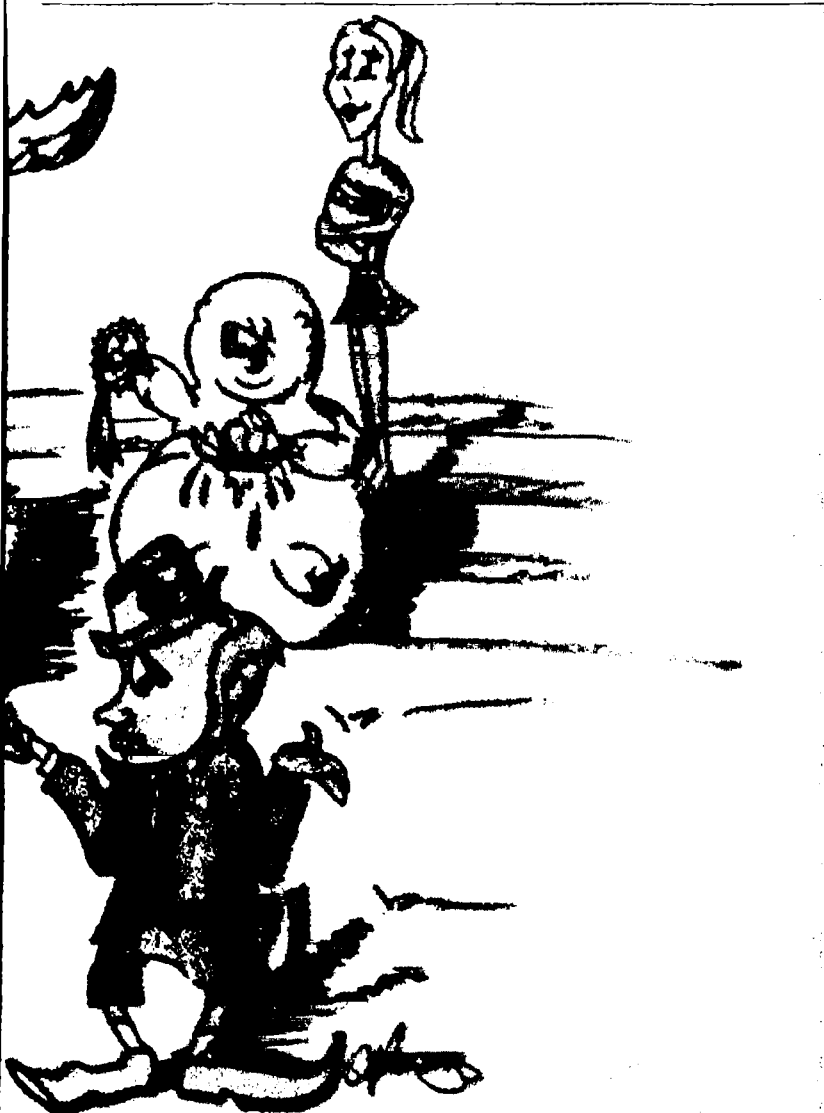
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ous Myths, or Truths Told?

(you said it, not us), Farley girls smoke and Sorin
 a survey of approximately 100 people, to find out
 dorms, and off-campus students. The results are
 with the answers?

Obnoxious	Dillon Hall	Big Red
Pretty	Pangborn Hall	Unknown
Religious	Lyons Hall	Cool Archway
Far Away	Carroll Hall	Hermits
Good Guys	O'Neill Hall	Mardi Gras
Lice	McGlinn Hall	Snobby
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About Dillon's Stereotype:

"Back in the day, Dillon was the biggest dorm and the most athletic. The RecSports champions always got red shirts, and since Dillon always won RecSports events, they always wore red shirts. And everyone called them the 'Big Red.'"

Mark Roman, Junior, Dillon Hall

About Zahm's Stereotype:

"I don't know any guys that are gay. I think the stereotype originated because Zahm is so close, and has certain rituals, such as not letting other guys into Zahm parties. I think that the gay stereotype is just other dorms' way of being jealous."

Former resident of Zahm Hall

About McGlinn's Stereotype:

"Really there were only a few case of lice, not the whole dorm. The lice started with some girl's little brother, it had nothing to do with girls not bathing."

Maria Petrillo, sophomore, McGlinn Hall

Hockey

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the third of the season between the two teams, with the Irish having won the previous two this season, as well as the last three overall versus the Nanooks.

The two wins over UAF took place just three weekends ago, when the Irish won back-to-back games by scores of 6-2 and 6-1. Notre Dame

showed itself to be the better team on the ice in terms of speed, physical play, special teams and goaltending.

One major event took place between that series and this weekend's that could change the entire complexion of Saturday's contest, however. Nanooks head coach Dave Laurion, Dave Poulin's former teammate and roommate at

Notre Dame, has announced that he will resign as head coach following this season, his sixth with UAF. Last Saturday night, in fact, Laurion's team surprised the league by skating to a 2-2 tie against fifth-place Northern Michigan.

Come Saturday, one real challenge for the Irish will be to come in mentally focused against UAF following Friday's showdown with Michigan State.

It's just business as usual, according to team captain Brian Urick: "The way we look at it, it doesn't matter who we're playing, we have to get ourselves mentally ready."

On a similar note, coach Poulin reminded his team that no team in the CCHA should be taken lightly, as they should have already learned.

"The Lake State [loss] was a good reminder for us that you can't play anything but your best if you want to win in this league," Poulin said.

'THE LAKE STATE [LOSS] WAS A GOOD REMINDER FOR US THAT YOU CAN'T PLAY ANYTHING BUT YOUR YOUR BEST.'

DAVE POULIN
HOCKEY HEAD COACH

■ TRACK AND FIELD

Meyo provides excitement at Irish track meet

By BRIAN HOBBS
Sports Writer

This weekend, the Fighting Irish track squads will host their final home meet before the Big East Championships.

The Meyo Invitational promises to be an exciting meet featuring rare encounters with Southern powerhouses, such as Alabama. In addition to Alabama and other Southern squads, Illinois State will compete as well as a few professional athletes.

Contributing to the excitement is the fact that this meet will provide many athletes who are "on the bubble" one last chance to prove themselves worthy of a trip to New York for the Big East Championships.

Fresh off of a big win over Indiana last weekend, many of the women will be focusing on individual times as this weekend's contest is unscored. Look for solid performances from the usual suspects such as Liz Grow, Natalie Hallett, Jennifer

Englehardt, Dore DeBartolo and Patty Rice. Given the impending Big East meet, however, the teams hopes that other athletes to improve their performances as well.

Grow comes into the meet after breaking records in the 200 and 400 meters. Coach Tim Connelly's appraisal of Grow's efforts indicates room for further improvement.

"She is running just about what she ran in high school," he said.

This weekend might provide the very competition Grow needs to reach her peak.

Hallett is on an upwardly mobile state with an improving performance in the pole vault. Her height of 10' last weekend is still six inches shy of her personal record, which she should eclipse with a solid performance this weekend.

Coming off a record-breaking performance last weekend, DeBartolo should continue to improve on her marks this weekend on into the Big East week-

end.

Desiring to qualify for the NCAA championships this year, proven jumper Englehardt is also hoping to improve on her performances over the past few weeks.

Englehardt recognizes the strength of this weekend's field will motivate the team to excel. "There is a good representation of a great field of athletes," she said. "This is the last chance for many people before Big East, but I am confident."

Finally, Patty Rice prepares to add to the list of impressive performances with strong distance running. Rice won two events last week and is hoping to improve on her times in preparation for the Big East.

The men's team is hoping to shake off a narrow loss to Indiana last week, while at the same time improving times and marks to claim a spot on the Big East roster.

Highlighting the list of competitors is Marshaun West, who has already provisionally quali-

fied for the NCAA Championships in both the long jump and 200 meters. Along with West in the long jump, Irish eyes will be on Mike Brown in the pole vault and Jay Hofner in the throwing pits.

Terry Wray will finally have an opportunity to run his 500 meter specialty, while defending Big East championship Bobby Brown should have a solid performance in the 400 meters. In the 5000 meters Mark Striowski and Mike Griewe are expected to post solid times.

Missing from the lineup will be sprinter Chris Cochran, who is resting a pulled hamstring, and freshman distance-running sensation Luke Watson, who is saving his strength for the upcoming National Cross Country competition.

Despite his inability to compete, Cochran knows how much the Meyo Invitational means to the team and recognizes the probability of broken records and personal records.

"Our track being so large helps

a lot in improving time we are also defending our territory and having friends around makes it a big meet," he said.

The undisputed highlight of the meet is the famed "Meyo Mile." This event is an open heat that features both top collegiate and professional athletes. For example, last year Olympian Paul McMullen received top billing in this race that features many established as well as up-and-coming superstars.

Ryan Shay and Antonio Arce will represent Notre Dame in this prestigious race. Both are hoping to walk away with at least a personal record.

Shay could not hide his excitement: "[The Meyo Mile] is a big attraction since it is the only event like this."

All the action of the Meyo Invitational descends on Loftus Sports Center tonight with many of the field and distance events, and will resume Saturday afternoon, which allows few excuses to miss the excitement of this top-notch event.

Lose something, Mike Edwards?



The Observer/ Joe Stark

Notre Dame basketball reserve Mike Edwards' golf cart, pictured here, turned up on the top steps of Bond Hall early this morning. "The cart was chained, so they must have carried it," Edwards said at 2:48 a.m. "It was quite amusing, but I will not press charges against the cart thieves."

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■ OLYMPICS

IOC drug resolution rejected

Associated Press

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No matter how hard they tried to claim victory, International Olympic Committee leaders couldn't disguise the reality: Their authority has eroded even further.

In a blunt rejection of that leadership, the 15 European Union governments refused to accept a watered-down final resolution at the Olympic drug summit, which ended Thursday.

Their stance was a sharp setback for the IOC and its president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, as they struggled to regain credibility in the wake of the Salt Lake corruption scandals.

"These issues are bigger than the IOC," British Sports Minister Tony Banks said. "It might come as a surprise to the IOC to find there is actually something bigger than the IOC, but there is."

The U.S. Olympic Committee, the IOC's most important national branch and a consistent ally of Samaranch, offered only lukewarm support.

When Samaranch called the meeting a "big victory" in the fight against doping, USOC executive director Dick Schultz countered: "Everybody tends to exaggerate."

"It's one of the IOC's first experiences with democracy and they had to learn how to deal with it," he said.

While the conference laid the groundwork for major anti-drug initiatives, the resolutions fell far short of the tough, immediate action the IOC needed to reassert its legitimacy.

The IOC had to back off the two main planks of the meeting: creating an international anti-doping agency and imposing a mandatory minimum two-year drug sanctions.

"The IOC is too weak," said Roland Baar, a member of the IOC athletes' commission.

Even a top IOC leader conceded the three-day meeting failed to accomplish what the committee had hoped for.

"We haven't dealt with it," IOC vice president Dick Pound said. "We are now in a position to do so."

The U.S. government, which had serious reservations about parts of the IOC plan, voted for the revised package. But Barry McCaffrey, the White House drug policy adviser who had attacked the IOC's credibility and called for reforms, described the final declaration only as a "good first step."

Samaranch fired back at McCaffrey in his closing news conference, suggesting the White House was in no position to lecture.

"We are very thankful he is so interested in the IOC," Samaranch said. "But we also told him he had many problems in his own country on doping."

Samaranch has withstood calls for his resignation from outside the committee, and wrapped up the summit by saying the IOC emerged "stronger"

from the conference.

But the USOC appeared to back off its previous unqualified support for him.

Two weeks ago, Schultz said the USOC fully supported Samaranch and believed he was the only person capable of leading the IOC out of its crisis.

On Thursday, he said:

"I don't see any reason to change the position at this point as long as we are making progress and moving forward and that he can still command the respect of IOC members."

"I don't think our position has changed. I think that we feel there needs to be consistency to get through this crisis and that he is probably in the best position to do that."

Samaranch has been in power since 1980 and plans to stay until his term ends in 2001. He will put his leadership to a vote of confidence at a special IOC assembly March 17-18. IOC members will also vote on proposals to change the process for selecting host cities and expel members implicated in the Salt Lake case.

The Sydney Morning Herald, whose parent company is a local partner of the 2000 Olympics, said Thursday that Samaranch "must carry the ultimate responsibility for crisis that is engulfing the Olympic movement. He is not an answer to the problem. He represents the problem."

Meantime, the proposed anti-doping agency will be discussed again at a meeting with sports and government leaders this spring.

The conference agreed to set

up the agency, but details on the structure, mission and financing were put off for up to three months. Officials said the goal is to have the agency up and running before the Sydney Games.

Banks and other government officials refused to give the IOC a leading role in the doping agency, which would supervise worldwide drug testing and policy on an initial \$25 million budget.

"The chairing of that independent agency by president Samaranch would compromise it," Banks, the British Sports Minister, said. "It would not be independent. We cannot accept that."

Pound said governments could have a 50 percent role in the agency — but would be expected to contribute financially.

The IOC also was forced to allow each sport to ignore a minimum two-year ban in drug cases where they find "exceptional circumstances."

Some of the biggest sports, including soccer, cycling and tennis, argued that a two-year ban for a first offense would hold up to challenges under right-to-work laws.

Banks warned that this opened an "enormous loophole."

"This is minimalist and permissive," he said. "It undermines the two-year ban."

In November, the IOC threatened to expel from the Olympics those sports that failed to adopt the two-year ban. Thursday's resolution made no mention of expulsions.

■ SPORTS MEDIA

Veteran announcer leaves ABC

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The NFL's most high-profile announcing team is undergoing its second major change in two years.

Dan Dierdorf announced Thursday that he is leaving his job as an analyst for ABC's "Monday Night Football" after 12 years at the network, leaving Al Michaels as the only announcer who has been in the booth for more than one season.

"Yesterday, ABC Sports informed my representatives at The Marquee Group that no substantial offer to extend my contract would be forthcoming," Dierdorf's statement said. "Therefore, Sunday's broadcast of the Pro Bowl will be my last for ABC."

Dierdorf's departure had been speculated for weeks, as ABC seemed unwilling to renew his \$1.75 million a year contract. Dierdorf had come under heavy criticism this season as he struggled to mesh with newcomer Boomer Esiason in ABC's three-man booth.

"He is a very talented broadcaster, who earned the respect, admiration and friendship of everyone with whom he worked at ABC Sports," said Brian McAndrews, executive vice president and general manager of ABC Sports. "We wish

him luck in his future endeavors."

About a replacement, ABC Sports spokesman Mark Mandel said, "It would be premature to discuss our plans for next season."

With most of the top announcing talent locked up by other networks, ABC probably will have to look to cable partner ESPN for a replacement.

Analyst Sterling Sharpe is one of the leading contenders to replace Dierdorf. But Disney could also decide to move one of ESPN's Sunday night analysts N Paul Maguire or Joe Theismann N to the ABC and plug the less experienced Sharpe into the cable slot.

After last season, Esiason replaced Frank Gifford after 27 years in the booth. That was the first change to ABC's announcing team since Dierdorf joined Michaels and Gifford in 1987.

Dierdorf may have trouble ending up at another network for this upcoming season. Fox has no apparent openings and ESPN is run by the same people who ousted Dierdorf at ABC.

CBS seems unwilling to shuffle its top announcing teams to make room for Dierdorf, who began his network career at CBS.

"To this point, CBS has not expressed an interest in Dan Dierdorf," CBS Sports spokeswoman LeslieAnne Wade said.

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makes us an excellent team."

The anchor for this year's team, like the 1997 team with Katryna Gaither, has been a dominant, physical center. But 6-foot-5 Ruth Riley has been the target of opponents' defenses all season long, leaving the Irish to search for more options than just a pass inside to their star.

Boston College was able to limit Riley with such a defense Wednesday, holding her to only three first-half points. With the Irish unable to land the shots from outside, the Eagles hung on for most of the

first half.

Notre Dame broke away in the second when it returned to keeping the defense busy covering Riley.

"When we get the ball into Ruth a little more, that opens the outside up," said McMillen.

McGraw's defense has been the team's strength in building the current win streak. After not allowing its last five opponents more than 61 points, controlling Seton Hall will be a simple assignment for the Irish. Not one Pirate scored in double digits as Erika Ashmon and Arminda Moreno lead their team with nine points apiece.

The Irish and the Pirates battle at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

FENCING

Fencers take a stab at the South

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The 11-1 men's and 10-2 women's fencing teams travel to Tobacco Road today and Saturday to take on stiff competition in Duke, North Carolina, Air Force and Rutgers.

All four squads finished in the top 25 last year, with Rutgers placing the highest at 10th. The Falcons managed an 18th-place finish while the Tar Heels and the Blue Devils finished 19th and 22nd, respectively.

The competition this weekend will be significantly tougher than last week, when the Irish faced only one tough opponent in Ohio State's women's team.

Last year the Irish swept the competition. The men's team decimated Rutgers 19-8, Duke 19-8, North Carolina 23-4, and Air Force 20-7. The women's team was equally impressive,

downing Rutgers 20-12, Duke 23-9, North Carolina 23-9 and Air Force 26-6.

Traditionally, none of these four teams has posed a challenge to the Irish. Both the men's and women's teams are undefeated against Rutgers, Duke and North Carolina. The men lead the Air Force series 18-6, while the women have dropped only one match to the Falcons en route to a 12-1 record.

The matches this weekend should provide a chance for the Irish to further increase their confidence and continue their winning ways from last weekend. Another undefeated weekend by the two squads would most likely put them in a position to enter the Midwest Intercollegiate Championships at the top of their game.

An unexpected set back would not hurt the Irish too much as

they would still have two weeks to bounce back before Midwest.

"I think the team's goal is to go undefeated the rest of the season," head coach Yves Auriol said.

Going into this week's competition, Auriol's career record stands at 398-23. His .943 winning percentage surpasses even the .938 winning percentage of legendary Irish fencing coach Michael DeCicco, who led the Irish to five national championships in 34 years.

The Irish should have no problems picking up the two victories necessary to give Auriol his 400th career Irish victory.

"[Picking up the 400th victory] is important to the team," foil captain Stephane Auriol said. "It is a milestone that not many coaches reach."

The men's foil team hopes to build on its impressive play in Durham. Last weekend, Stephane Auriol, junior Charles Hayes and freshmen Steven Mautone led the squad to a 39-8 record in bouts over the weekend as they swept the competition.

The men's epee squad, with the emergence of freshman Brian Casas as a strong complement to senior all-American Carl Jackson, also had an excellent weekend against the Midwestern opponents.

The always-dominating Irish sabre squad hopes to slash the Scarlet Knights, Blue Devils, Tar Heels and Falcons and add them to the long list of teams that have fallen to the might of captain Luke LaValle's squad. The sabre squad is undefeated on the year and has been most impressive against top competition like Stanford and Penn State which were defeated 7-2 and 8-1 respectively.

The women's side picked up a confidence-boosting victory over a tough Ohio State squad last weekend and hopes to sweep the competition in Durham.

All-American foilist Sara Walsh battled through a difficult leg injury to beat back tough competition and continue her undefeated season. She will look to travel further down the road to perfection and a possible second NCAA title in foil.

The women's epee team fought the toughest match of last weekend when it defeated Ohio State 9-7. All-American captain Nicole Mustilli and junior all-American Magda Krol were particularly effective against the Buckeyes, posting 3-1 and 4-0 records respectively.

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■ NBA

New season starts off looking for a breath of fresh Air

Associate Press

It'll start like this: Larry Bird's team will break from a huddle and walk to center court at Market Square Arena.

The place will be rocking, the ball will go up, someone will win the tip and the NBA season — after a bitter lockout, the retirement of Michael Jordan and brief training camps — will finally begin, 94 days late.

"Of course everyone would like to see Michael still in the league, but he is not and the league will continue to go on," Bird said. "And there will be new champions, not only this year but as the

years pass."

Bird's team is being cast as the favorite in this abbreviated 50-game season, and Indiana will be the site of the first action as the Pacers play the Washington Wizards in a 7 p.m. EST start.

Another 11 games will be played around the league, making for an extremely busy opening night.

Everyone better get used to it. Busy nights will be commonplace in the NBA this season as teams squeeze all their games into just 13 weeks.

"I think you will see a lot more intensity. The only problem I

foresee is that if you have a major injury to one of your star players — if he misses a couple weeks — that's a lot of games," Bird said. "I think the team that stays the healthiest has probably got a better opportunity to win."

And the flip side, of course, is that the injured teams will be in for a struggle.

The Charlotte Hornets have already lost their two best players, Glen Rice and Anthony Mason, to injuries. Combined with the loss of centers Matt Geiger and Vlade Divac and guard Dell Curry to free agency, the Hornets will have a tough time when they open at home against the Philadelphia 76ers.

In other games, it's Cleveland at Atlanta, Detroit at Miami, Toronto at Boston, New York at Orlando, Sacramento at San Antonio, Minnesota at Denver, Chicago at Utah, Dallas at Seattle, Houston at the Los Angeles Lakers and Phoenix at the Los Angeles Clippers.

"I think it's important to start with a little more urgency and get some wins early on," Phoenix Suns coach Danny Ainge said.

What remains to be seen is how the fans will respond.

When the baseball strike ended in 1995, the backlash from the public was fierce.

Longtime fans stopped going to games, casual fans stopped watching on TV and a trio of New Yorkers even ran onto the field at Shea Stadium and threw \$1 bills at the players, a la Abbie Hoffman's famous protest gimmick on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

No one is quite certain how any fan backlash might manifest itself in the NBA, but the league has been taking steps to mend fences with its paying customers.

If there's one factor that may

The fans' reaction

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Most fans who follow the NBA closely said the lockout would have no effect on their decisions to attend, watch or listen to a professional basketball game, according to the Los Angeles Times poll.

The poll, published Thursday, also showed the majority of people paid little attention to the lockout that

shortened the season from 82 to 50 games.

Eighty percent replied "not closely" when asked how they followed the NBA lockout. Eighteen percent said they followed the labor dispute closely.

Asked who they thought won, 44 percent said they didn't know or weren't aware, 27 percent said the owners, 17 percent said the players and 10 percent said neither.

draw them back more than anything else, it's the heightened competition that comes with every game meaning a little bit more and every team having a little more of a chance.

"I think the true NBA fans are going to be the ones who obviously were disappointed with the lockout but are just very, very happy that we're back to playing," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "What they want to see is good play, hard play, competitive play."

Knicks fans have already taken a liking to the team's newest scorer, former Golden State guard Latrell Sprewell, who will be playing his first regular-season game in more than 14 months when the Knicks play the Magic.

Elsewhere, it'll be a rematch of the NBA Finals, sort of, when the revamped Bulls travel to Utah to play the Jazz. Chicago will be without several key members of its now-deconstructed dynasty, including Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman, Luc Longley, Steve Kerr, Jud Buechler and Scott Burrell.

In a sign of how much things have changed since last June,

this would-be marquee matchup will not even be shown on national television.

"It's just one of 50 games we've got to play well in to make a run at the playoffs," Karl Malone said. "Michael, Scottie and Dennis were the Bulls. It's not like that anymore."

The Jazz are widely being picked as the favorite to come out of the West, but the competition will be tougher now that Pippen has joined Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley in Houston.

Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich scoffed when somebody pointed out that his frontcourt is comprised of three Hall of Famers while his backcourt is comprised of considerably less.

"To have three superstars in the lineup at one time is not easy. There is only one basketball, so we have to have some guys who will make sacrifices and be program players," Tomjanovich said.

The next 90 days, and hectic days they will be, will determine who makes the playoffs and tries to succeed the Bulls as champions.

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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Cummings finds mysterious back injury the Pitts

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh's basketball team, already rocked this season by a player arrest and coach Ralph Willard's resignation, will be without leading scorer Vonteego Cummings for at least one game and possibly longer.

Cummings has a stress-related back injury that will sideline him for Saturday's game against No. 9 St. John's and, likely, Monday's game at Seton Hall.

The Panthers (11-10, 2-8 Big East) hope the 6-foot-5 Cummings can return for their Feb. 11 game at Rutgers, but it depends how he responds to rest and treatment.

Willard said Cummings has played in pain for several weeks and was hurting so badly following Tuesday's 76-58 loss at Georgetown that the senior guard was "crying in the locker room."

"It's been bothering him for a while," Willard said.

Willard, who resigned Monday after failing to take Pitt to the NCAA tournament in his four-plus seasons as coach, initially suspected Cummings had a stress fracture in his back. Such an injury could have sidelined Cummings indefinitely.

But a CAT scan performed Wednesday by Dr. Craig Bennett of Pitt's medical staff determined that Cummings

'I THINK THE REASON WE'RE LOSING THESE GAMES IS ME. SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH MY BACK. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.'

VONTEEGO CUMMINGS
PITT SENIOR

has a stress reaction in his back, an injury not as serious as a fracture.

Cummings scored eight of his 10 points in the first half

of the Georgetown game, but was noticeably bothered by his injury in the second half.

Considered by NBA scouts to be a likely first-round draft choice, Cummings has clearly been off his game in recent weeks, a slump that has coincided with Pitt's string of 10 losses in its last 15 games. The Panthers started 6-0.

"I think the reason we're losing these games is me," Cummings said after the Georgetown game. "Something is wrong with my back. I don't know what it is. I'm good for the first half but in the second half I'm no good. I have to help my team more. If I can't, I shouldn't play."

Cummings' scoring average has fallen to 16.6 overall and 13.8 in the Big East, and he is shooting 42.8 percent.

Cummings has played up to his early-season form only once in recent weeks, a 31-point performance in an 86-65 loss at Villanova on Jan. 19. Hours before that game, Pitt freshman guard Fred Primus was arrested on theft charges for stealing \$2,200 worth of jewelry and was thrown off the team.

Five days later, guard Kellii Taylor rejoined the Panthers after missing six games for alcohol rehabilitation.

Willard resigned Monday, two days after a 60-54 upset of then-No. 23 Miami, after athletic director Steve Pederson could not assure him of returning next season.

Pederson has already begun looking for a successor, with former St. John's coach Fran Fraschilla among those mentioned as being interested. He was fired last spring and is scouting this season for the New York Knicks.



Courtesy of Pittsburgh Sports Information
Pittsburgh swingman Vonteego Cummings blames his recent lack of production for his team's misfortunes. Pitt got off to an excellent start this season, even beating defending champion Kentucky.

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competition we play."

Notre Dame knocked off Seton Hall two weeks ago at the Joyce Center and the Irish know what to expect from the Pirates.

"The key is to be tuned into their perimeter shooters," MacLeod said. "They like to come out on a press, so we'll have to handle that. It's a big game for us and it's a big game for Seton Hall."

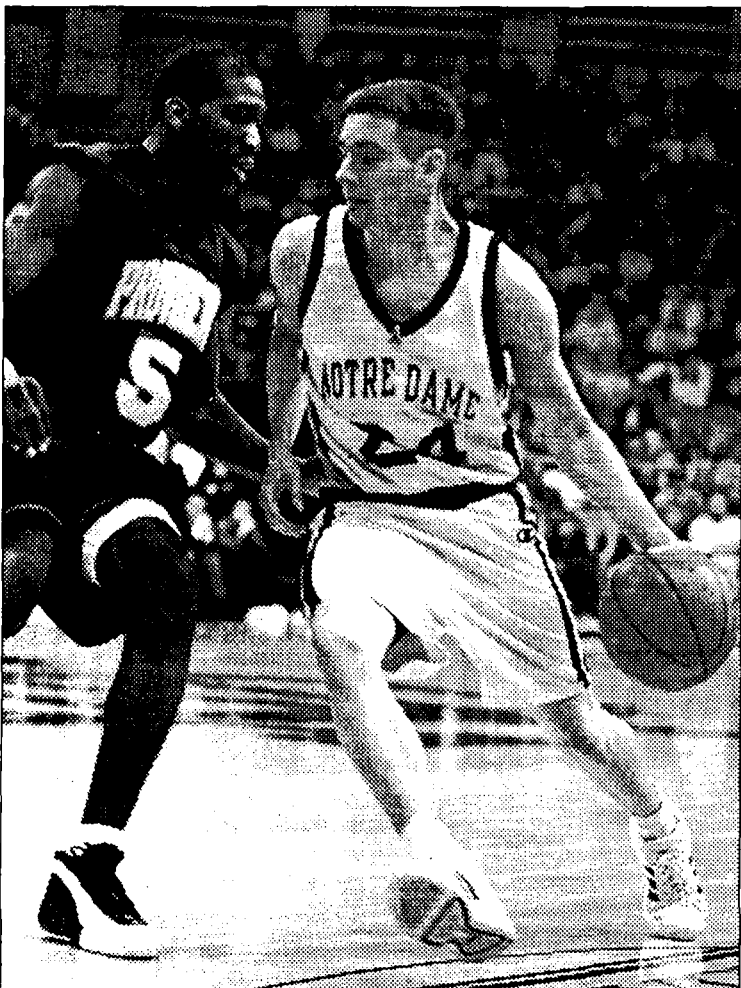
The goals for the team are clear as they hope to put the inconsistency that has plagued them behind them and finish

with a flourish.

"We'd like to get to a point where we could get into the NIT or the NCAA," MacLeod said. "We have seven games left and if we get on a roll here and we do well in the Big East Tournament anything can happen. But you never know."

MacLeod pointed to the run in the NIT the Irish made two years ago. Notre Dame was a bucket away from knocking off Michigan at the Joyce Center and heading to New York for the semifinals of the NIT.

"That Michigan game created quite a bit of excitement around here," MacLeod said. "We'd like to get that back."



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Martin Ingelsby and the men's basketball team will battle to raise their record to .500 in the Big East and 12-10 overall. A victory over Seton Hall would be one more step toward an NIT bid and postseason play.

■ MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish dive into New York

By WES RICHARDSON

Sports Writer

What once looked like an easy way to add two more wins to the men's swimming dual meet record is now viewed as a challenge.

The Irish face Buffalo today, and then travel to Olean, N.Y. Saturday to swim St. Bonaventure a mere 17 hours later. The Irish do not take either team lightly.

"We're expecting two meets that will be a little harder than we thought when the schedule came out," senior Vince Kuna said.

Illness among team members has made for a thin Irish squad that will look more carefully at the two teams which they handily beat last year.

"Both teams match up against us very evenly," co-captain Steele Whowell said. "The way both teams have been swimming, it's going to be very tough."

The upperclassmen will no doubt experience a double-take over the weekend. Two years ago, the Irish faced the same one-two punch in New York state, narrowly beating Buffalo and then being upset by St. Bonaventure.

"The problem of two years ago was that everyone was so ecstatic that we beat Buffalo that we forgot about the next meet. We need to keep the energy we have on Friday and not let it get away," Whowell said.

"Two years ago we were overconfident, I think," Kuna said. "Buffalo had beat St. Bonaventure the week before, and so when we beat Buffalo, we thought St. Bonaventure would be a cake walk."

The scene is already too familiar: Buffalo beat St. Bonaventure 135-101 on Jan.



Photo Courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information

Senior Chris Fugate and the Irish take on Buffalo and St. Bonaventure this weekend.

21 to kick off their team's 50th anniversary year. The Irish are confident that experience will be their greatest weapon against history repeating itself.

"It's something we've had experience with, so hopefully we can pull through," Kuna said.

Whowell points out that Buffalo has the advantage in the races where the Irish lack, such as the sprints. Today's meet is likely to see many lead changes.

While Buffalo does not have as deep a squad as the Irish, winning a dual meet does not necessarily require depth. The Irish women learned this the hard way in their loss to No. 9 Michigan last weekend.

St. Bonaventure and Notre Dame are strong in the same events, such as distance and the 200-yard stroke events. This is in contrast to the typical St. Bonaventure team, according to Whowell.

Both schools also use the

depth of their teams as an advantage. Head-to-head races which are decided by the final touch will likely define Saturday's battle. Even the one point earned by a fifth place finish might be important.

The Irish are especially vulnerable when it comes to divers. They have gone all season without one. This normally means that the opposing team sweeps both diving events, automatically putting the Irish at a 32-point deficit.

Kuna speculates, however, that that Buffalo will only enter one diver and St. Bonaventure only two, thus minimizing Notre Dame's losses.

The illnesses that plague the team underscore the importance of staying healthy during this stage of the season, according to Whowell. The fluctuating South Bend winter makes it difficult to keep the team physically ready for Big East Championships later this month.

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■ ON THE HOT CORNER

Thank you's, appreciations, and gratitudes

By BRIAN CHURNEY
Sports Writer

My mother always used to say that a good and decent person sent thank-you notes to each and every one of the people who were nice enough to give that person a gift for Christmas. Usually my thank-you notes were delivered while I was trick-or-treating in October. I guess that tells you how good and decent of a person I have developed into.

In the season where resolutions are as plenty as illegitimate children in the NBA, I, too, will pile one more resolution onto that Everest-like pile. Therefore, let it be said that I will get my thank-you notes out before Mark McGwire has 20 homers. O.K., it's already February, I better hurry.

Looking, from the outside, at the world of sports, we have a lot to be thankful for. So let's play Santa Claus and make a list of thank-yous. That way we won't forget anyone.

• Thank you to Bob Davie for saving all of us tons of money. Contrary to popular belief, Davie's lack of elementary arithmetic skills when managing a clock didn't just cost us millions of dollars as some people would say. Instead, Davie saved at least my family hundreds of dollars. Instead of wasting precious Christmas dollars traveling to a bowl game, we instead were able to watch the lesser bowl on television and only had to foot the bill for some hot chocolate and

a couple of bags of pork rinds. If you ask me, we got a lot more for our money than those unfortunate few who spent some serious money to see our dismantling. (Maybe it's Mattison and not Colletto?)

• While I'm at it, thanks to Coach Davie for sparing the Notre Dame family a lot of stress and unrest. After all, we won't have to wonder why we at 10-1 (a realistic figure if we could only execute those complex plays ... like getting a safety) weren't ranked ahead of a 10-2 Florida State team. Now we know why we're not.

• And since I'm in a thankful mood, I'll thank Coach Davie one more time. Thanks for giving your clock management expertise to Coach MacLeod. Only you could teach a coach how to squander seven points when your team has the ball with 2.7 seconds left in a half. (Coach MacLeod, in the future, please just take a knee.)

• Thank you to the Baltimore Ravens ... for obvious reasons.

• I'd like to send a special 'thank you' to Kansas State for reminding us that there are those who are less fortunate in this world. Thanks to for reminding us to be thankful for beating Purdue by one. Maybe the freshmen were right ... we should have charged the field.

• Thank you to the Associated Press for showing us that, yes indeed, a team can be jumped by two inactive teams while remaining inactive themselves. Too, let's thank both polls for reasserting to us that teams that both finish the

regular season with the same record as Notre Dame and have been soundly defeated by Notre Dame (insert Michigan 098) can still be a better team than Notre Dame. After all, we didn't learn that lesson in 1993 with Florida State.

• Thank you to Lou Holtz for allowing us all peace of mind by proving once and for all that he was run out of Notre Dame. (I bet he could have figured out a way to run off 28 seconds with four plays.)

• Thank you to Mike Wadsworth for reasserting N with his valiant attempt to undermine the luster of Notre Dame football by trying to join the Big Ten (the outcome was still in doubt when this went to press) N that pseudo-firing an Irish coaching legend and being what the Irish 1998 football media guide calls a 'key player in negotiation of details of the Bowl Championship Series' (Boy, that's one title I'd like to have!) that one can completely waste a Notre Dame education and leave as unintelligent as one entered.

• Thank you to the NBA for giving us a cause worth fighting for during the holiday season. No one deserves to live in poverty, especially not multimillionaires! Thanks too, for agreeing on the modest maximum salary of \$14 million per year. Wow, you guys must really love the game!

• Oh, and thanks for the pseudo-season. I was hoping the lockout would end before the WNBA started.

• Speaking of the NBA, thank

you to Pat Garrity for resurrecting our basketball program by showing recruits that one can succeed in a Notre Dame uniform.

• Thanks to Rutgers basketball's Geoff Billet for crushing the dreams of the Irish basketball team and the 52 people in attendance.

• And thanks to the Notre Dame's men's basketball team for being a perfect example of charity among Catholics. I mean, how else can you explain giving Boston College its first Big East win. How nice.

• Thank you to the women's basketball team for giving us a team that we can root for in March.

• Thank you to the baseball owners, who with their lavish spending in the off-season have reminded us not to get caught up in the excitement of the past season. The game is still a business.

• Thank you to Jerry Rice for being a truly unselfish role model. His ranting bout not getting the ball enough is a great example for today's youth. There's not 'I' in team, but their is in Rice. Oh, and thank you to the Atlanta Falcons for knocking Rice out of the playoffs. If I have to see that guy say he's going to Disneyland one more time....

• Thank you to Tiger Woods for, by having a less than stellar year, proving to us that he is human

• Thank you to David Duval for showing us that there are other golfers. Thanks for falling one stroke short (59) of

breaking my personal best (58) showing on a golf course. (They do only play nine holes in the PGA, don't they?)

• Thank you to the New York Yankees for showing us what about 80 million dollars can buy. Thanks to the Baltimore Orioles for doing the same. While I'm at it, I'll thank the Pittsburgh Pirates and Montreal Expos for shunning high priced players and sharing their homegrown talent with other wealthier teams.

• Thanks to the Chicago Bulls for providing Florida Marlins' fans support by assuring them that others have to endure rebuilding too.

• Thank you to Randy Moss for showing society that second — no third chances — can pay off.

• Thank you to the Philadelphia Eagles for proving that a team exists that actually has less talent than the not yet created Cleveland Browns.

• Thank you to Michael Jordan for finally ridding Sportscenter of "the Jordan Watch" by deciding to retire. Thanks for allowing someone else to win a title finally as well.

• Thank you to Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa for giving baseball back its rightful title— America's national pastime.

• Finally, thank you to all the winners and losers, superstars and role-players, fans, owners, coaches, and anyone else affiliated with sports for making 1998 "the greatest year in sports history!"

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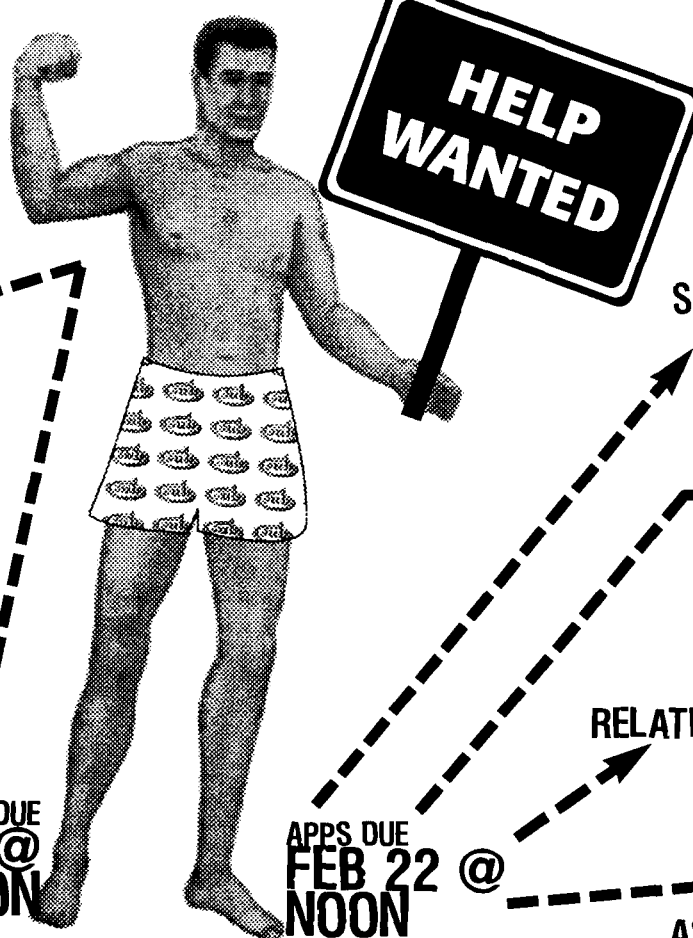
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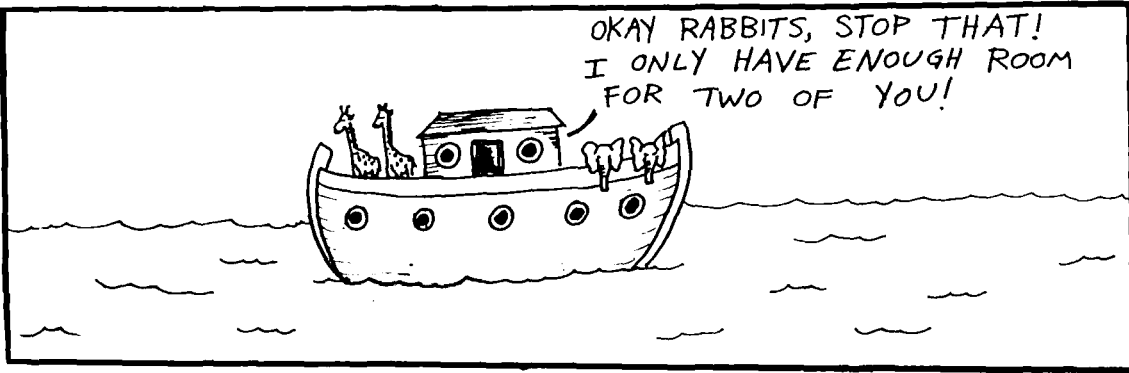


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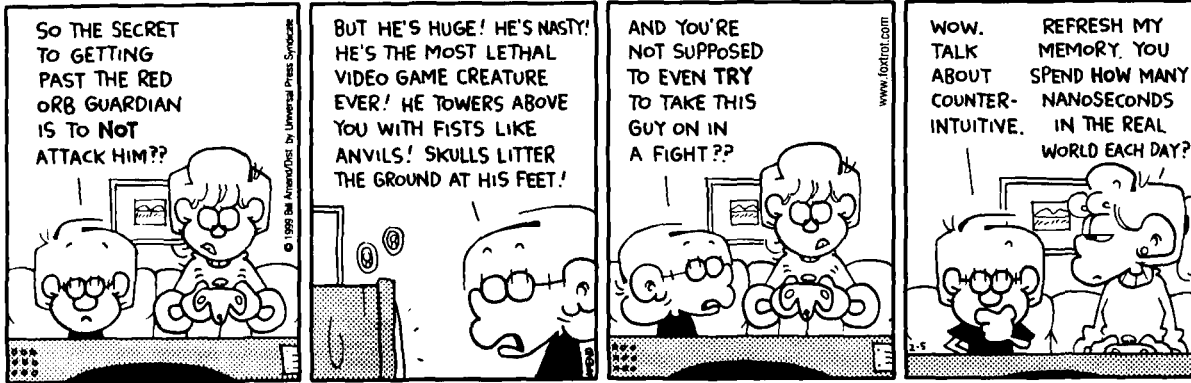
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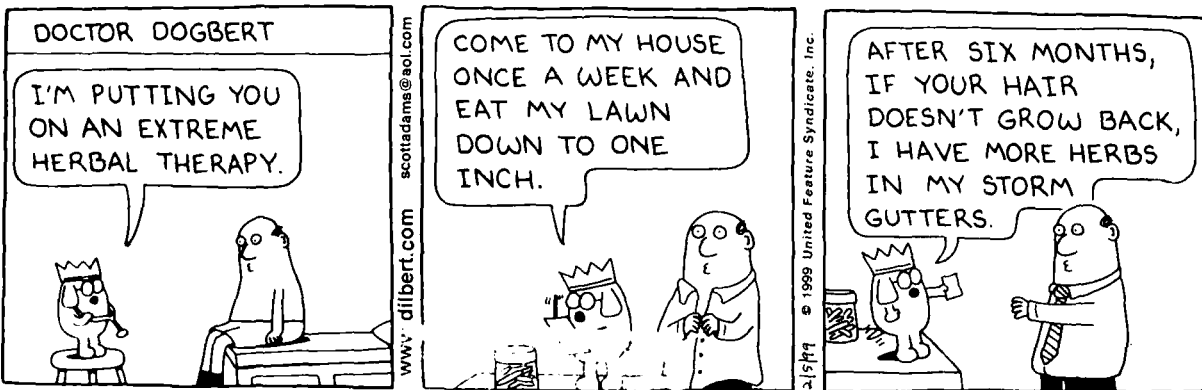
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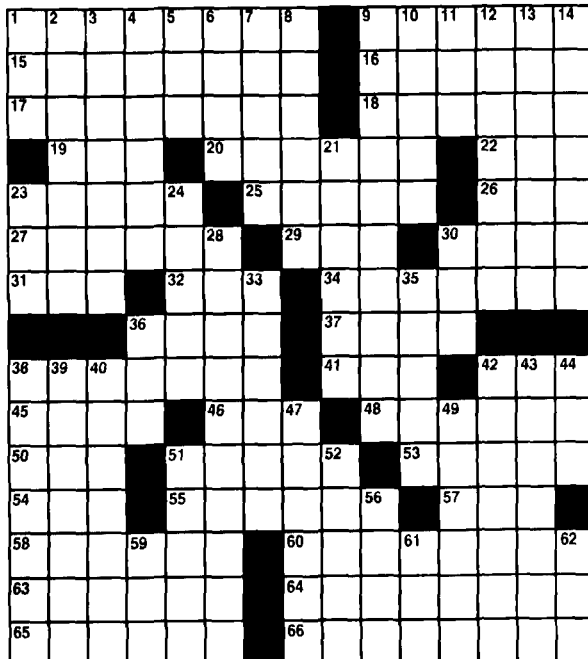


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 - 15 Unfading flower
 - 16 Yield
 - 17 Interstellar
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 - 20 Time piece?
 - 22 Alpine sight
 - 23 Exercise unit
 - 25 Praise
 - 26 Sobriquet preceder
 - 27 Uses a hassock
 - 29 Sotheby's submission
 - 30 Actor Shaw of "Tough Enough"
 - 31 Direct mail sticker
 - 32 Mount —, active Philippine volcano
 - 34 Least trustworthy
 - 36 Carriage
 - 37 — Bator
 - 38 Woo
 - 41 Prescribe
 - 42 Kind of cup
 - 45 "Yipes!"
 - 46 TV's "Toolman"
 - 48 Member of the Rehnquist court
 - 50 Toddler's frequent query
 - 51 Rte. 5 runs through it
 - 53 Harts' mates
 - 54 Record store section
 - 55 Patisserie product
 - 57 Dipstick, e.g.
 - 58 Like Machiavellian politics
 - 60 Feature of some fedoras
 - 63 Furry
 - 64 Femme fatale
 - 65 Movie clips
 - 66 Casters
- DOWN**
- 1 Sharp turn
 - 2 "— that!"
 - 3 Epicurean assets
 - 4 Capital on the Vltava
 - 5 Anita Brookner's "Hotel du —"
 - 6 Golden rule word
 - 7 Intentionally baffle
 - 8 Popular youth group
 - 9 Formidable wrestlers
 - 10 Minced oaths
 - 11 Dispatched, in a way
 - 12 Zinc — (fertilizer ingredient)
 - 13 Triumvirates
 - 14 Competitor
 - 21 More than offensive
 - 23 Shade of blue
 - 24 Garden-variety
 - 28 Doc wears them
 - 30 Stray, in a way
 - 33 "Married . . . With Children" co-star
 - 35 Glom (onto)
 - 36 Nuts or crackers
 - 38 Puts new bandages on
 - 39 Like Old Irish lettering
 - 40 Springtime dance site
 - 42 1984 Oscar-nominated saga
 - 43 More euphoric
 - 44 Accord requirement
 - 47 Foreboding atmospheres
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■ HOCKEY

Urick leads icers against first-place Spartans

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

Following last Saturday's emotional win over Michigan, Notre Dame will put its unbeaten home record on the line again this weekend, this time against the fourth-ranked Michigan State Spartans.

Friday's contest is the team's first versus the CCHA's first-place Spartans this season. Notre Dame will play Michigan State each of the next three Fridays as they finish up their treacherous late-season schedule. Saturday night, the Irish will conclude their season series with the Nanooks of Alaska-Fairbanks, who fell twice to Notre Dame at the Joyce Center already this season.

Entering the weekend, the Irish find themselves in fourth place in the CCHA.

But they are currently only seven points behind Michigan State, who leads the conference with 33 points.

Ranked at No. 4 in the nation, Michigan State is currently the hottest team in college hockey. They are presently in the midst of a fifteen-game unbeaten streak (12-0-3), which included a ten-game winning streak. In fact, the Spartans have not lost since their last game in November, when they lost in Minnesota.

Like any top-10 team, the Spartans boast of strong special teams, especially on the



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Alternate captain Benoit Cotnoir and the Fightin' Irish will look to extend their home winning streak this weekend against the Nanooks and the Spartans.

penalty-kill. Coming into Friday's game, Michigan State leads the CCHA with an astounding penalty-killing efficiency of 91.9 percent. What is even more impressive is the fact that in 28 games this season, the unit has scored 10 shorthanded goals while only allowing 11 power play goals.

The Spartans are led on the ice by their captain, senior

center Mike York.

Last season, York was one of the 10 finalists for the Hobey Baker Award, and looks to be having a similar season this year. So far, York has amassed 35 points (16 goals, 19 assists), which leads his team and puts him fourth in the CCHA.

"He's a complete player," Irish coach Dave Poulin said of York. "He's terrific with the

puck, he protects the puck. He's a sniper and he plays both ends."

Another player who has dominated for Michigan State has been sophomore goaltending phenom Joe Blackburn.

Among starting goaltenders in the CCHA, Joe Blackburn leads with both a 1.40 goals-against-average and with a .930 save percentage.

The key to solving Blackburn, says Irish sophomore Dan Carlson, may involve being aggressive in front of the MSU net.

"He really doesn't face that many shots," Carlson said. "We have to try to get to him and get some more rebounds. I think other teams have had trouble getting around the net ... If we can get a lot of shots, I think we can be successful."

To this point in the season, the Irish remain unbeaten on home ice with a record of 9-0-1. Following a season in which the team struggled on home ice, one major difference this season has been the addition of an energetic crowd to the Joyce Center atmosphere. Last Saturday night against [then] No. 5 Michigan, the loudest crowd of the season helped carry the Irish to an exciting 3-2 win, and coach Poulin hopes there will be more of the same this coming weekend.

"[Improving on home ice] has been one of the focal points of our season," Poulin said. "We've played well on home ice. We want it to be uncomfortable for teams to come in here. [Last] Saturday night's atmosphere just adds to that."

On Saturday, Notre Dame will play host to the Alaska-Fairbanks Nanooks, who are in tenth place in the CCHA standings. Saturday's game will be

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ladies look to sink Pirates' ship

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Associate Sports Editor

"Opposites attract" could easily replace "jamming the Joyce" as Saturday's promotion for the Irish women's basketball game against Seton Hall.

Perhaps the only thing in common between the Pirates and the Irish at this point in the season is that they're playing each other.

Extending their losing streak to seven games after suffering defeat Tuesday night at Villanova, 68-53, Seton Hall has taken up sole residence in the basement of the Big East. The Irish, on the other hand, are climbing up the other end of the standings, hurtling just one game from breaking into the top two.

With the nine-game run the Irish have compiled in 1999, Notre Dame is confident that they will end up on top of the

Big East.

"Especially after beating Boston College [Wednesday], we are extremely confident right now," said Kelley Steffen. "We have a couple of big games coming up, against teams that have played us hard, and we really have to end [the season] on a good note."

The comparisons in recent days have focused on one of the best squads Notre Dame has ever fielded: the 1997 Final Four team. And the team N from Coach Muffet McGraw to the players N believes that they are even better this year.

"I can definitely say that the two teams are different," said team captain Sheila McMillen. "With the Final Four team, you shut down two players, and you've beat us. That's not so this year. Our experience and balance

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish can reach .500 in Big East

By JOEY CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame men's basketball team has made the final turn and it's headed down the final stretch.

Now it's time to get into full stride.

John MacLeod's squad sits on an 11-11 record overall and 5-6 in the Big East. With seven games remaining on the regular season slate the Irish will have to make a move if they hope to be playing in March.

After a full week off after a home victory over Providence, the Irish will look to build some momentum Saturday when they take on Seton Hall.

"It's a crucial game for us," MacLeod said. "Nobody wants to finish the regular season without any more games to play."

Last season the Irish found themselves in similar situation. A lack of offensive punch down the stretch lead to a skid that

lead to a sub .500 record and nowhere to go after the Big East Tournament.

MacLeod hopes that improved offensive balance this season will lead to better fortune this season and to an invitation into a post-season tournament.



'IT'S A CRUCIAL GAME FOR US. NOBODY WANTS TO FINISH THE REGULAR SEASON WITHOUT ANY MORE GAMES TO PLAY.'

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MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

"Last year we had trouble scoring and Pat (Garrity) was the only one who consistently scored in double figures," MacLeod said. "So what we have now is a better offensive package, a much better offensive package. We have a much better correlation between the inside game and the

outside game."

The two most experienced inside and outside players, Antoni Wyche and Phil Hickey will be looking to close their careers in style.

"I'd like to see Antoni and Phil finish big because they're seniors and it's their last go around," MacLeod said.

The most consistent scorers for MacLeod have been freshman Troy Murphy and David Graves who lead the Irish in scoring.

With 22 games under their belts on the collegiate level and in the Notre Dame program, MacLeod hopes the best of the season is still to come.

"We've been together since the 18th of October and we have a much better feel for what we're doing both offensively and defensively," MacLeod said. "We have a much better focus of what needs to be done against the

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