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DECISIONS IN LONDON

Board says 'no' to Big Ten



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The ultimate [rationale behind the decision not to join the Big Ten] lies in a loss of institutional identity,' University Press Father Edward Malloy said at a press conference in London on Friday. Malloy, with provost Nathan Hatch (center), announced the Board of Trustee's decision, but athletic director Mike Wadsworth (right) said that his department had decided in September that it stood against the University joining the Big Ten.

ND stays independent

By MARK HIGGINS London Correspondent

Edition Correspondent

Fearing a loss of a unique identity as a university, the Notre Dame Board of Trustees voted against joining the Big Ten at their January meeting in London.

At a press conference Friday, University President Father Edward Malloy confirmed the decision made by the Board of Trustees.

"The Board of Trustees affirmed the recommendation of the Officers that Notre Dame should retain its institutional independence," said

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Clause revision denied

By TIM LOGAN Associate News Editor

Affirming a private decision made in December by the University's Board of Fellows, the Board of Trustees Friday rejected the addition of sexual orientation to Notre Dame's legal non-discrimination clause.

A unanimous decision was made Dec. 1 by the Board of Fellows that the change should not be made. The Fellows then presented this determination on Friday to the Trustees, who "expressed their full support and affirmation for the action," according

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Candidates defend platforms, discuss issues at forum

By CHRISTINE KRALY Assistant News Editor

Politics, football and swan genocide sparked both discussion and yawns Sunday night at the presidential debates held in LaFortune Ballroom.

Led by emcess Denis Hurley and Andrew McDonnell of the Humor Artists, the long discussion was intended to introduce the candidates to the general public, who were encouraged to ask questions after the panel inquiry. The discussion was characterized by repeated questions concerning student government budgets and allegations of inexperience.

"I'm not a government insider," said presidential candidate Sean Deschene. "[I plan to] figure it out as I go."

Deschene, referring to he and his running mate Mike Revers, proclaimed "we really are two common guys." The pair were among many candidates who not only admitted their inexperience in government, but presented it as a potential advantage.

"New faces would bring in fresh ideas," said vice-presidential hopeful Daniel Chucta, whose main campaign focus seems to be his upcoming fifthyear senior status. "What we need is a fresh, new face to balance it [student government] out," he added, noting that witnessing four years of student government could be a positive attribute in his leadership skills.

Chucta, who is running with freshman Brian Clemency,

joined others in pushing the need to rid student government of its "business-as-usual" traditions and introduce innovative ideas to the University.

"[We want to] bring Notre Dame into the 21st Century," said Deschene, whose platform includes improving the University's communications,

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■ Inside Column

Jumping at the JACC

The arena was rocking and the team was pumped. Students had been lined up for tickets since four and now

filled the JACC with their boisterous cries. Turning the JACC into the most hostile 2,667-

Mike Connolly Sports Copy Editor

capacity hockey arena in the country, the hecklers were ready to make life difficult for the Spartans' goaltender. Anyone who was at the Michigan State game on Friday night knew what an important game it was and tried to do everything they could to excite

Everyone, except the guy who selected Third Eye Blind's "Jumper" as one of the songs for the band to play.

I don't know, maybe it's just me, but songs about suicide just don't get me all that excit-

Don't get me wrong, I love the band. Their rendition of the fight song is incredible and the "Celtic War Chant" is one of the most excitement inducing songs that I have ever heard.

But "Jumper" has got to go.

As I see it, the job of the band is to complement the action on the field with songs that heighten the excitement. I can't speak for everyone, but the topic of suicide tends to make me feel depressed.

What will the band play next? How about the theme song from MASH: "Suicide is Painless". Or maybe that uplifting Guns and Roses classic "November Rain"? Sticking to more current music, the band could make the crowd depressed by selecting "Brick" by Ben Folds Five.

Just being popular does not make a song appropriate for a hockey game.

I understand that the band cannot play the "Hey Song" and "We Will Rock You" at every intermission. A large selection of songs allows the band to sound fresh and exciting so as not to bore the crowd. But come on, there are plenty of other great songs that the

band could play besides "Jumper".

What about Queen's "Another One Bites the Dust"? Or maybe the theme from Beverly Hills Cop? I am not a music expert so I don't know if it would be possible for the band to arrange these songs, but there must be something else they can play.

The "Imperial March" would also fit the tone of a hockey game better than "Jumper". Heck, the theme song from Sesame Street fits hockey better than "Jumper"; at least

Sesame Street is happy.
Let me stress again that I like the band. I think they are a wonderful part of the Notre Dame athletic tradition. But every time I hear them start up "Jumper", it makes me want to leap to my death from the top of the hockey bleachers. Fortunately, since the bleachers are so small, I would probably sur-

So strike up "Back in Black", "Brown Eyed Girl" and "Zoot Suit Riot" but please, leave "Jumper" off the playlist.

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Organization attempts to revive Affirmative Action

BERKELEY, Calif. Hoping to bring affirmative action back into the UC system, the ASUC Senate has passed a bill asking

California Gov. Gray Davis to change the face of the UC Board of Regents. The university's student government

approved a bill Wednesday night, written and sponsored by Senator Arian White, that asks Davis to fill the five currently open seats on the board with affirmative action proponents.

"I think (the bill) will have impact in that it will complement other actions,' White said. "However, by itself, it is not that powerful."

A different form of the bill was originally written by Heather Bergman, a member of the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action by Any Means Necessary, a campus pro-affirmative action group. White said Bergman approached him with the bill to try to get it through the senate. He later Berkeley University of

altered the bill and wrote the official

One of the changes that Cal-Serve member White made to the bill before senators passed it was replacing the word "demand" with the much lessforceful word "ask."

"It is only right that we give the governor an opportunity to (further affirmative action efforts) without demanding it," White said.

White, who is not affiliated with BAMN, is not the only supporter of affirmative action policies in the student senate. He said he was approached because "they have seen me fight for affirmative action in thepast, and I am a visible person."

He added that he appealed to Davis because "as of now, I see Davis as someone who has a responsibility to help because people who elected him are the people who would benefit from affirmative action policies."

The bill also asks for the voluntary resignation of UC Regent Ward Connerly, who led the campaign to ban race and gender preferences in the UC system in 1995 and state wide through Proposition 209 in 1996.

'I firmly believe that Connerly's crusade to abolish affirmative action policies is a tool to assist him in his political goals," White said.

Further, according to the bill, '(Connerly) has done immeasurable harm to the lives and futures of countless numbers of students.'

■ RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Cohabitation may lead to divorce

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.

Rutgers University's National Marriage Project released a report this week that found people considering marriage should play hard to get to shelve divorce. According to the reports, couples who live together before marriage have a significantly higher incidence of divorce after rings are exchanged, said David Popenoe, co-director of the project, a small, privately funded research group. "Living together before marriage — far from actually creating happier marriages, which is sometimes the intention - actually leads to a higher divorce rate," Popenoe, a professor of sociology, said. "Every study we examined found the same thing - living together before marriage led to a higher divorce rate after marriage.' The most groundbreaking revelation of the report was a possible explanation as to why cohabitational relationships tend to crumble after marriage, Popenoe said.

■ OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Former student arrested for murder

Campus-area students and residents might sleep a little easier this weekend after the arrest of a former Ohio State student who police believe could be responsible for a string of murders and robberies. Carlo Lamarr-Marquis Owens was arrested early Thursday morning and charged with two counts each of aggravated murder and aggravated robbery in connection with recent crimes committed in the campus area. Owens was enrolled at OSU during the Autumn 1997 and Winter 1998 quarters, according to an OSU statement released Thursday. Various police and University officials said that as a student Owens lived in Halloran House and was a member of ROTC. He tried to join the OSU track team, but failed to meet NCAA qualifications. "This connection adds to the sadness and regret the university community feels about the situation," the OSU statement read.

■ University of Nevada

Police arrest student's mother

The mother of a UNLV student was arrested for burglary and dissuading a witness in Boyd Residential Hall Friday, according to UNLV Police Sergeant Don Drake. Barbara Ann Terpening, 55, allegedly entered the building around 11:30 p.m. with the help of a former male resident advisor, said Drake. Allegedly, her intent was to intimidate a student witness into changing his statement about a rape which was reported in the residence halls last month, he said. According to a telephone conversation with Terpening, the alleged sexual assault involved accusations against her son, Robert Brown. "The crime she was intending to commit was dissuading a witness," said Drake. "She didn't threaten to harm him, she was just badgering him." However, according to Drake, Terpening never should have been able to enter the dorm. "The person who let her in was a former R.A.," said Drake, adding, "I guess he still had the keys."

■ Mississippi State University Religious organizations lose funding

STARKVILLE, Miss.

The Student Association Senate decided Wednesday not to fund "politically partisan or religious" groups and passed a resolution recommending the reestablishment of several volunteer shifts at the campus radio station, WMSV. The first bill stated, "Programs or activities financially supported by the SA may in no way be politically partisan or religious. Groups determined by the SA attorney general to be partisan or religious will no longer be able to receive SA funds. Senator J.D. Shaw said University officials recommended the bill after the SA decided to give money to Campus Crusade for Christ for a trip last semester. Shaw said though many organizations of this nature request money, funding them was "best not handled within the SA." Other business discussed was a proposal by senators Patrick Bergin and Eric Sholes, who recommended that WMSV reconsider a decision to reduce the number of volunteer disc jockey shifts.

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WARM

Administrators, trustees dedicate new building

By PETER FOLAN London Correspondent

LONDON

At a dedication ceremony for the new site of the London Program in Trafalgar Square, University President Father Edward Malloy declared the dedication to be "the real reason we came here.

Members of the Board of Trustees and University administrators gathered Saturday at Marian Kennedy Fischer Hall, named in honor of the mother of Notre Dame alumnus Charles Fischer, who, along with his family, underwrote the renovation of the building ..

The building, at 27,000 feet is more than double the size of the University's former London site.

Located on the corner of Suffolk Street and Pall Mall, directly adjacent to the Sainsbury Wing of the National Gallery provides an ideal location for students.

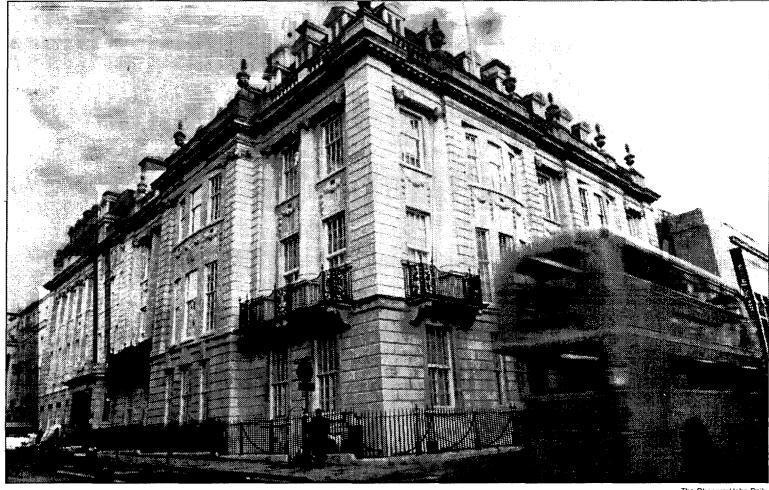
"We have this wonderful city around us to learn from and enjoy, but at the same time, an asylum from some of this craziness in Notre Dame's building," said junior Jeff Harrington, a student participating in the London Program.

Dominique Etcheverry agreed. "The location of the building right on the edge of Trafalgar Square is basically the heart of the city."

The location of the building has also led to a focus on fine arts in curriculum for students.

Learning to appreciate the expansive cultural offerings has been enjoyable for Andy Mitchel.

"I've heard more melismas in operas, seen more brush strokes



Notre Dame administrators and members of the Board of Trustees dedicated Marian K. Fischer Hall, the new home of the London Program Saturday. The building is located on Trafalgar Square.

cuts in sculptures than I had ever thought possible."

The London program's building has a history that spans since before Notre Dame even came into existence.

The original structure on the site was built in 1823 as a gentlemen's club for graduates of Oxford and Cambridge and con-

in paintings, and analyzed more tinued to be used for this purpose until 1979.

The British School of Osteopathy then took control of the building, and held it until Notre Dame acquired the building in the early 1990s.

The building has also been technologically equipped for students. Students can choose from three different computer

laboratories and either Personal Macintosh Computers.

All of these systems are connected to the Notre Dame server, and allow students access to e-mail, the Internet and instant messaging services.

Brian Burchett, on-site technical support person for Office of Information Technologies,

described the main features of

the building.

"All of the computers are wired for the Ethernet network through the University of London," said Burchett. "We have 50 Windows and 20 Macintosh computers.

"The building's technology is a major improvement over the former home of the Program."

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specifically making DARTing and registration available through the Notre Dame website.

Between Hurley and McDonnell's attempts to lighten the crowd, the candidates sounded off about ways to improve campus life, including intercultural relations.

"[The] University would like more multicultural professors," said Stephen Robey, vice-presidential candidate whose running mate, Cynthia Turski, was absent from the discussion. Robey, who struggled to represent his ticket on his own, reminded the audience of the duo's plan to diminish bookstore traffic with a separate express lane, especially on football weekends, when a "sea of alumni [is] just there.'

As the candidates delved into political aspects of their platforms, the audience grew sparse when listeners began to flee the two-hour discussion.

"I'm definitely gonna stick up for you guys," Micah Murphy told a dwindling audience.

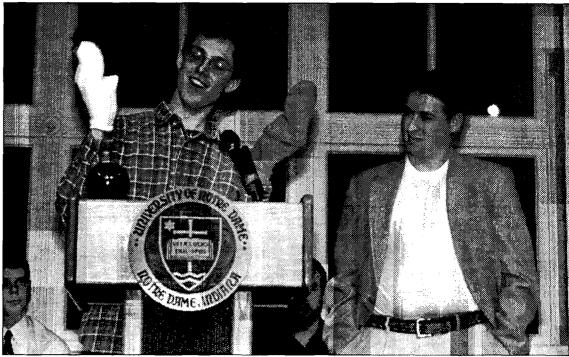
Murphy, a presidential candidate whose goal is to establish airport shuttles for students traveling home on breaks, added "I'm willing to take a few risks."

"I think we're all missing the point here," said presidential hopeful Bill Kuder. "All we care about is football ... it's so important [to the University]." Kuder, who along with running mate Joe Priest, highlighted the importance of Notre Dame football as not only a financial but morale booster for the University. "Think back to when we beat Michigan," added Kuder, who said football has the ability to uplift or destroy the spirit of the whole campus.

The Kuder/Priest ticket was not alone in their unique approach to the evening's dis-

"I have no personal politics," said Luke White, editor-inchief of Right Reason, who received a standing ovation for his guitar tribute encouraging the murder of all campus

Members of the panel, including representatives from Scholastic, The Observer, WSND, student government and Club Coordination Council,



Presidential hopeful Luke White entertains the debate crowd while articulating his platform Sunday night in LaFortune Ballroom. His running mate, Dan Hennigan, looks on.

grilled the political hopefuls on issues such as past student governments and budget spending

'[The] goal of the office of President is to bring issues to the office itself," said Mike Palumbo, Murphy's running

mate, who feels that the way to improve student involvement with government is to talk to hall presidents, hall councils."

"I just don't want to go to the hall councils ... we want to go beyond that," said Chana Jayme, who along with partner Dan Peate, reminded the audience of their "overarching goal" of giving back to the stu-

We want the students to tell us what they want," she added, noting that it is important to "get out there ... get to know everybody."

The audience was brought into the discussion when Murphy was faced with allegations from one crowd member of disregarding students' feelings. According to the student, Murphy had supposedly dressed as and impersonated a homosexual male prostitute and imitated a mentally handicapped person at a Keough social event.

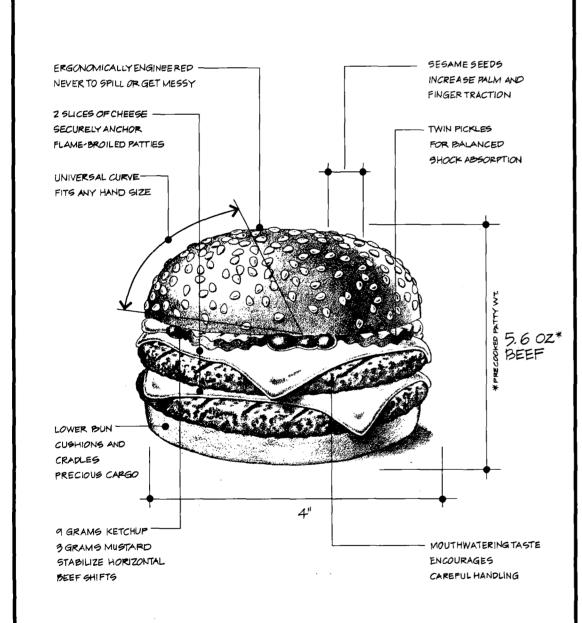
"[I] had nothing to do with 'said Murphy, trying to defend his actions. "[I was just having al fun time, just making stuff up.

The newly-refreshed audience was treated to a sock puppet debate between White's right and left hands. White, answering questions about his own political beliefs, mocked the audiences inquiries by responding with sock puppets.

"[There is] absolutely no good reason for a woman not to be president," said Jayme, when asked why there had yet to be a female student body president.

White attributed this to a woman's lack of sufficient strength to rip a swan's head

Voting will take place Monday in residence halls and in the C1 parking lot for offcampus students.



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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

NASA launches spacecraft to collect comet dust

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

A comet-chasing spacecraft named Stardust rocketed away Sunday on a sevenyear, 3 billion-mile quest to bring back precious comet dust. Stardust began its formidable journey one day late, soaring into a clear afternoon sky aboard a Boeing Delta rocket. A last-minute radar problem on Saturday caused the delay. NASA's Stardust mission is the first attempt to gather material from beyond the moon and return it to Earth. It is also the first time NASA has sent a robot on an extraterrestrial pickup and delivery mission. The last time the agency went after samples in outer space was Apollo 17 in 1972, the last of the manned lunar landings. "Not only do we have to get to where we're going ... but then we've got to turn around and come home again," said Carl Pilcher.

China frees political prisoner

RELIIN

A Chinese dissident reiterated his innocence Sunday after being released early from a 12year sentence, saying he played no part in prodemocracy protests that landed him in jail. Sun Weibang, 56, was released Thursday from Weifang prison in eastern Shandong province after having served more than 9 1/2 years. He was arrested in Qingdao after a government crackdown on pro-democracy protests centered on Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989. Sun ran a small restaurant and provided free food to protesting students. Although he said he played no part in the demonstrations themselves, he was sentenced for anti-government "propaganda and incitement." More than 2,000 people remain in jail from the nationwide wave of arrests that followed the Tiananmen Square crackdown, according to the Hong Kong-based Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in

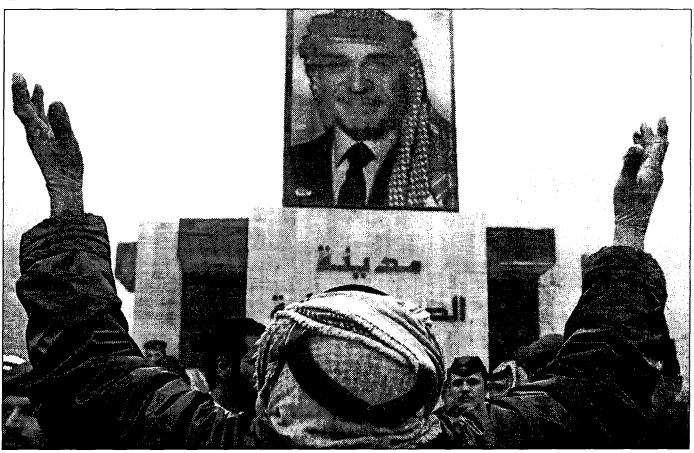
Polite girls arrested in robbery

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

Two teen-age girls charged with robbery were extraordinarily polite, so polite they got caught. The girls walked into a shoe store Thursday and asked employee Sonya Graham for a pen and paper. One wrote a note, then handed it to the worker, saying, 'I'm sorry to do this. You're so nice. The note said: "I have a gun in my pants, give me all the money." "You came at a bad time," the worker said. "I have a customer to wait on." The would-be robbers offered to wait, police said, so the worker walked to the back of the store and triggered the store's silent alarm system. She then went back to the counter and stalled the suspects until police arrived. "They were real nice," said police Lt. Roy Williams, adding that the girls were armed with a toy cap pistol.

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■ JORDAN



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A Jordanian mourner prays in front of a picture of the late King Hussein outside the King Hussein Medical Center in Amman, where the monarch died following a seven-month battle with cancer. The death of the 63-year-old monarch ended a half-century reign and plunged his nation into mourning and uncertainty.

King Hussein loses battle with cancer

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMMAN

Jordan crowned an untested new monarch Sunday and plunged into mourning for its beloved King Hussein. Distraught citizens sobbed in the streets and world leaders converged on the desert kingdom, united in grief for the statesman who built bridges for peace in the turbulent Middle East.

The deep political divides between those planning to attend Monday's elaborate state funeral served as a powerful reminder of Hussein's farreaching abilities as a mediator and leader — skills that lifted Jordan into a place of international prominence.

"Even the sky is crying," an announcer on Jordanian television declared as a rare, dripping fog shrouded the city after the king died at 11:43 a.m. (4:43 a.m. EST) from cancer in a hospital.

Black flags fluttered from the few

taxicabs plying the streets. The wail of Koranic verses of mourning filled the country's mosques and residents wept on the sidewalks of Amman, Jordan's hilly capital.

Hussein, who survived repeated assassination attempts as he walked the tightrope of Mideast politics, succumbed after a seven-month battle with lymphatic cancer. He had lingered unconscious on a respirator for two days after returning home to Jordan last week to die.

Courtiers, Jordanian officials and members of the royal family, including his dozen children and his wife, the American-born Queen Noor, had kept a vigil at the king's bedside while thousands of citizens sobbed at the hospital

In keeping with Islamic tradition, the funeral will be held quickly — an enormous procession through Amman just 24 hours after Hussein's heart gave out.

The elaborately plotted protocols, although, reflected real-life regional tensions. The Israeli delegation, for example, was to be kept closer to Western leaders than to leaders from harder-line Arab states, palace sources said.

President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton were among those planning to attend.

Underscoring Jordan's determination that the transition be swift and smooth, Hussein's eldest son Abdullah, 37, was sworn in just four hours later in parliament

Before pledging to do his best to serve the country, the new king paused before a life-sized portrait of his father.

"This is God's judgment and God's will," Abdullah, a veteran military man but a political novice, told the nation in a televised address. "God have mercy on Hussein the father, the brother, the commander and the manWe will preserve Hussein's legacy."

■ SERBIA

Peace negotiations in France begin

Albanians have to give up their

demand for independence for their

Associated Press

RAMBOUILLET
Serb officials and Kosovo Albanians
agreed on principles that would keep
the embattled province inside
Yugoslavia for at least three more
years as they met separately Sunday
with international mediators at a
French chateau

Getting down to serious work after Saturday's ceremonial opening, international mediators presented the warring factions with a framework agreement worked out by the Contact Group, made up of six outside nations trying to arrange a settlement.

The mediators also presented a set of 10 non-negotiable principles for the talks, including a guarantee of Yugoslavia's territorial integrity.

That means Kosovo's ethnic

province — at least during a threeyear interim period. Both a Serb negotiator and a Western mediator said all sides had accepted those principles. "The atmosphere was constructive,

"The atmosphere was constructive, businesslike and serious," said conference spokesman Philip Reeker.

The peace negotiations are being held in seclusion at the 14th-century Chateau de Rambouillet, the official summer home of French presidents, and it was not possible to confirm the Albanian acceptance directly.

Hard-line Kosovo Liberation Army guerrillas have previously said they would never accept anything short of independence for Kosovo, a province in Serbia, the main republic in Yugoslavia. The province is 90 percent ethnic Albanian.

The two sides were driven to the negotiating table by threat of NATO airstrikes against Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and tough measures against the KLA to halt its arms supplies and financing.

The Contact Group — made up of the United States, Russia, France, Britain, Germany and Italy — devised the framework agreement based on the work of U.S. mediator Christopher

The negotiating teams were not meeting face-to-face. Instead, international mediators were shuttling between two floors of the magnificent chateau, 30 miles south of Paris.

The two sides were presented with the full text of the Contact Group plan on Sunday.

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to a statement from the group. The Board of Fellows is a group of 12 Trustees who have specific responsibilities regarding Notre Dame's Catholic character, including University president Father Edward Malloy and executive vice

president Father William Beauchamp.

This decision, and the manner in which it was made, sparked quick student response, as supporters of the clause change held a sit-in Friday afternoon and vowed to continue pushing for an end to what they call unjust treatment of gay and lesbian students.

"I have to say I'm angry, but I'm not surprised," said Mark Massoud, a student representative on the standing committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs about the Boards decision. Massoud was one of about 30 people, mostly students, who sat in the lobby of Hayes-Healey — just outside Malloy's office — Friday afternoon protesting the decision and planning future action.

"We're just going to try to come up with concrete ways to keep fighting to get justice on this campus, because there isn't, and there wasn't, but one day there's going to be," he said.

There has been significant campus activism in support of the clause change over the past year. The Academic Council and both the Student and Faculty Senates have passed resolutions supporting the move, numerous rallies and demonstrations have been held and, on Friday, 120 students wrapped up a three-day fast in support of the amend-

The closed nature of the decision, and the fact that it was made in December, only served to frustrate demonstrators further.

We were protesting all this time hoping to affect a decision that apparently had already been made," said Aaron Kreider of the Progressive Student Alliance.

Faculty Senate chair Michael Detlefsen, an ardent supporter of the clause change, spoke to the demonstrating students on Friday, echoing their frustration with the way the decision was made.

"Let this also serve as a pow-



Students gathered in front of Father Malloy's office in Hayes-Healy on Friday to protest the University's decision to reject the non-discrimination clause.

erful example of who has the decision-making power at this University," hе said. "Obviously it's not made by the

body that just met in London. A decision was made and carried to London.

Sit-in participants took the

opportunity to discuss strategies for future action to improve the climate for gays and lesbians at Notre Dame.

■ Australia

Republicans, voters look to replace English monarchy

Associated Press

CANBERRA

Australia's justice minister today joined the republican campaign to dump Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as head of state and replace her with an Australian.

Justice Minister Amanda Vanstone said she believed that national symbols are important and should touch a nation's heart — something the British monarchy no longer does.

I believe that every Australian child should be able to aspire to becoming Australia's head of state. There should

be no discriminatory constitutional or statutory limitation on that aspiration,' she said.

Despite the support of Vanstone and others, republicans face an uphill battle in their campaign to pass a Nov. 6 referendum under which an Australian chosen by two-thirds of Parliament would lead the nation.

A solid majority of Australians support a republic, according to polls, but they are divided between backing a directly elected, U.S.-style president and a leader appointed by Parliament.

If they remain split, Canberra

Territory Chief Minister Kate Carnell said, "It is only republicans that can stop Australia from becoming a republic.'

For their part, monarchists are sneering at the reform. Employment Services Minister Tony Abbott called the abandonment of the monarch "a kind of national feel-good pill or constitutional

A holdover from the glory days of the British Empire, Australia - like other Commonwealth nations such as Canada and New Zealand - still recognizes the British monarch as head of state.

And although that has almost no effect

on national affairs, the queen's representative, the governor-general, has one crucial power - to dismiss a corrupt, abusive, or non-functional government.

Then-Governor-General John Kerr used that power in 1975 when he sacked Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam's government and installed the conservative opposition after the conservativedominated Senate refused to pass a budget bill.

The issue has also led some Australians to wonder who the queen roots for when her nation faces a former colony in an international forum.

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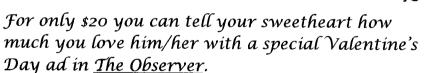
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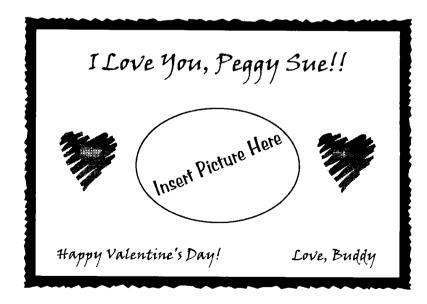
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Malloy. "The decision was complex. The decision transcends the many individual factors, academic and athletic. The ultimate [rationale behind the decision] lies in a loss of insti-

tutional identity."

If Notre Dame had joined the Big Ten, it would have been one of only two private universities and the only member with a religious affiliation.

"Notre Dame has a core identity: Catholic, private, and independent. An association with the Big Ten would only involve one element of that identity, independence," said Malloy. "In

our deliberations about joining the Big Ten, there was never the concern for our Catholic character being diminished."

"Fiscal factors were not a decisive determinant in the decision," Malloy added.

Provost Nathan Hatch pointed out that Notre Dame is in a position that other universities struggle to achieve.

"Officers of other universities

toss and turn at night, trying to figure out how to make their institution unique," said Hatch.

Athletic director Mike Wadsworth said the Athletic Department made its decision regarding Big Ten membership last September after preparing a report for the officers of the University.

"No new information was given to the athletic Department between September and December, so our decision ultimately was a unanimous 'No,'" said Wadsworth.

In the end, the University's affiliation with the Big East athletic conference proved to be a better match than the Big Ten

"The Big East conference is composed of many small, Catholic, private institutions," said Malloy. "We feel that they are a better fit for us than the Big Ten, which is composed of primarily large, public, regional institutions. The school that would match most closely with our identity is Northwestern, also a private institution. Even Northwestern, though, is twice the size of Notre Dame."

The Board of Fellows, the highest decision-making body at the University who are also responsible for appointing members of the Board of Trustees, decided against membership in the Big Ten on Dec. 1. Their decision, however, was kept secret, pending approval of the Board of Trustees.

From an academic perspective, Malloy emphasized that the information exchange with the Big Ten was a valuable experience for Notre Dame and has caused the University to reevaluate some of its academic independence.

Joining the Big Ten would have given Notre Dame membership in the Committee for Institutional Cooperation [CIC], the academic consortium of Big Ten schools. In a show of support for the academic benefits of joining the Big Ten, the Faculty Senate voted in favor of joining the CIC before the Board of Trustees meeting.

"We must do more with consortial relationships," said Hatch. "The CIC is an academic consortium that membership would have boosted the prestige of our graduate programs and allowed us to take part in faculty and student exchanges as well as grant sharing.

"We will have mechanisms this spring in place to look at a whide range of consortial arrangements."

In the course of the University's dialogue with the Big Ten, Malloy said he raised the idea of membership in the CIC without membership in the athletic aspect of the Big Ten, but was rebuffed by the conference.

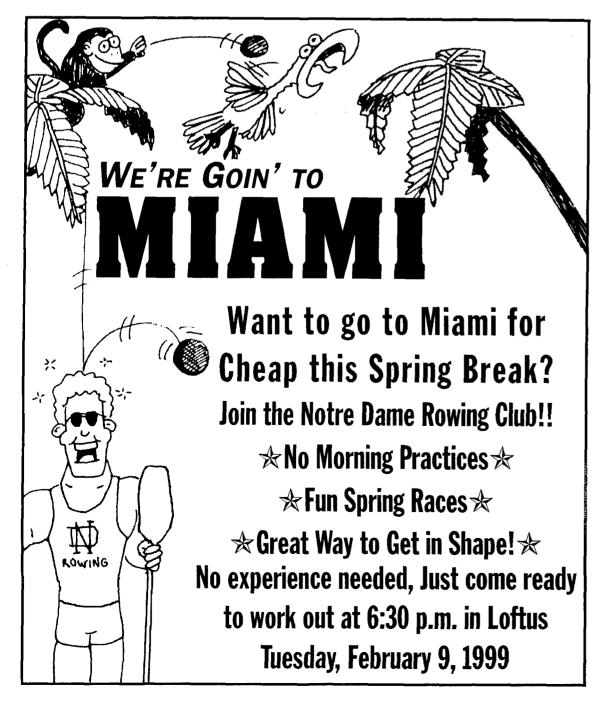
With both athletic and academic advantages and disadvantages of joining the Big Ten explored, the conclusion reached was to maintain independence.

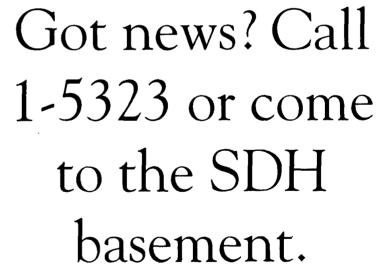
"We believe that independence continues to be our best way forward," said Malloy. "We look forward to maintaining and deepening our relationships [with members of the Big Ten], not as a member of the family, but as an old and close family friend."

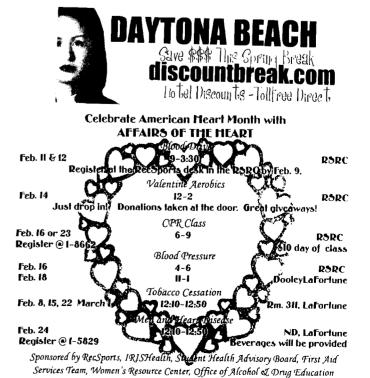
Student reaction in London to the Board of Trustees decision was positive. "I'm glad we didn't join the Big Ten," said Chris Maciejak. "It would jeopardize Notre Dame's uniqueness."

Another student, Jean McCue, agreed. "I was very pleased with [the University's] decision not to join the Big Ten. I felt that there was a danger that the undergraduate program would have been negatively affected."









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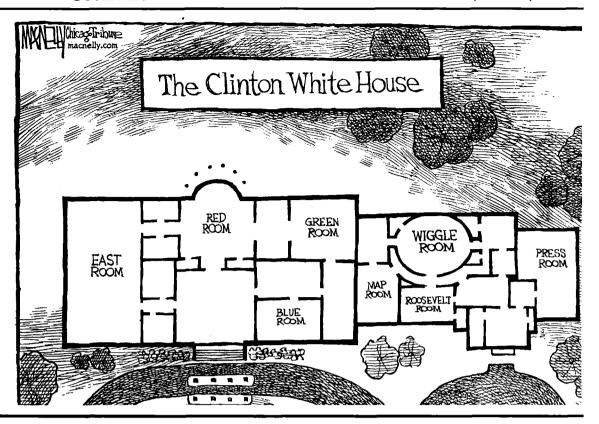
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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the Fullness of Time

All of us in the Notre Dame community tend to be obsessed with polls. Every autumn the AP college football poll serves to fuel all manner of speculation and dispute. The yearly U.S. News rankings of top American universities, graduate and law schools, carry a particularly heavy weight with the adminstration, but the student body tends to keep tabs on where we stand in that respect as well. Our community is ever cognizant of our position in relation to the rest of the pack. Perhaps this is why Friday's decision regarding the Big Ten and the Committe for Institutional Cooperation, while essentially a foregone conclusion, was nonetheless fervently discussed in the days leading up to its resolution. Yet another reason might have been the fact that two segments of our community elected not to side with the majority.

The Faculty Senate voted to join the Committe for Institutional Cooperation, the Big Ten's academic counterpart, while the Graduate Student Union chose not to pass any resolution regarding the decision. These bodies serve the purpose of representing academic interests in the decision making process on issues affecting the life of the University. To this end, their decision to support, or refrain from opposing Big Ten membership was sufficient reason to pause before riding the wave of popular momentum that existed throughout the many levels of the Notre Dame commuforemost Catholic institution of higher learning, and the representative body of our professors suggests we take an action to improve our stature, it gives rise to certain reservations when we chose not to. We know where we ultimately want to be, the question before us was whether or not we were undermining our ability to get there.

To understand why the answer is no. we must pause and recognize how Notre Dame's history plays out in relation to the rest of the academic institutions we so love to compete with. In the U.S. News and World Report list of the top twenty-five universities, Notre Dame is an odd fit with its peers. Others are religiously affiliated, but not in so pronounced a way as we are. The Ivy League institutions stand out, as do select state schools with very well developed programs who benefit from public funding. The vast majority of these schools experienced the sweeping trend among top universities around the beginning of the twentieth century, pioneered by Woodrow Wilson at Princeton, of reforming their curricula and organization. These were the days when the Ivys went from being elite dinner clubs to centers of learning and pioneering thought. It was then that the best schools in the nation became serious about carrying out their missions.

The Chicago Tribune this weekend referred to Fr. Hesburgh as "the patriarch of the modern Notre Dame." While we are accustomed to according the President Emeritus almost mythical status, the truth of this observation cannot be underestimated. His ascension to the presidency in 1952 marked the beginning of a period in which Notre Dame truly began to embrace its own unique mission. While the achievements of the Hesburgh administration need not be recounted here it will suffice to say that it was under his leadership that Notre Dame's long-standing Catholic mission was finally fleshed out with academic excellence. In the years since then, we have begun to turn a collective eye towards that highest echelon of American academia and contemplate what it will take to get there.

The point is this: Notre Dame contin-

ues to be a work in progress. Today we are members of a community working toward its chosen end, and getting closer to this endthan we have ever been before. Yet in our frequent selfassessments, we must take into account the reality that we began our march towards modern academic excellence a full half century after the majority of our peer institutions. Building top universities requires time. We have made remarkable progress in the last four decades and will continue to do so in the future.

We will not be the insitution we ultimately wish to be without greater development

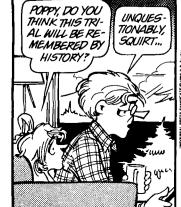
of our graduate programs. Joing the CIC might well have provided a quick resolution to the question of how to attain this end. But it would have meant doing so on the terms of others, terms that were not crafted with our own unique mission in mind. It could well have led us to a rushed embrace of graduate expansion, one which would undermine our current undergraduate focus. Our current adminsitration is not lacking in emphasis on the future development of Notre Dame. We will continue to grow, and in time, we will attain the ends for which we currently strive. In light of the Trustee's decsion regarding the Big Ten and the CIC, it is important to remember that the CIC was not

our only chance at being a strong graduate and research institution. We will be such a university in due time, and hopefully we will do so in such a way that allows us to reconcile strong research programs with the same solid undergraduate education that has thus far been our benchmark. We have not lost a one-time opportunity with Friday's decision, we have chosen the more deliberate path of self-determination. In doing so we allow ourselves the same vital time enjoyed by our peer institutions decades before.

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February 7, 1999

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

A Thousand things advance; nine hundred and ninety-nine retreat; that is progress.'

— Henri Frederic Amiel

■ DIGGING DEEPER

Smoke and Mirrors Aside: the Truth of Ex Corde

any school that wishes to attract

Catholicity in any way it sees fit. In

order to attach the Catholic label to

an institution of higher education, the institution must have a juridical

'Catholic" is not free to define

students by using the term

This is a response to Laura Petelle's poor excuse for a front page news story (Observer, Jan 29) regarding the implementation of Ex Corde Ecclesiae ("From the Heart of the Church"), a Magisterial document on the nature of Catholic Universities. Her article failed in every respect to qualify as responsible, objective, researched, or balanced journalism. In fact, it is not so much a news story as a vehicle for Petelle to voice her own opinions on the issue as it pertains to

association with the Universal Church. Self-styled "Catholic" universities wish use the name when it fits their purpose, and discard the meaning behind it when it means setting themselves apart from their secular counterparts. Such institutions betray internal contradictory attitudes; they want to be at once different from, and at the same time, just like everybody

This strange incongruity is reflected even superficially, on our campus externals. We have statues of Our Lord, Our Lady, and Moses, side by side with nihilistic, postmodern, sculp-

tures that convey a message of despair and meaninglessness. We have classes on faith and reason side by side with postmodern courses in gender studies and Marxist liberation theology. Something is amiss; Ex Corde is the remedy.

The real fear of those agitating against its implementation is that there may be some truth that our Catholic faith provides, that cannot be discovered solely on the basis of unfettered empirical investigation and historical-critical scholarship. Such opposition to the truths of revelation ends up chasing an illusory

the word" and which therefore "must have a true autonomy and academic freedom in the face of authority of whatever kind, lav or clerical, external to the academic community itself." I say "pretends," because one does not have to look very hard to see how hypocritical the implementation of these norms is at Notre Dame: we bow to all kinds of external authority (witness the faculty senate,s push for the Big Ten), to local, state, and federal governments, accrediting associations, foundations, donors, and trustees, all of which are most certainly external, to the University, and affect nearly every department here. For example, our chemistry department must be accredited by the American Chemical Society; yet our Catholic, theology department cannot be accredited, by the local Catholic Ordinary? One would think that any Catholic theologian would wear the Bishop's approval like a badge of honor. The autonomy, pledged in Land O, Lakes seems only to mean autonomy from those whom we feel like being

Instead of chasing a false autonomy, or an illusory freedom, we ought to recognize the great treasure we have, that others lack, precisely in our being a Catholic university. The Faith, far from being an obstacle to the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom, is the best milieu from which we can pursue truth in all its forms. In contrast to the

autonomous at the moment.

rationalist critique which shaped thinking at the start of the 20th century, the first Vatican Council affirmed, and John Paul II reiterated in Fides et Ratio, that "there exists a knowledge which is peculiar to faith, surpassing the knowledge proper to human reason. . . This knowledge expresses a truth based upon the very fact of God who reveals himself, a truth which is most certain, since God neither deceives nor wishes to deceive (8). The act of faith is no way contrary to human freedom, but rather, is freedom,s fullest expression. A Catholic university is actually more free than its secular counterparts, who can do no better than be shackled to the whims of whatever secular ideology happens to be popular at the

The freedom we seek "is not realized in decision made against God. For how could it be an exercise of true freedom to refuse to be open to the very reality which enables our self-realization? Men and women can accomplish no more important act in their lives than the act of faith; it is here that freedom reaches the certainty of truth and chooses to live in that truth (Fides et Ratio, 13)." When will the administration of Notre Dame recognize that its students are hungry for this truth, for the Truth that has become Incarnate in history? The only response for a University which desires to call itself Catholic is that of faith, and of freely willed obedience to this

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Aaron Kheriaty

Notre Dame. Very little attempt was made to disguise the lopsided, polemical tone.

First, it is apparent that Petelle has read neither Ex Corde itself, nor the U.S. Bishop's implementation proposal, nor Title VII of the federal code - all of which she refers to in her article in a misleading or erroneous fashion. She failed to interview, or obtain a written statement from the person at Notre Dame arguably the most important with respect to this issue: John Cavadini, Dean of the Theology Department. She also did not talk to Bishop D'Arcy, settling rather for a vague assertion that the

Bishop is "among those who expressed concern about the document." But what exactly was this concern? Was it that Notre Dame theologians would resist efforts to implement the document?

In the end, this news story, managed to tell us nothing about the vision Ex Corde lays out for a Catholic university, the role of such a university within the Church, or the ideal of a Catholic education. Instead, it succeeds only in kicking up dust that confuses the issue, invoking the words "autonomy, and freedom," without explaining why these must be prized in the academy above all else. The majority of the article is devoted to quoting the opinion of two dissenting faculty members, both of

whom hold the same opinion, which is hardly representative of the faculty as a whole, the administration, alumni, or students. The effort to explain the contents of Ex Corde was limited to the information the author gleaned from two articles appearing in other publications. In short, this was a thinly veiled attempt by the author to sway the readers to one side of a poorly understood issue. It was irresponsible journalism.

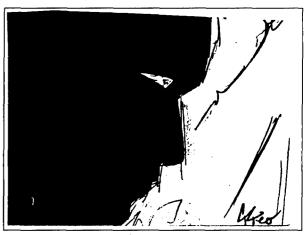
The document calls not for handing over "control" of the university. but of working in cooperation with the local bishop. The central issue of Ex Corde is, in fact, nothing new, since it merely calls for the implementation of norms that have been a part of the Code of Canon Law since the 1983 revision, but which, unfortunately, have largely been ignored by colleges that still want to label themselves "Catholic." All the Church is asking for with this document is truth in advertising;

freedom.

In contrast to the reigning secular model of a university, which Notre Dame is currently striving to attain, Ex Corde presents a vision of a truly free, truly Catholic university, which has the following essential characteristics: (1) A Christian inspiration not only of individuals but of the university community as such; (2) A continuing reflection in the light of the Catholic faith upon the growing treasury of human knowledge, to which it seeks to contribute by its own research; (3) Fidelity to the Christian message as it comes to us through the Church; (4) An institutional commitment to the service of the people of God and of the human family in their pilgrimage to the transcendent goal which gives meaning to life.

Opposed to this, Notre Dame currently pretends to abide by the "Land O, Lake's" vision of a Catholic university, which "must be a university in the modern sense of ■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Mis-Representation of Black History Month



Well, it's that time of the year once again. Not that you would know it here at the University of Notre Dame. It's February—the month designated as "Black History Month." Let me explain that Black History Month evolved out of the late educator Carter G. Woodson's "Negro History Week." It came out of the sense that "American" history as taught in schools and represented throughout mass media not only left out the contributions of black Americans but distorted the social, political, and historical realities of America's past and present.

I will not engage in a lengthy debate about the "validity" of Black History Month. Unfortunately, the original reasons for the creation of the month still exist. No, here what is of critical importance is the failure by this University to use "Black History Month" as an opportunity to push the level of critical dialogue on such issues as race, gender, and diversity. Instead, not only is there even little surface recognition of the meanings of this month-no posters of black inventors or leaders, etc. in central locations, but campus offices involved with issues of diversity and students affairs have not even come together to either utilize the intellectual minds at this university or bring a speaker or speakers to campus who could help stimulate critical dialogues beyond why students segregate themselves in the cafeteria. Indeed, most discussions of race on this campus rarely move beyond a "can we all just get along" rhetoric. The planned activities in celebration of the month by and large represent the triviality with which Black History Month is being viewed and treated.

Even more tragic perhaps is that we students, including black students who have been involved with planning the activities for the month, are affected with what I call "passive lethargy." Hence, the activities and dialogues taking place in honor of this month do no reflect the urgency we should be feeling about, for example, the continued lack of giver sty in the student and faculty population, the University's continued failure to develop and support a curriculum that reflects a commitment to educatingall students about issues of power and discrimination, and the anti-intellectual pseudo-race discussions so common on this campus. But I guess dents—albeit in small numbers—are here. There, I

these are not sit-in or marching times. Black stu-Let me offer a couple of final disturbing questions.

How absurd is it that Notre Dame is this close to Chicago where there are well-known, critically intellectual, and talented black scholars, writers, and speakers, including, to name a couple, Haki R. Madhubuti and Gwendolyn Brooks? How is it that a university that can afford to bring widely known black figures to campus has failed to do so between this period of the supposedly significant Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and Black History Month? How is it that an academic, supposedly intellectual environment continues to treat such serious issues only as "hot topics" of a moment but fail to support sustained, potentially critically transformative dia-

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Thin characters bog down enemy 'lines'

"The Thin Red Line"

Director: Terrence Malick Starring: Nick Nolte, John Cusack, John Travolta, Sean Penn, James Caviezel, Ben Chaplin and George Clooney

(Out of five stars)

By JOE LARSON Scene Movie Critic

"The Thin Red Line" is the World War II story of a group of Marines and their experience in the Battle of Guadalcanal.

We follow Charlie Company from their storm onto the unoccupied beach to their departure off the same beach a few weeks later. We see the mental and physical sufferings of these men as they move through the jungle trying to overtake the Japanese. In essence, this film tries to explore the pyschological effect of war on many different characters throughout the movie.

The movie's slogan is: "Every man fights his own war." This is definitely true. The film is able to express the meaning of this slogan because the film-makers get inside almost every character's head. "The Thin Red Line" boasts an all-star cast which puts the viewer at ease considering the film has more than 50 speaking parts. If you're going to this movie to see a particular actor, you will be pretty disappointed when that actor only has two lines and you don't hear from him again.

This movie almost seems like an indepth documentary, meaning that the

characters never really develop and we never learn too much about them. We basically only get a few of their thoughts and feelings on their own situation during the war. It is almost like we are simply getting a brief overview of the events of Charlie Company during the Battle of Guadalcanal without getting to know the soldiers. Because of this approach, it is hard for the viewer to get into the movie and really relate to any of the characters.

We are given some characters that have the potential to be very interesting (i.e. characters that a viewer could really begin to care about.) But then we don't see them anymore. With the exception of about four characters, this movie is a collage of cameos and random perspectives on the war. These cameos would be okay if we did get to explore the lives and perspectives of the five characters we see more than once, but even with those characters, we don't get much of a variety on the thoughts that they have.

First, we meet Private Witt (Jim Caviezel), who is a free spirit among the Charlie Company. He is always sharing his thoughts on the laws of nature with Sergeant Welsh, played by Sean Penn. Welsh is a man that seems to follow with the Marine's orders, but doesn't quite understand what is happening around him. This is why he cares so much about the spiritual and off-kilter Witt.

We also meet Private Bell (Ben Chaplin), whose thoughts during the war center on his wife at home. We learn nothing about Private Bell except for the fact that he misses his wife. Sergeant Starros, played by Elias Koteas, is a man that has trouble leading his men into battle because of a past experience, only we never find out what the past experience is. Thus, we really don't feel that bad for him.

Finally, we have Lt. Col. Tall, played by Nick Nolte, who is as gung-ho as they come about defeating the Japanese. He is the typical wannabe war hero. He thinks only of himself and personal awards instead of the well-being of the group. He is posessed by the thought of leading his men to victory and the accolades he will gain from it.

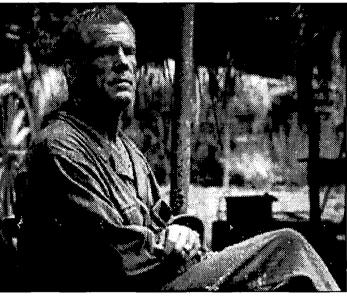
Along with the stress on each member of the group, "The Thin Red Line" stresses nature's effect on humans. We are constantly given landscape shots parallels between nature and what is happening during the war.

Director and writer (even though the story was based on the book by James Jones) Terrance Malick emphasizes the spiritual connection between mankind and the Earth. Malick accomplishes this by portraying the

relations between the American soldiers at war and the Melanesian natives, who stress family and tranquility. He hints at Buddhism with the idea that all men are part of the same being. Malick also ponders the origins of the evil in war throughout the film. From that idea, Malick questions the origins of love as

"The Thin Red Line" asks many philosophical questions not only about war, but about life in general. When living in a situation as gruesome as war, what remains sacred? What is the duty of each human? These are the questions that "TheThin Red Line" confronts for the viewer.

From a philosophical standpoint, the film asks all the right questions and truly makes an interesting inquiry about the nature of human beings. From a cinematographic standpoint, "The Thin Red



Nick Nolte stars as Lt. Col Tall in Terrence Malick's World War II film, "The Thin Red Line."

> Line" is amazing. Terrance Malick is an incredible director that relays the emotions of the American soldier directly to the viewer. Even though these things are true, the movie still lacks character development, which, if present, would make The Thin Red Line" a truly incredible picture. But without it, the movie just stays where it is.

"The Godfather" Trilogy

Directed by Francis Ford Coppola

Miscellaneously Starring Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, Diane Keaton, James Caan, Robert Duvall and Andy Garcia

By CASEY McCLUSKEY

Scene Movie Critic

"The Godfather" Trilogy is the epic saga of the Corleone family. Though each of the three films is a masterpiece in itself, one must see the entire series to understand the complete family history.

Although when many people think of "The Godfather," they think of the Mafia. the story is truly about family. "The Godfather" movies are the Corleone family and their family business. Director Francis Ford Coppola does a brilliant job balancing the story of the family and the business in which they are involved, while all along emphasizing that the Corleones are in the business together as a family. It won him the Oscar for Best Picture in

The head of the family is Vito "Don" Corleone who lives by the rules of the old country where he was born, Sicily. He has come to America and raises his family to appreciate the freedom America has to offer. He also teaches them that the most important thing in life is loyalty to the family. In one of his most memorable roles, Marlon Brando does a wonderful job portraying this family man as both a kind and caring father and a tough and merciless Godfather. This role won Brando an Academy Award for Best Actor in 1972.

Don Corleone is rich, powerful and feared by all, except maybe his children who love and respect their father and realize their own roles in the family. The

Listen to your 'Godfather'! Family matters...

oldest son, played by James Caan, is Sonny, the hotheaded brute who sometimes speaks out of turn and often wants to use violence to solve the familyis

problems. Fredo is the second son who is not known for his wits, and therefore is not always included in the inner circle of the family business. Tom Hagan, played by Robert Duvall, has been raised by the Don as a son since the time Sonny was a kid. Sonny brought Tom home to the Corleones because he was homeless. Hagan has become the Corleones' lawyer and one of the Don's greatest advisors.

Michael, played by Al Pacino, is the youngest son and was always the Don's favorite child. He was groomed to take over the family business, but had plans of his own and joined the war. Although this greatly disappointed the Don, he still always knew that Michael's first priority would be his

Through these five men, the story of the Corleone family is told in chilling detail.

"The Godfather: Part II" continues the story of the Corleone family, but also gives a much broader history of the family's rise to power. This film tells two stories.

The first story is the childhood of Vito Corleone

as the Don and as Godfather to many. Robert DeNiro turns in an Oscar winning performance as Vito Corleone, a young Sicilian working to better his family.

The second story is Michael Corleone's rise to power as the new Don. Coppola does a brilliant job weaving together these two stories so the audience can see the struggles side by side that both a father and his son experience as they both become one of the most powerful men in America, a generation apart from each

This movie won the Oscar's Best Picture 74. which was a great accomplishment for a segual.

"The Godfather: Part III" is the weakest of the three movies, but still a must see for

anyone who has seen the first two. The story of the Corleone family continues with an older Michael Corleone struggling with two problems in his life - legitimizing the family business by freeing it from the crime world and finding a rightful and suitable heir to rule the family after his

Vincent, played by Andy Garcia, is the person everyone believes will be the successor, but Michael worries about his temper and his intentions. Michael wants someone to follow the plan he has for the family and he knows Vincent may be the person who takes the legitimate family business back to the world of underground crime and violence. This edition of the Godfather epic was up for Best Picture

in 1990, but did not bring home the Oscar.

Many have seen the Godfather Trilogy in its three movie format, but there is another way to view this masterpiece for all die-hard fans. "The Godfather Saga" has been produced as the story of the Corleone family told in complete chronological order, from Vito Corleone coming to America and raising his family, to Michael taking the family business over, to Michael looking for a successor to the family business. From beginning to end, it provides a thrillingly dramatic look at a familyis internal conflicts as well as the underground world of

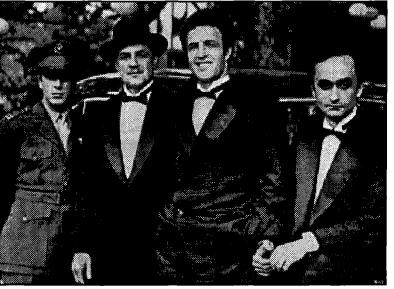


Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures and how he became known Al Pacino, Marlon Brando and James Caan star in "The Godfather," Oscar's best picture in 1972.



■ HIGH SCHOOL PAN OF THE WEEK

"She's All That"

Director: Robert Iscove

Starring: Freddie Prinze Jr., Rachel Leigh Cook, Jodi Lynn O'Keefe, Paul Walker and Usher Raymond

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(Out of five stars)

By DAN SULLIVAN Scene Movie Critic

To quote Laney Boggs, (Rachel Leigh Cook) "I feel like Julia Roberts in 'Pretty Woman,' except for that whole hooker thing." I couldn't have said it better myself. At its core, "She's All That" is only "Cinderella goes to highschool." This film is definitely marketed for the high school-going MTV audience, following the lead of other teen films, "Clueless" and "Can't Hardly Wait.

Laney Boggs, an artistic, socially just introvert, leads a hard life. Her mother has died, her father is a pool man and her younger brother is seemingly deaf. Suddenly her life is transformed into a fairy tale as the most popular guy in school suddenly becomes attracted to her. Unfortunately, Zack's (Freddie

Prinze Jr.) instant attraction is due to a bet with his fellow members of the high school elite.

Rachel Leigh Cook, probably known best for her role as the frying pan-swinging, anti-heroin chick, carried the film completely. Her performance as Laney showed charm and depth, dwarfing the efforts of her fellow actors. To put it simply, all the other characters in this film were portrayed as flat, one-dimensional characters with no evidence of change. Even Zack, (Freddie Prinze, Jr.) with the role of the knight in shining armor and all-around nice guy, seems in the end to be the same guy he was at the film's start, lending no credence to the acceptance of the bet in the first place.

The weakness of "She's All That" is mostly due to the script. The screenplay just didn't deliver. The dialogue is the most obvious reason for the flatness found in each character — with lines equivalent to "duh" and "whatever." It is hard for any actor to really delve into a character with such base character development. Also, simple and very noticeable details are never

explained nor given relevance in the unfolding of the story. One such detail which irked me throughout the film was the fact that the little brother, Simon, seemed to be prominently wearing a hearing aid, yet he had no bearing on the plot whatsoever.

All that aside, the film was able to make me laugh, though much of the humor applies to contemporary pop culture and is sure to date the film before its video release. All in all it was a cute film, which caused me to reminisce about the stories of my old high school days. It was a fair reason to veg out, being worth a few good laughs.

"She's All That" is mildly recommended, only because it did make me snicker and because Rachael Leigh Cook's performance was more than entertaining. My advice, though, is to wait until it comes out on video.



Photo courtesy of Miramax Pictures
Rachel Leigh Cook is all that as Laney Boggs in "She's All

■ Tommorow is another day

Oscar Nominations will be announced Tuesday!

By MICHAEL VANEGAS

Assistant Scene Editor

Tuesday's announcement of the 1999 Oscar nominations looks to provide a month of interesting speculation over who will take the big awards home in March. Although the Golden Globes are safe precursors to the Oscars, this year's edition served to mix up the puzzle a little more.

It came as a surprise to many in Hollywood when Jim Carrey won the Best Actor (drama) Golden Globe, over hyped favorites Tom Hanks and Ian McKellan. But will the more serious Academy reward Carrey's work in "The Truman Show?" All three will get nods, but look for Hanks or

"Shakespeare in Love," Both were winners at the Golden Globes. But the Academy can only choose one picture. so look for "Saving Private Ryan's" universally patriotic appeal to win the Best Picture award.

In one of the more intriguing categories, Gwyneth Paltrow and Cate Blanchett, both winners of Best Actress Golden Globes, are the clear front-runners in the Best Actress category. Both actresses are 20-something, personable and good-looking. Both appeared in period pieces. But what Paltrow does have over Blanchett is her appearance on "Saturday Night Live." From her English-accented monologue to her appearance as Joan Jett, Paltrow proved that she can do anything and everything. The award goes to Paltrow, not for her actual appearance in "S in L" but for her turn at "SNL."

The 1999 Academy Awards will air McKellan to win next month.

The favorites for best picture certion about the Oscars, vitainly are "Saving Private Ryan" and www.oscars.org or www.oscar.com. March 21 on ABC. For more information about the Oscars, visit

■ CHART-TOPPERS



Mel Gibson stars in "Payback," this weekend's top boxoffice draw. Payback's \$21.4 million became the largest debut gross of 1999. "She's All That" continued strongly at number two, with a \$12 million take.

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Movie Title

Payback

She's All That

- 3. Patch Adams
- Varsity Blues
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- Shakespeare in Love
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- 8. Stepmom
- Simply Irresistible 9.
- You've Got Mail 10.

Source: Associated Press

Gross Sales

- \$ 21.4 million
- \$ 12.0 million
- \$ 4.5 million
- \$ 4.0 million
- \$ 3.6 million
- \$ 3.6 million
- \$ 3.2 million
- \$ 2.6 million
- \$ 2.4 million
- \$ 2.3 million

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Movie Title

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- 4. Blade
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- 7. 54
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Avs extend win streak

Roy posts 46th career shutout as Colorado defeats Dallas, 3-0

Associated Press

Patrick Roy stopped 27 shots for his 46th career shutout and the Colorado Avalanche extended their franchise-long winning streak to 12 games with a 3-0 victory over the Dallas Stars on Sunday.

Roy won his 11th consecutive decision and registered his fifth shutout of the season as he blanked the team with the most points in the Western Conference.

Roy, who has three shutouts during his personal 11-game streak, passed his stiffest test of the afternoon during a two-man Dallas power play midway through the third period. Roy stopped three quick shots while his team was down two players.

Colorado's winning streak is the NHL's longest since the Pittsburgh Penguins won a league-record 17 straight in 1993.

Claude Lemieux, Chris Drury and Jon Klemm scored for Colorado, which last lost on Jan. 9, 3-2 at Detroit.

After a scoreless first period, Colorado got the game's first goal from Lemieux at 8:14 of the second period. His blast from the right circle got through the pads of Stars goalie Ed Belfour for Lemieux's 20th goal.

Drury made it 2-0 with 17:49 left on a power play, beating Belfour from the high slot for his 11th goal.

Klemm added his first of the season off a two-on-one break with Peter Forsberg with 4:03.

Dallas held a 27-12 shots-on-goal advantage, but Colorado's penalty killers kept the Stars off the scoreboard on seven power play chances.

Dallas, 3-1-1 in its last five games, is now only four points ahead of Phoenix and six in front of Colorado in the Western Conference playoff race.

Stars forward Brian Skrudland suffered a first-period chest contusion and did not return.

Penguins 2 Red Wings 1

PITTSBURGH
Goalie Tom Barrasso stopped 35 shots
and the Pittsburgh Penguins extended
their winning streak to six games with a
2-1 win over the Detroit Red Wings on
Sunday.

It was the second consecutive strong start for Barrasso, who returned from a four-game injury absence on Friday to shut out Florida. He had gone nine days without playing after sustaining a neck injury in a game against Carolina on Jan. 26.

Kip Miller's rebound of a Kevin Hatcher shot gave the Penguins a 2-1 lead at 11:13 of the second period. It was Miller's ninth of the season.

Martin Lapointe's 12th goal of the season tied it at 1-1 on a power-play goal from Vyacheslav Kozlov's at 9:36 of the second period.

Alexei Kovalev intercepted Igor Larionov's pass at 15:43 of the first period and quickly put a 20-foot shot over Detroit goalie Chris Osgood's glove. It was Kovalev's 16th goal, his first shorthanded, and extended his point-scoring streak to six games.

The Red Wings are on a 1-3-1 skid and Osgood is winless in four decisions (0-3-1)

Penguins defenseman Jiri Slegr was slashed on the arm in the second period and did not return.

Bruins 3 Rangers 2

BOSTON
Joe Thornton scored the game-winner with 3:27 left in the game to give the Boston Bruins a 3-2 win over the New York Rangers on Sunday, ending Boston's eight-game winless streak.

Thornton's backhander from the right side of the crease beat Rangers goalie Mike Richter for his 10th goal of the season.

Adam Graves tied the game at 12:21 of the third period with his team-leading 24th goal of the season. He took the puck at his blue line, broke free of the defense and put the puck between Dafoe's pads for his first shorthanded tally of the season.

Brian Leetch scored his eighth goal of the season on a shot from the slot midway through the third period cutting the Boston lead to 2-1.

Boston jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Sergei Samsonov's power-play goal at 15:01 of the first period, his 18th of the season

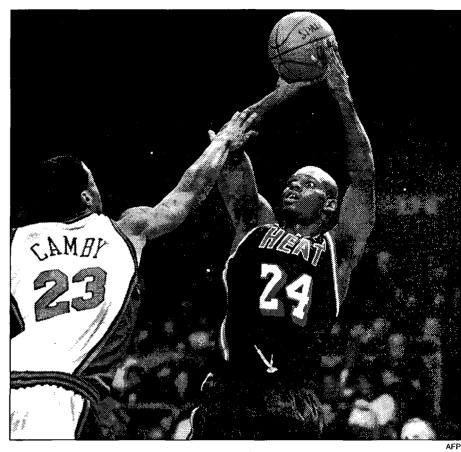
It was only the third power-play goal the Rangers have allowed in their last 27 times. The Bruins were one for five in power play opportunites.

Dmitri Khristich made it 2-0 on a onetimer at 16:27 of the second period for his 21st goal of the season. It was his first goal in the last seven games.

Dafoe broke a six-game winless streak as he stopped 25 of 27 Rangers shots including 13 in the second period.

New York had two opportunities in the final minute of the second period, but Dafoe stoned them.

■ NBA



Jamal Mashburn sealed the fate of Marcus Camby and the Knicks with his 23-point performance in Sunday's game.

Knicks drop home opener

Associated Press

NEW YORK This was about as bad a day as Latrell Sprewell has ever had, at least on the court.

He threw up a brick from 3-point range with 10 seconds left and Patrick Ewing followed by missing a layup as the New York Knicks lost their home opener, 83-79 Sunday to the Miami Heat.

Sprewell missed his first seven shots, finished 2-for-12 from the field and scored just five points while struggling to fit into New York's offense.

Sprewell also didn't have much success defensively stopping Jamal Mashburn, who led Miami with 23 points. Alonzo Mourning added 16, Terry Porter had 13 and Tim Hardaway the Heat in a rematch of last year's

first-round playoff series won by New York 3-2.

Mourning and Larry Johnson changed the outcome of that playoff series by getting into a fight at the end of Game 4, but both were on their best behavior Sunday.

Johnson had 13 points and 15 rebounds, helping the Knicks to a 61-41 edge on the boards. But the rebounding edge merely kept the Knicks close as Miami led almost the entire way.

Two foul shots by Mourning gave Miami an 82-79 lead with 35 seconds left, and the Knicks called timeout after grabbing an offensive rebound with 20 seconds

The ball went to Sprewell outside the 3-point line, and he forced up a double-clutch shot that failed to even hit the rim.

The rebound was batted around and ended up

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with Ewing, who missed a layup. Mashburn was fouled and made one of two free throws to close the scoring.

Sprewell, who shot a 22-foot airball from 24 feet away during the first half, didn't make a basket until 8:23 remained in the fourth quarter.

Porter answered with a pair of wild jumpers as the shot clock was running down, and Sprewell tied the game one more time on a corner jumper with 6 1/2 minutes left. But Porter answered again, this time with a 3-pointer from in front of the Knicks bench.

Ewing missed his next three shots and Mourning scored twice for Miami, putting the Heat ahead 80-75 before Ewing scored on a corner jumper to make it a three-point game going into the final two min-

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Here is yet another shoutout to the man who has freckled head, wears cheap track pants.

Elvis has left the building.

■ FOOTBALL

OSU investigates violations

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio

Ohio State's athletics department is reviewing recruiting violations committed by two assistant football coaches shortly before last week's signing day.

Recruiting coordinator Bill Conley visited offensive lineman Bryce Bishop outside his Miami home Jan. 31. Défense ends coach Shawn Simms visited defensive back Roshard Gilyard that same day at his Jacksonville, Fla., home

One day earlier and the coaches would have been in the clear. But because of an NCAA-mandated "quiet period" before players sign national letters of intent, recruiting on the Sunday before signing day is limited to on-campus visits.

"There are so many rules, but there is no excuse for not knowing," Cooper said. "I should

have known it. We all should have known it.

"But I know we did not knowingly violate the rule."

Cooper said Heather Lyke, Ohio State assistant athletic director and director for compliance services, wrote a report on the violations last week.

"We will take the appropriate steps," athletic director Andy Geiger said.

Bishop signed with the Buckeyes Wednesday, the first day players were eligible to sign a letter of intent. Gilyard signed with Auburn.

Conley said the rule apparently got overlooked in the hectic shuffle of the final days of the recruiting period.

Conley said he thought he was making a last gesture of sincerity before returning to Columbus.

"It was an inadvertent but honest mistake," Conley said. "We didn't have a clue about it being a quiet period."

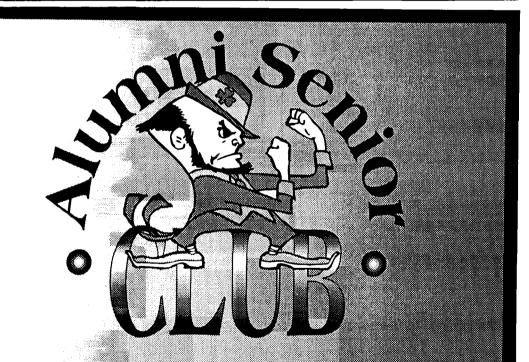
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■ Men's Baskeball

Michigan upsets Minnesota

Wolverines snap five-game losing streak with win

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR Louis Bullock scored 27 points as Michigan snapped a five-game losing streak with a 75-65 upset of No. 18 Minnesota on Sunday

Robbie Reid added 16 points and Josh Asselin and Peter Vignier scored 10 each for the Wolverines (10-14 overall, 4-7 Big Ten), who opened up a 21-point lead and withstood a late Gophers rally.

Big Ten scoring leader Quincy Lewis led Minnesota (14-6, 5-5) with 23 points, including 13 in the last 5:32 when the Gophers trimmed Michigan's big lead to five.

Bullock, limited to just eight points in Michigan's 58-34 loss Thursday at Northwestern, keyed the Wolverines' 56 percent shooting by making nine of 11 shots. He was also 8-for-8 from the line as Michigan hit 25 of 35 free throws.

Michigan led 35-24 at halftime. It used a 12-0 run to open its biggest lead at 55-34 with 9:25 to play on the second of back-to-back alleyoop dunks from Asselin.

Kevin Clark's only secondhalf field goal, a 3-pointer, started a 9-0 run for the Gophers that got them back within 58-50 on Lewis' jumper with 4:35 to go. Lewis scored eight points

Lewis scored eight points in a 1:28 span and later added a 3-pointer as the Gophers made it 67-62 on a Mitch Ohnstad triple at the 57-second mark. But the Wolverines made six free throws the rest of the way to put the game out of reach.

Three-pointers from Lewis and Clark helped Minnesota take a 10-0 lead just 4:05 into the game before Bullock's layup finally got Michigan on the board 23 seconds later.

That triggered a 18-3 run that gave Michigan an 18-13 lead on Reid's two free throws with 7:50 left. The Wolverines maintained the momentum with a 13-3 spurt over the last 4:49 that gave them a 35-24 halftime lead when Bullock nailed a jumper just before the horn.

Minnesota, 0-4 in Big Ten road games, plays four of its remaining six regular-season games away from home. Joel Przybilla was the only

Joel Przybilla was the only other Gopher in double figures with 10 points. Clark was held to just six points before fouling out.

SPORTS BRIEFS

WOMEN'S RUNNING CLUB — For all those who prefer companions to the treadmill, the Women's Running Club is open to runners of any level at St. Mary's and Notre Dame. They are intent upon enjoying their workouts as they explore running routes around ND, St. Mary's, and in South Bend. Call Rene at 4-2710 or Jenny at 4-2914 with questions

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■ TENNIS

Sampras set to return at Sybase

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. He played a little golf and watched some TV. And, for the first time since he was a high school junior, Pete Sampras didn't play in a tennis tournament for a couple of months.

Now he returns to the game he dominates, starting with this week's Sybase Open. Sampras gets his first chance to show whether he's refreshed or rusty on Tuesday night against 84thranked Galo Blanco of Spain.

"I definitely felt like I needed this break to start the year off mentally, physically as fresh as possible,"Sampras said. "So I am definitely champing at the

Exhausted after a grueling series of tournaments in late 1998 to protect his No. 1 ranking, Sampras passed up the Australian Open in January the first Grand Slam tournament he has skipped since 1992

He is just one short of tying Roy Emerson's record of 12 Grand Slam singles titles, and Sampras has said his main motivation is to win more Grand Slams.

But he also focused on finishing last year as the No. 1 player in the world, giving him a record six straight years at the top. To protect that ranking, he had to play seven straight weeks in October and November - a process that left him weary.

"I would have loved to have gone down to Australia. I just wish it started in February,"he said. "I wanted to give myself a good offseason this year.'

Though gone, Sampras certainly was not forgotten at the Australian Open. When Yevgeny Kafelnikov won the title, he immediately pointed out that his job was made much easier by the absence of the world's top player.

"Pete, it's really a great, wonderful feeling,"Kafelnikov said after raising the silver trophy. 'Thanks for letting me do that."

Sampras is beginning his 258th week at No. 1, a dozen short of the record held by Ivan Lendl. Opponents wonder whether he'll be as sharp as usual at the start of the \$350,000 Sybase tournament.

"I think there's definitely a shot that he'll be rusty,"said sixth-seeded Jan-Michael Gambill, who would face Sampras in the semifinals. "Pete definitely plays better when he has a few events under his belt.Ó

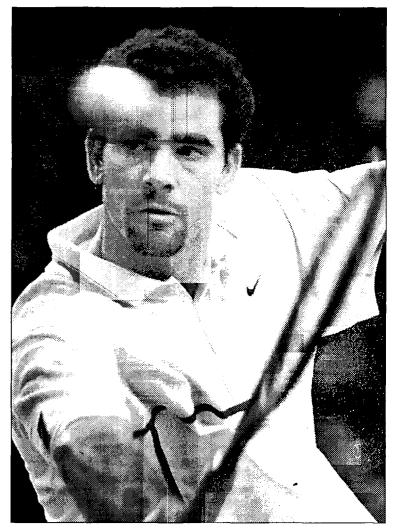
Gambill has been on the tennis circuit only two years, and he understands the exhaustion that forced Sampras to the sidelines for the past 10 weeks. Yet he thinks Sampras' relentless pursuit of the year-end No. 1 ranking was worth the toll.

"To me, that's his most i m p r e s s i v e accomplishment,"Gambill said. "He's been head and shoulders above everyone else for six straight years, and that's really impressive."

Sampras, a two-time Sybase champion, has a relatively easy draw into the semifinals. But, once there, the top seed may have to face Gambill or No. 3 seed Mark Philippoussis, a U.S. Open finalist last year.

Andre Agassi, coming off an uninspired fourth-round loss at the Australian Open, is the defending champion of the Sybase Open and the No. 2 seed

He opens against Todd Woodbridge on Monday night and could face No. 4 seed Michael Chang in the semifinals.



After a long hiatus, Pete Sampras returns to the world tennis circuit this week at the Sybase Open .

■ NBA

Albert returns to TV after 20-month layoff

Associated Press

NEW YORK

After a nearly 20-month layoff, Marv Albert was already back in midseason form Sunday.

Albert was nearly flawless in his radio broadcast of the Knicks-Heat game, his first basketball game since the 1997 NBA Finals. Albert was fired by NBC three months later after pleading guilty to biting a former lover during a sexual encounter.

"He's doing great and I think his greatness as an announcer has always been radio," said partner John Andariese. "The listener is the winner.

Albert began his play-by-play career with MSG on radio in 1966. He worked Knicks games for MSG on television with Andariese from 1986 to 1997 before resigning shortly after being fired by NBC.

He had few problems on Sunday with the adjustment back to radio — despite not feeling completely healthy.

"I have a little cold, but I felt very comfortable," Albert said after the game. "Radio is much more taxing than TV. In television you're really setting up the analysts. This is non-stop and is a frantic pace.

Because of the wild first quarter in which both teams shot poorly, it took nearly four minutes before Albert got a chance to use his signature call of "Yessss" when Larry Johnson buried a 15-footer.

It took far less time for Albert to offer his respected insights. He criticized the game early in the first quarter, calling it "sloppy", and also pointed out on numerous occasions the Knicks dismal free throw shoot-

However, Albert was not perfect. He misidentified players, but that is expected - especially of someone who has been away from the game for so

Although his return was overshadowed by Latrell Sprewell's first game at home as a Knick, Albert was welcomed back to Madison Square Garden by fans and former colleagues including NBC's Bill Walton and Jim Gray.

Before the game, fans lined up to speak with Albert and get his autograph. One fan even got his signature on an NBC cap.

'It's great to have him back because he is New York broadcasting," said Mark Gomberg of Wayne, N.J. "It's great that MSG was able to overlook his indiscretions and I only hope that they put him back on TV soon. I thought it would be

ironic if he signed my NBC hat. He didn't even flinch.'

Contrary to a report Thursday on Fox Sports Net, Albert and NBC Sports Chairman Dick Ebersol denied they are deep in discussions about bringing Albert back to the network.

But Ebersol did add that he would never eliminate the possibility of Albert coming back to

Notre Dame/ St. Mary's Ballroom Dance Club 1999 Spring Schedule

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■ NBA

Nets achieve revenge against Hawks

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. No fights, no broken bones and not as many fouls.

In their second meeting in 24 hours, the New Jersey Nets got some revenge after a vicious game the night before by beating the Atlanta Hawks 79-69 Sunday night.

Keith Van Horn scored 18 of his 24 points in the second half and hit a go-ahead drive across the lane with 3:22 to play in the matchup that is quickly developing into a rival-

The Hawks, who became the first NBA team in more than a decade to play three straight nights, made only 23 of 78 shots (29.5 percent). Atlanta had scored more than 100 points in its first two games.

Each team will play three straight days three times in the lockout-shortened season.

New Jersey, which blew a nine-point lead to start the final quarter, closed the game with a 13-2 run in splitting the home-and-home series.

Backup forward Scott Burrell added 16 points and small forward Kendall Gill, who was forced to start at point guard because of injuries to Sam Cassell and Eric Murdock on Saturday, added 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Chris Gatling, playing with a sore hamstring, added 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Jayson Williams had 13 rebounds and a monster block of a Steve Smith layup attempt with the Hawks still in the game late.

Smith had 24 points to lead the Hawks, who lost for the first time this season. He got no help as only Alan Henderson scored in double figures adding 10 points.

The only time the Hawks looked impressive was in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter when they used a 14-4 spurt to take a 67-66 lead on the second of two free throws by Chris Crawford, Backup guard Ed Gray had seven points in the spurt.

Van Horn, who had 29 points on Saturday night, then drove across the lane to put New Jersey ahead. He added two free throws and then Gill pushed the lead to six with two more free throws with 2:08 to go. Gatling, who got into shoving match with Grant Long in the second half, iced the game with a jumper from the corner with 1:09 to go.

While the game had some heated moments, it was a lot calmer than Saturday night's 111-106 game that ended with Smith and Gill reportedly wrestling on a hallway floor shortly after the final horn.

Williams also had his nose broken by a Dikembe Mutombo elbow and Cassell also had to be carried off the floor because of cramps and an ankle injury after scoring a career-high 36 points in the game that featured 72 fouls and 98 free throws.

Cassell and Murdock joined Kerry Kittles (knee) and backup center Rony Seikaly (ankle) on the sidelines Sunday night, leaving the Nets with nine players.

The Nets player who got the biggest ovation in their first home game was 5-foot-5 Earl Boykins.

■ NBA

Pistons rally to defeat Pacers

AUBURN HILLS, MICH. Jerome Williams scored 11 of his 13 points in the fourth quarter to spark a Detroit rally and lift the Pistons to a 107-98 win over the Indiana Pacers Sunday.

Grant Hill scored 26 points and Jerry Stackhouse came off the bench for 20 for the surprising Pistons, who have won their first two games.

Reggie Miller scored 26 for the Pacers.

A basket by Antonio Davis one of three Pacers with 12 points — pulled Indiana into an 86-86 tie with 6:56 left.

But Williams, whose energetic play makes him a fan favorite at The Palace, scored six points in a 7-0 burst that gave Detroit a

93-86 lead with 4:49 remaining. Williams made two free throws, then a driving layup, giving Detroit a 90-86 lead with 5:32 remaining. After Hill made one of two free throws, Williams scored on a rebound, putting the Pistons safely ahead.

Two free throws by Miller closed the gap to 95-91 with 4:42 left, but that's as close as the Pacers got. Play got ragged late in the third quarter when neither team made a field goal after Hill's short jumper gave Detroit a 72-71 lead with 4:40

A steady diet of free throws enabled the Pistons to take an 80-76 lead into the fourth guar-

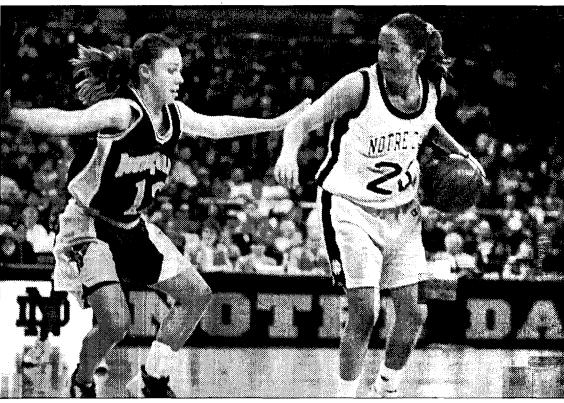
The Palace, which holds 21,454 for basketball, wasn't nearly full and those who

showed up weren't especially loud. The arena's upper bowl, which holds 10,000, appeared about half empty. Heavy snow was forecast for the area, which may have kept some people

But those who attended were made to feel welcome. Williams, the Pistons' player representative, took the microphone at midcourt for about two minutes just after the National Anthem and thanked the fans for attending.

The game was fairly typical NBA fare. The Pacers started with three straight 3-pointers for a 9-0 lead.

But the Pistons, behind the play of Stackhouse and Eric Montross, battled back to lead by as many as nine in the second quarter.



Captain Sheila McMillen contributed eight points and four rebounds to the Irish win over Seton Hall.

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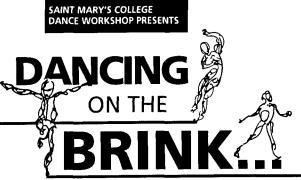
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had eight points off the bench, before leaving the game with a sprained knee.

Just a few games remain on the Irish's regular-season schedule, so this week's Big East contests with Villanova and Rutgers are crucial. Notre Dame hits the road to take on Villanova on Wednesday and then travels to Rutgerson Saturday for a game that should be a battle for second place in the conference.

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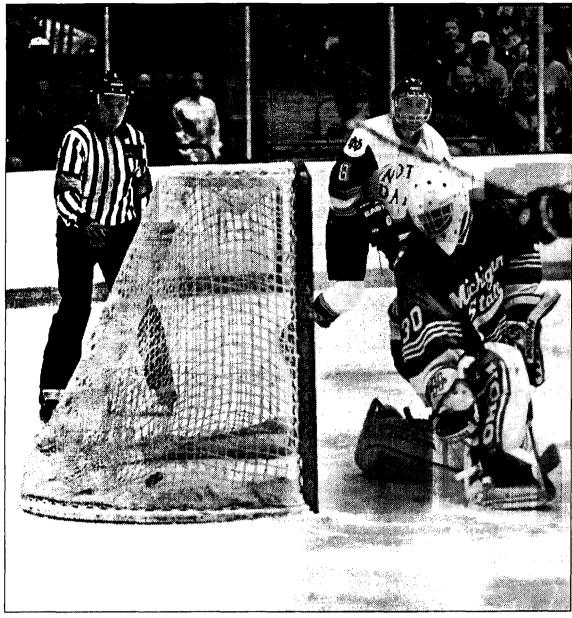
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The Observer/Kevin to The Irish tied Michigan State Friday night to retain their CCHA ranking and their home unbeaten streak.

Hockey

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said, "Once again tonight, Forrest was as he's been; he made the big, critical save when we needed it."

The save marked a turning point in the game, as Karr's heroics seemed to spark an offensive attack. Shortly after Adams's breakaway, Notre Dame gave the Spartans a taste of their own medicine by unleashing an intense forecheck. spearheaded by team captain Brian Urick. Urick forced an MSU defenseman into an illadvised clearing attempt, one which was gloved down by senior Aniket Dhadphale. Dhadphale then quickly passed the puck to linemate Ben Simon, who banged it home to tie the game for his 14th goal of the year. Dhadphale's assist on the play was point No. 100 for his

The teams then played an intense but cautious third period and and an overtime in which neither managed to score. Notre Dame's best chance in overtime came from sophomore Ryan Dolder, who got off two consecutive shots on Joe Blackburn, but was denied both times.

The tie was the third in a row for the Spartans, and their fourth in the last six games. Afterwards, MSU coach Ron Mason actually seemed content with the outcome.

"You come in here, and Notre Dame is playing extremely well," Mason said. "They haven't lost here. They are a very well-coached team. You won't get many chances because they play so well positionally. Both teams are very evenly matched."

On Saturday, the Irish needed to regroup to take on AlaskaFairbanks. Just as they have in the previous two meetings this season, the Irish dominated the Nanooks with goaltending and special teams. Notre Dame went four-for-four on the penalty-kill, allowing a total of one shot in all four chances combined. In addition, their power play scored twice in the first period, on goals by Urick and Dhadphale, who currently leads the team in power play goals with eight...

Notre Dame's key players led the way offensively, and no one more so than Brian Urick. In 12 career games against the Nanooks, Urick has amassed 19 points, with 11 goals and eight assists after scoring a goal and two assists on Saturday night.

Urick's return to the ice this weekend following a recent hand injury was key according to Poulin.

"Having [Brian] back in the lineup means more than just that, because you have him back in the locker room and you have him back on the bench."

Against 10th-place UAFO, the Irish showed why they are a top-10 team by dominating the game on special teams. But when asked what makes this team top-10 material, Urick hinted that it's more than just special teams.

"I think it's [the power play] and our defensive play," Urick said. "We haven't given up more than two goals in a lot of games this year. Our defense and goaltending have been the key."

With the three-point weekend, Notre Dame managed to keep their home-ice record unblemished at 10-0-2. And just as MSU coach Mason alluded to, that perfect record on home ice will become even more important as the team heads into the playoffs.

"We were able to maintain our home-ice record, which, as it continues, is going to be intimidating; it is already," Poulin said.

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Monday, February 8, 1999

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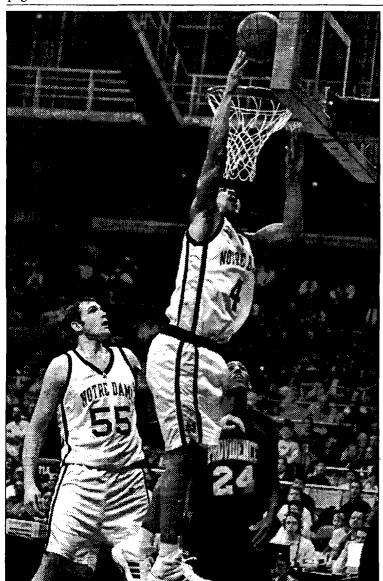
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Senior Antoni Wyche finished Saturday's game in double-digits to help Notre Dame defeat Seton Hall.

B-Ball

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The Pirates spurt abruptly ended when Holloway sprained his neck after being floored by one of the most effective screens in Hickey's career. Holloway did not return.

"They were on a roll," Hickey said. "That was a big turn. It's kind of an intimidating thing. I never meant to hurt anyone, but it was a clean play."

With their floor general and offensive spark out of the game, Notre Dame controlled things the rest of the way.

The Irish pushed the lead to as many as 20 behind a pair of alley-oop dunks by Murphy

from Dillon and some easy fast break buckets by Wyche.

"We were on our 'A' game today," Dillon said. "We were contesting shots. We did everything that a good team has to do to win. Our offense basically came of our defense."

"We wing games on the defensive end and we really shut them down" said Martin Ingelsby who had four steals, six points, and six assists. "The breakaway lay-ups really broke the game open."

The Irish will see if they can continue to build momentum Wednesday when the Georgetown Hoyas come to the Joyce Center.

The South Bend Tribune contributed to this article.



MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

FEB. 10	VS. GEORGETOWN	9 P.M.
FEB. 14	at west virginia	NOON
FEB. 17	AT SYRACUSE	7:30 P.M.
FEB. 21	VS WEST VIRGINIA	2 P.M.
FEB. 24	at st. john's	8 P.M.
FEB. 28	at penn state	1 P.M.



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6:15-7:15 p.m. Jordan Auditorium

Thursday, February 18, 1999

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presented by Ron Burns
12:30-1:45, Jordan Auditorium (COBA)

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3:45-5:00, COBA Room 160
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DANIEL SULLIVAN

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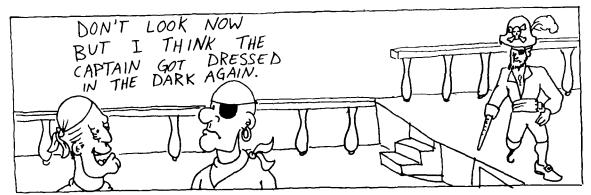
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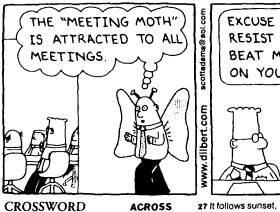
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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Changes at home will lead to upset and arguments. Try to help those who can't do things for themselves. Short jaunts to visit relatives will be informative and beneficial. OOO

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Don't exaggerate, or your mate may refuse to put up with you. Your ability to color situations is fun for those you don't see that often, but for your partner it may be unbearable. OOO CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Problems with your lover may erupt if you haven't paid proper attention to his or her needs. Don't get involved in love triangles. Put your efforts into maintaining a good repu-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Travel and romance go hand-in-hand. Be careful when involved in sports activities. Minor injuries or exhaustion may be a problem. Schedule social outings with friends. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your ability to put things in perspective will enable you to shine at group functions. You can win points if you are willing to share your good ideas. You can move into a position of leadership. OO PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you

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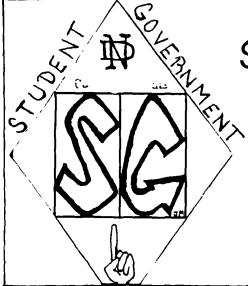
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Monday, February 8, 1999

HOCKEY

Comeback keeps ND unbeaten at Joyce

By TED BASSANI Sports Writer

With two CCHA home games this past weekend, Notre Dame needed to earn three points to keep pace with the rest of the conference leaders, and that's exactly what it did.

With a 2-2 tie against No. 4 Michigan State and a 5-2 win over Alaska-Fairbanks, the Irish now sit just two points behind third-place Michigan, who lost twice at home over the weekend. The team also gave themselves some breathing room in the race for home ice in the CCHA playoffs as they opened up a fourpoint lead over fifth-place Northern Michigan.

Friday's matchup against the Spartans was not only No. 4 versus No. 9 in the national polls but the CCHA's best power play unit (Notre Dame) versus its best penalty-killing unit (Michigan State). In the early going, Michigan State's penalty-killing took control by killing off two straight Notre Dame power plays, which included a short 5on-3 skating advantage for the

However, when the Spartans got their first two power play chances later on in the first period, the results were radically different. In a span of 2:26, Rustyn Dolyny and Bryan Adams each scored power play goals to give MSU a quick 2-0 lead. Entering the game Michigan State had only lost once all year when scoring the first goal (17-1).

After spotting the Spartans a two-goal lead, the Irish needed to turn things around quickly, and their power play unit, as it has all year, did just that. After making a great play to keep the puck in the offensive zone, senior Benoit Cotnoir fired a wrist shot through a screen which beat goaltender Joe Blackburn to narrow the gap to

One constant throughout the game for Michigan State was their play on faceoffs, where they dominated Notre Dame for most of the night. Senior Mike York and junior Shawn Horcoff took most of the draws for MSU, and won them with stunning regularity.

Tonight they pretty much owned us on faceoffs," said Irish center Ben Simon. "I don't think it was a matter of focus, they were just really good off the faceoff.'

Notre Dame trailed by one entering the second period. MSU speedster Bryan Adams took a long, floating pass through center ice and broke in all alone against Forrest Karr. Adams then took an NHL-type shot up high to try to beat Karr to the glove side, but Karr denied him with a dazzling save.

Afterwards, coach Dave Poulin

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■ Men's Basketball

Irish easily sail past Pirates, 76-60

By JOEY CAVATO Associate Sports Editor

Saturday's basketball game in East Rutherford, N.J. against the Seton Hall Pirates was a homecoming for freshman Troy Murphy, but Irish coach John MacLeod probably enjoyed it more.

A 62-percent field-goal percentage, a 22-13 assist-to-turnover ratio, and a defensive effort that holds an opponent to 31 percent shooting from the field will put a smile on any coach's face.

Winning back-to-back games for the first time since the first week of January widens that smile a bit.

Murphy's 22 points led the Irish to a 76-60 victory over Seton Hall. He had plenty of help from Antoni Wyche, Harold Swanagan and Phil Hickey, who all scored in double figures as Notre Dame put together one of their better team efforts of the season.

"I liked the way we approached this one," MacLeod told the South Bend Tribune. "We wanted to make sure that we were ready. This was encouraging."

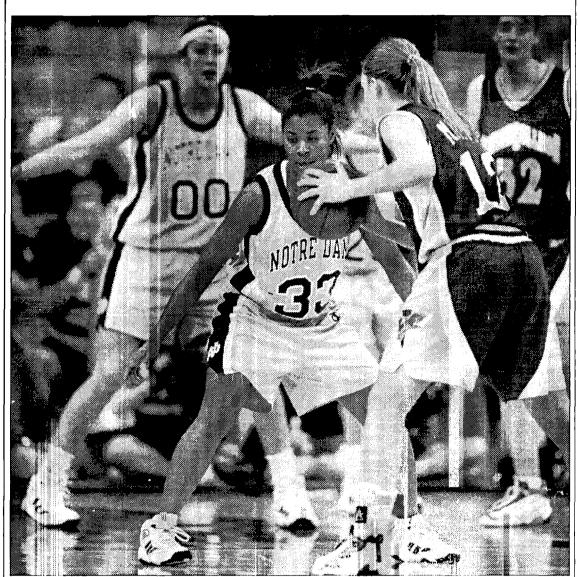
After the Pirates jumped out to a four-point lead, Murphy took over on offense, connecting on five of his first six shots. Behind solid defense and a productive transition game, the Irish got out to a 20-11 lead. The Pirates challenged the lead several

times, but Notre Dame rose to the occasion each time. Jimmy Dillon drained a three-pointer at the end of the first half

pushing the score to 38-27 at intermission. The Hall's Shaheen Holloway started out the second half about as quickly as his first step and cut the lead to four points.

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Women's Basketball



Niele Ivey led the Irish to victory over Seton Hall Saturday, chipping in 11 assists and 15 points.

Ivey shoots down Seton Hall

By BRIAN KESSLER

Assistant Sports Editor

Junior guard Niele Ivey scored a game-high 15 points and dished out a season-high 11 assists, as the sixth ranked Notre Dame women's basketball team (19-2) rolled to a 77-49 victory over Seton Hall on Saturday at the Joyce

The Irish committed 16 first-half turnovers and kept the Pirates in the game for the first 20 minutes, but went on a 14-0 run in the second to pull away and cruise to their 10th-straight victory.

"I thought defensively we played a pretty good game," head coach Muffet McGraw said. "Offensively we really struggled in the first half. Although we shot the ball well, our execution was poor and we turned it over 16 times which way over even our high average. I think it was a little bit of a loss of concentration and focus, but we got that back in the second half."

Notre Dame clung to a 33-27 halftime lead, but played with more intensity in the second half and ran the floor extremely well.

"In the first half, our offense was really bad," said Ivey,

who was 6-of-7 from the field on the afternoon. "I was trying to execute, but it wasn't really working, so I was just trying to get any open looks. One offense that was working was the transition, so I was just trying to throw the ball up and get some good looks in

the open court.' The Irish had 23 points off turnovers and outscored the

6 TODAY, I JUST HAD A GOOD FEELING INSIDE THAT I WOULD PLAY WELL.'

Pirates 12-2 on fast break points.

Freshman Ericka Haney gave the Irish quality minutes off the bench and picked up the slack for the ineffective Ruth Riley, who finished with just six points.

"Today, I just had a good feeling inside that I would play well," said Haney, who had 14 points on 7-of-10 shooting and pulled down six rebounds.

"I came out relaxed, but I was a bit nervous and tried to do what I know I can do.'

"I thought Ericka did a great job down low, but Ruth I thought just wasn't aggressive," McGraw said. "I think she really didn't attack them. She didn't have a lot of opportunities. She was 0-for-1 at halftime at halftime and didn't have any offensive rebounds. I'm not sure if it was their defense pushing her off or if it was her, but I thought they played well defensively in the first half."

Haney also played a big part in the Irish full court pressure, which forced the Pirates into 28 turnovers and ERICKA HANEY limited them to just 28-per-FRESHMAN FORWARD cent shooting from the field.

"I thought in the second half, we came out with a little more pressure," McGraw said. "I thought starting Ericka was a big key to that. She was able to come out and hawk the ball a little more and force them into turning the ball over a little bit more.

Sophomore forward Kelley Siemon also played well in the blocks for Notre Dame, as she finished with five rebounds and 10 points on 4-of-5 shoot-

Freshman Sherisha Hills

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