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ND professor earns prestigious position

By JESSICA DAUES
News Writer

Peter Garnavich, Notre Dame physics professor, is currently enjoying the professional privilege of his life as a member of the Supernova Intensive Survey team, a select group of astronomers who are using the Hubble Space Telescope to watch a celestial collision 169,000 light years away.

In this never-before-seen occurrence, the debris from a 1987 supernova (an exploding star) will collide with the gas rings surrounding the site.

"We are rarely able to see a collision such as this in our lifetime. Usually we are only able to study the aftermath," said Garnavich.

The complex systems of gas rings encircling the supernova have long puzzled astronomers.

"We don't think that most supernovas have rings of gas such as these surrounding them. This is a very unique situation," said Garnavich.

The collision between the debris and the gas will illuminate previously unseen matter in the rings, giving astronomers new insight into the composition of the gas rings and the condition of the star before it exploded.

Earlier this month, Garnavich and his colleagues were able to observe the gases

begin to glow as they were bombarded by 40-million-miles-per-hour debris. On Feb. 2, four new knots of superheated gas appeared for the first time.

"The real fireworks show is finally starting, and over the next 10 years things will get spectacular," said Garnavich. "It helps that the Hubble is giving us an unparalleled view."

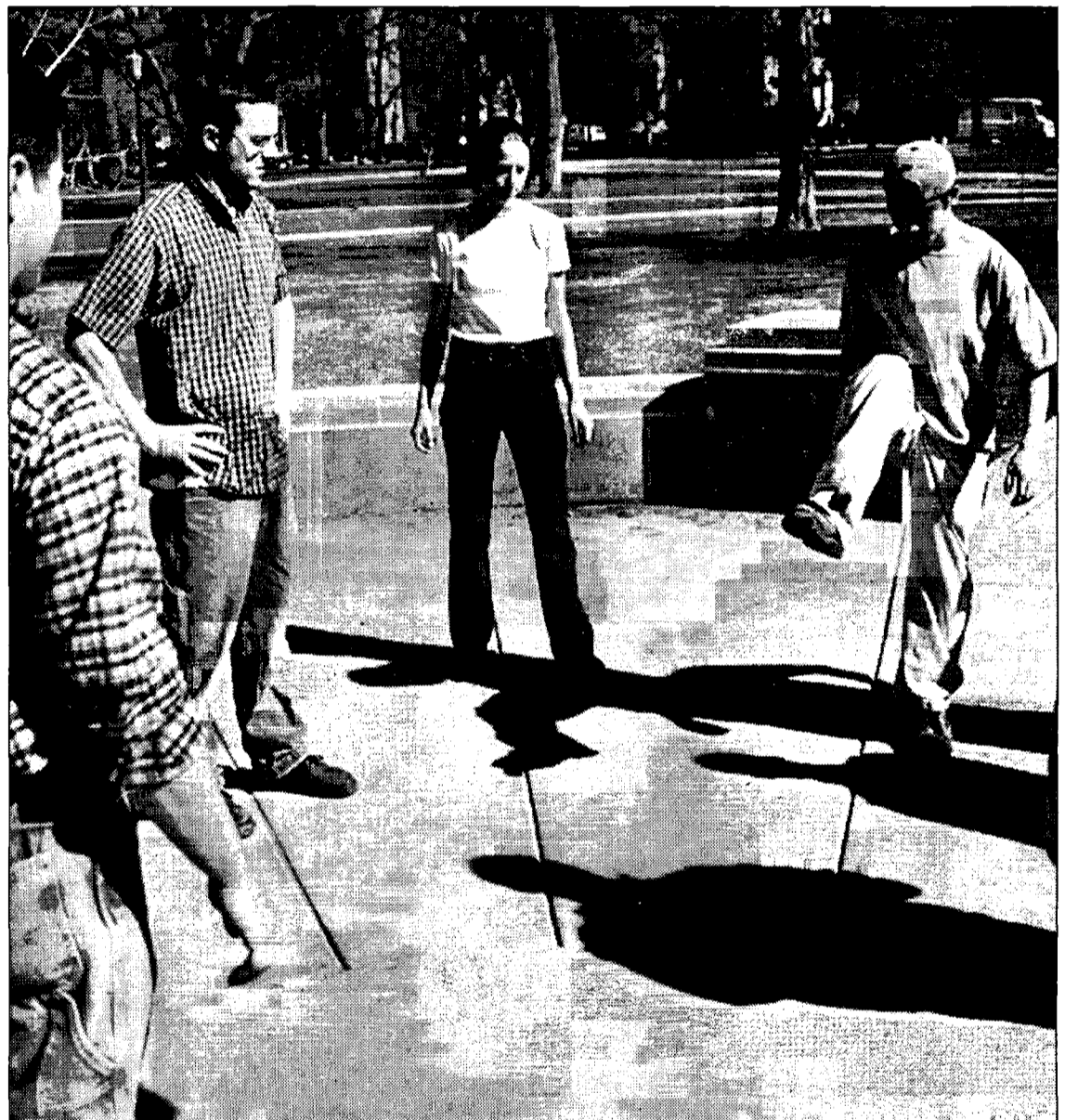
The Hubble Telescope allows Garnavich and the members of his team to observe and gather more accurate information about the rings than any other telescope on earth.

"The air in the atmosphere is constantly moving, which scatters light and blurs the view of the images of the telescopes here on earth," said Garnavich. "The Hubble Telescope, on the other hand, is above the atmosphere. We can get a clearer picture by using the Hubble Telescope."

Joining Garnavich are Supernova Institute Survey team members Robert Kirshner of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Nick Suntzeff of the Cerro Tololo Observatory in Chile, George Sonneborn and Jason Pun of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

Later this year, the team plans to use the Hubble to make follow-up observations and watch what is considered to be the one of the biggest celestial collisions ever seen.

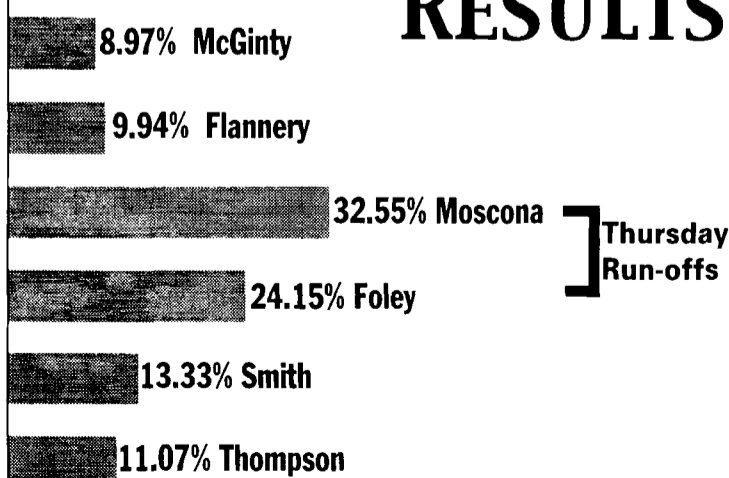
HACKIN' IT



MICHAEL HARRIS/The Observer

Students enjoyed the unseasonably warm weather Tuesday, gathering to play hackysack. This week's forecast predicts more of the same, with highs in the mid to upper 40s.

CLASS OF 2003 ELECTION RESULTS



JOSE CUELLAR/The Observer

Moscona, Foley face off Thursday

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Two tickets distanced themselves from a field of six in Tuesday's 2003 class council primary revote, setting up a run-off election on Thursday.

The Brian Moscona ticket emerged as the leader yesterday, winning 32.6 percent of the freshman vote. Moscona and his running mates vice president Libby Bishop, secretary Alison Troy and treasurer Nick Mastronardi will face the Trip Foley ticket, which captured 24.2 percent of the primary vote. Foley's running mates include vice president Kathleen Hammond, secretary Emily Wolf and treasurer Jordan Linville.

"It feels really good to receive so much support, we're very excited. This [victory] comes as

the result of a lot of hard work," Moscona said of the election.

Although Moscona is pleased with the results of the primary, he said he wished voter turnout would have been higher.

According to official election committee tallies, 62.8 percent of all freshmen voted in the primary. That figure is comparable to the turnout in Monday's vote, said Amanda Dovidio, election committee member.

Voter turnout first came into question Monday night after that day's primary results were declared null and void due to a balloting error. A number of candidates expressed concern that a revote on Tuesday wouldn't give their classmates ample opportunity to learn of the new election and turn out to vote in it.

Dovidio said the election committee worked actively to dispel

this worry. She said much of the credit for the turnout on Tuesday goes to residence hall staff members.

"The dorms did a great job in making freshmen aware of the revote situation. We [the election committee] contacted hall rectors through voice-mail messages, and they, in turn, worked hard to pass along the information to the freshmen," said Dovidio.

The voiding of Monday's 2003 class council vote marked another controversial turn in a Notre Dame student government election. It came just weeks after the conflict involving the newly-elected student body president and vice president Brian O'Donoghue and Brooke Norton.

Dovidio stressed that Tuesday's vote was handled

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INSIDE COLUMN

Catholic isn't all that counts

In choosing to attend Saint Mary's, I was fully aware of its Catholic affiliation. However, as schools that explicitly pride themselves on the diversity of the student bodies, I anticipated that Saint Mary's and the Notre Dame communities would be open to other faiths and cultures as well. Though both schools receive much of their backing from Catholic organizations, one would hope that such "liberal" schools would not try to impose their beliefs on any attendee. To me, this does not seem to be the case.



Amanda Greco
assistant
Scene editor

One of Tuesday's letters to the editor proposed that admission to Notre Dame be dependent not only on grades, test scores, etc., but also on the students' compliance with Catholic doctrines. The writer suggested that students must agree with Catholicism to attend. Is this the course the schools wish to take? While it is true that a majority of students here are Catholic, there are certainly other faiths and belief systems well represented on our campuses. Our community would be lacking if those students had been turned away based on their faith.

I am familiar with the Catholic stance regarding sex and the du Lac's prohibition of sex on campus. Possibly the administration truly believes that if it's in the du Lac, it's what is practiced. Right. Walk into any dorm on a Friday night, follow the sound of loud music and people, and you are sure to find plenty of du Lac violations. Perhaps I am one of the few realistic people who see that within a large group of social youngsters, sex happens. My friends tell me that at their non-religious affiliated schools, they need go no farther than their RA for advice, information, condoms, etc. It is appalling that this community doesn't even offer the opportunity for students to be safe if they do engage in the forbidden intercourse.

This attitude pervades even the school Health Services. All of my sisters and I have had to take birth control pills for health reasons — not to guard against our promiscuous ways — but to alleviate a hormone imbalance. When I tried to fill my prescription through Health Services, I was treated rather rudely. Initially I was told that they "just couldn't deliver that prescription" for me. After speaking with several different nurses to determine why (not even thinking of the sexual implications), I was informed that they needed a letter signed by the prescribing doctor that diagnosed the condition for which I took the medication. They also needed to speak with the doctor. This was a terrible inconvenience.

Just because I attend a Catholic university does not mean that I ascribe to Catholic beliefs. At school, the administration must assume some sort of responsibility as surrogate parents to students. This, to me, means that they must also take responsibility for our health. The Catholic beliefs made it very difficult for me to get necessary medication and make it nearly impossible for non-abstaining students to protect themselves from STDs.

I'm not asking that either school outwardly advocate or condone sexual relations. I agree wholeheartedly that sex is sacred and most appropriate in marriage. Nevertheless, sex does occur here. No amount of faith can deny that. Religion aside, both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame need to realize that the safety and health of students should concern them far more than their doctrinal principles.

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

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THIS WEEK IN MICHIANA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Art: Water Color class by Barb Fuson, Nappanee Public Library, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	◆ Art: "Time Warp," by Niles Handweavers Guild, Fernwood Botanic Garden	◆ Music: Brazilian concert, featuring Chicago Samba School, Reckers Café, 8 p.m.	◆ Festival: Ceilidh, Irish entertainment and food, St. Patrick's parish center, South Bend, 6:30 p.m.
◆ Music: "Hymns for the Virgin: A concert of sacred Renaissance tunes," Notre Dame Basilica, 7:30 p.m.	◆ Film: "East Indies, Gift of the Sea," Michigan City Junior High School Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.	◆ Theater: "Clue," by the Mishawaka Civic Theatre, Battell Community Center, Mishawaka, 8 p.m.	◆ Dance: Dance Kaleidoscope, ELCO Performing Theater, Elkhart, 7:30 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

MIT receives \$350 million gift for brain research

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. MIT received a pledge for \$350 million Monday to create a new institute on brain research, the largest single gift to a university ever. The institute will focus on the way humans learn and communicate.



MIT officials said brain research has great potential to improve human health and quality of life. They also said that the institute will offer opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to work with the program.

"[This] will launch one of the most profound and important scientific ventures of the next century, and what surely will be a cornerstone of MIT's scientific contributions in the decades ahead," said MIT President Charles Vest in a press release.

university was a \$300 million gift in 1998 to Vanderbilt University, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The gift, pledged jointly by Patrick McGovern Jr., a 1959 graduate in biophysics from MIT and member of the MIT Corporation, and his wife Lore Harp McGovern, will be paid over the next 20 years to the university.

Officials envision the institute as an interdisciplinary establishment. The institute's scope will include neuroscience, molecular neurobiology, bioengineering, cognitive sciences, computation and genetics, according to its mission statement. The institute plans to heavily use new technology that allows views of the brain never before possible.

The new institute will be named the McGovern Institute for Brain Research. Its founding director will be MIT professor Phillip Sharp, former chair of the MIT biology department and a 1993 Nobel laureate in medicine.

MIT plans to construct a new building to house the program.

The new institute will have a team of 16 researchers, 10 of whom will be new faculty members. The faculty members will hold appointments in departments related to brain research, such as biology or electrical engineering.

Dad: UM fails to address abuse

EAST LANSING, Mich.

The father of a University of Michigan student who fell to her death from her dorm room window in 1998 is suing the university, claiming it failed to teach the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. George Cantor filed suit in August after his daughter, Courtney Cantor, fell from her loft bed through an open sixth-floor window and onto a loading dock during the predawn hours of Oct. 16, 1998. A judge dismissed part of the lawsuit against Michigan that claimed the university failed to provide a reasonably safe building for students occupying dorm rooms at Mary Markley Hall, where Cantor lived. The dorm is a public building, according to the claim, and the university failed to warn students about unsafe conditions at the hall. The other part of the claim, filed in January, includes a breach of contract claim against Michigan, alleging the university had an obligation to warn Cantor about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse. Nancy Allen, Michigan State University Health Education Services coordinator, said most universities put a lot of emphasis on educating students about drugs and alcohol.

FAFSA drug-question policy changes

TUCSON, Ariz.

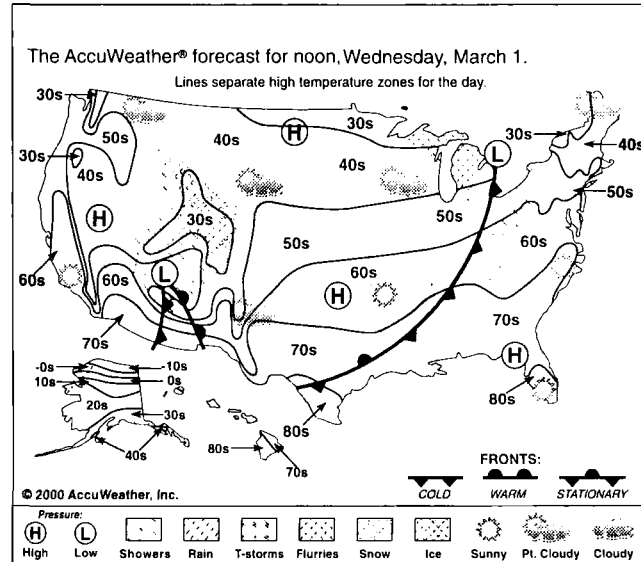
Students who leave the new drug offense question blank on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can still receive financial aid because of a U.S. Department of Education decision last week. In response to more than 100,000 applicants who left the question blank, department officials decided to add a warning in the Student Aid Report to those who didn't fill out the question. Under the new rules, applications missing a response for the question that asks if the student has ever been convicted of any illegal drug offense will still be processed, but students must alert officials if they have been convicted. Before, schools would not process applications that did not provide an answer to the question, said Lisa Cain, spokeswoman for Student Financial Assistance for the Department of Education. Cain said students who left the question blank thought it didn't apply to them, which slowed the processing of the forms. The question resulted from the Higher Education Act of 1998, and was intended to stop students convicted of selling or buying drugs from receiving aid.

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Observer announces top positions for '00-'01

By FINN PRESSLY
News Writer

Noreen Gillespie and Tim Logan will serve as managing and assistant managing editors, respectively, for the 2000-2001 academic year, editor in chief Mike Connolly announced Tuesday. Tim Lane will serve as business manager and Brian Kessler will act as operations manager.

With the editor in chief, the managing editor and assistant managing editors are ultimately responsible for the editorial content and daily production of the newspaper.

Gillespie, a LeMans Hall sophomore, is from Newtown, Conn. A political science and sociology double major, she served as the Saint Mary's editor on The Observer's 1999-2000 Editorial Board.

"I'm excited about this opportunity to help direct the future of The Observer," Gillespie said. "I'm looking forward to working with all of the departments. I've got some big shoes to fill — we all do — but we've had some excellent examples and I hope that we can live up to those examples in 2001."

A Siegfried Hall junior from Boston, Logan is an American studies major with a concentration in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy. He served as news editor during the 1999-2000 year.

The business manager is responsible for The Observer's finances and budget, while the operations manager is responsible for overseeing The Observer's Operations Board,

including advertising, Web, systems and graphics departments.

Lane, a junior from Dayton, Ohio, lives in Keenan Hall. He served as controller on The Observer's 1999-2000 Operations Board and is an accounting major.

"I'm looking forward to working as business manager because the job will provide me with an opportunity to apply what I've learned in my classes at Notre Dame," said Lane.

A junior from Long Island, N.Y., Kessler served as The Observer's most recent sports editor. He currently lives in Stanford Hall and is majoring in finance.

Connolly also announced the 2000-2001 General Board. Editors and managers are responsible for the administration of departments and for the content of their respective sections of the newspaper:

Editorial Board

news editor: Anne Marie Mattingly
Viewpoint editor: Lila Haughey
Scene editor: Amanda Greco
sports editor: Kerry Smith
Saint Mary's editor: Molly McVoy
photo editor: Liz Lang

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systems administrator: Mike Gunville
Web administrator: Adam Turner
graphics editor: José Cuellar

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

BOG to sponsor service project

By COURTNEY BOYLE
News Writer

Board of Governance voted unanimously to co-sponsor an Appalachian service trip and a program to invite Bayyinah Belloa, a native of Haiti, to lecture at Saint Mary's at their Tuesday meeting.

Junior Genevieve Yavello requested co-sponsorship of the service project. Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students will travel to Clintwood, Va., to work with nuns repairing underprivileged families' houses.

"We're going to get the chance to do the kind of work that most of us don't

get to do, and it will be fun to do it with and for families that need our help," Yavello said.

BOG offered the 12 students and one faculty member \$600 for the trip. BOG gave \$500 for a similar trip over fall break.

"I am very much looking forward to this opportunity, and I am so excited and

"We're going to get the chance to do the kind of work that most of us don't get to do."

Genevieve Yavello
junior

very grateful to BOG for their generous donation," Yavello said.

BOG also allotted money to bring

Belloa, a professor and grassroots leader of campaigns for literacy, to Saint Mary's on March 26 through 30. She will speak in five classes and deliver one public lecture on the role of women in

Haiti.

"Bayyinah will help us here at Saint Mary's College to develop a deeper awareness of the realities of women in developing countries and to understand our responsibilities as citizens in relation to countries such as Haiti," senior Katie Cousino said.

Representatives also discussed plans for the upcoming Women's Month. Several events, including an art display in LeMans Hall Lobby, are scheduled for March.

"Women's month is right around the corner, it is very exciting," said Angie Little, Saint Mary's student body vice-president.

Other events scheduled for March include a Notre Dame comedian at Dalloway's on March 6, a folk group performance on March 22, a March 27 spirit softball game and the last open mic night at Dalloway's on March 29.


CORRECTION

An article that appeared in Tuesday's edition of The Observer reported the death of Nancy Fallon, and incorrectly identified Fallon as a volunteer of St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen in South Bend. She was a volunteer of St. Augustine's Soup Kitchen in South Bend. The article also stated that Fallon was 45; she was 44. Fallon is survived by her husband Steve and three children: Samuel, 14; Claire, 11; and Daniel, 9. All three children attend St. Joseph School. She is also survived by her mother, Marilyn Hunbgarland, of Richmond, Ky., and a brother, Mark Hunbgarland, of Lindenhurst, Ill.

The Observer regrets the errors.

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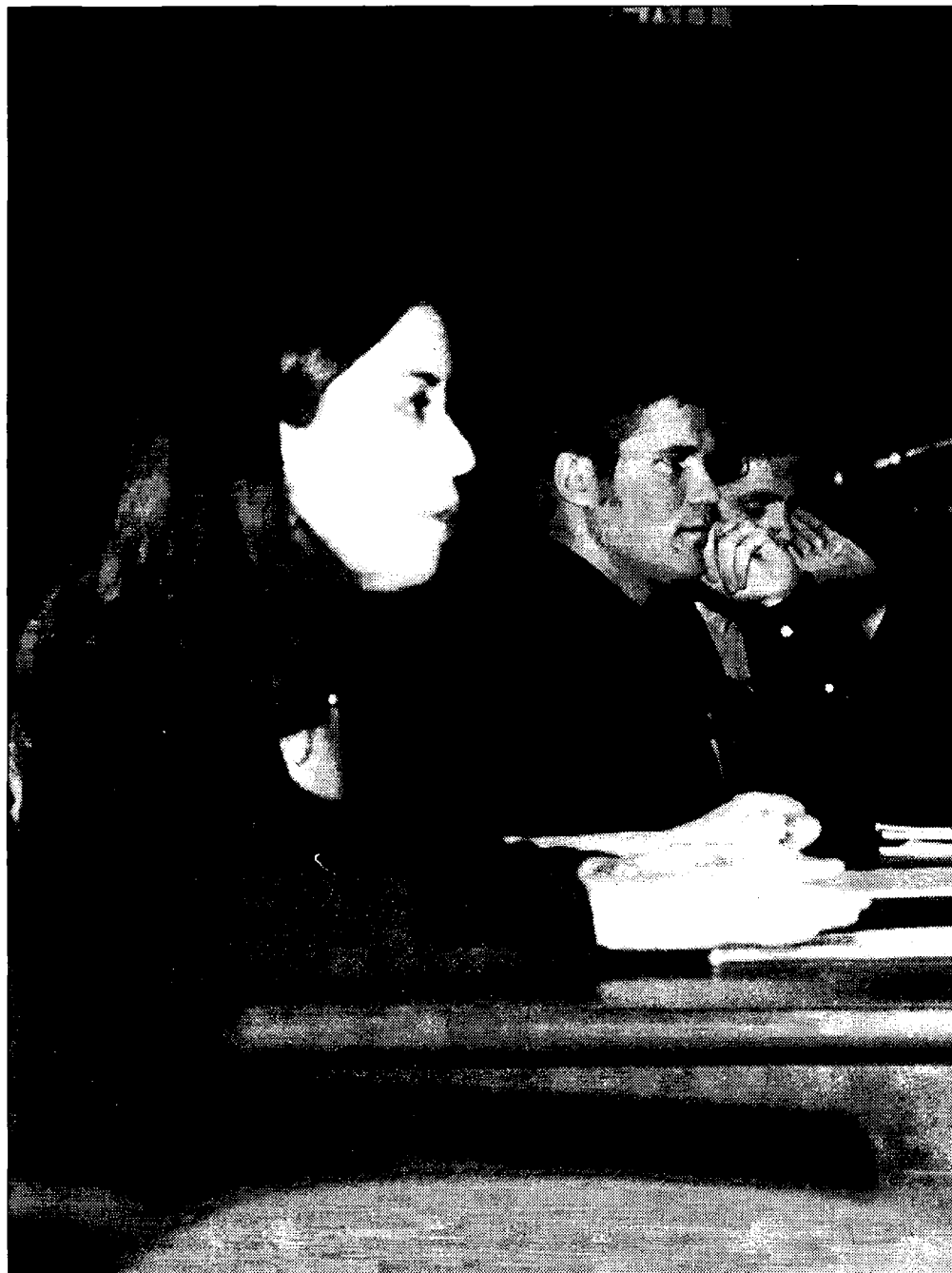


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Panel: Diversity is essential for understanding others



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Members of Tuesday's panel emphasized the importance of experiencing other cultures to understanding the world and oneself.

By KRISTEN ALLEN
News Writer

Students spoke about the importance of going abroad and being open to new cultures at Wednesday's student-run forum, "McCulture: Americanism vs. Cross Culturalism."

"To enjoy cross culturalism, you need cultural diversity," said Carol-Luc Jonard, a French exchange student at Notre Dame.

Going abroad not only opens students to new cultures, it also gives students a better awareness of their own culture and identity, the speakers agreed.

"Cross-culturalism is founded on friendship and mutual trust," said freshman Annamarie Bindemageo, an American who lived in Germany for eight years. "Understanding it and promoting it is the basis for personal identity and international peace."

"Going abroad is first interesting because you learn about the French culture and also about your own culture," Jonard agreed.

Immersing oneself in a new culture is not always an easy thing to do, however.

"You need to be daring to step out of your own self because it's scary to be faced with new ideas and choices," said junior Lina Sidrys, who studied abroad in France and is of Lithuanian origin.

Sidrys also warned of the danger in having too strong a national identity because of the risk of ignoring the identity of others. She emphasized the importance of awareness and understanding.

"The key to cross-culturalism is looking through a different lens to view culture from a different angle," she said.

"[It's] the idea that people are the same the world over but you have to look at your own identity to be

able to fully understand different cultures."

Angela Cantu, a junior who spent a year in Spain, agreed.

"We [the United States] are one of the most diverse and developed countries in the world and mutually one of the most ethnocentric," she said.

Cantu also spoke of nationalism in Spain and the difference between Spain and the United States. "Spain's essence thrives on the collective, 'Ogullo de ser espanol' — pride of being Spanish," Cantu said. "It's a very passionate and unifying force — a concept of self that seems so clear to them and yet so muddled for us."

Many countries are resentful of the United States, senior Tim Keller said. He spent the summer working for Honeywell Corporation in Moscow. He discussed the Russian perception of Americanism and the need for better education.

"Compared to communism, democratic Russians have to worry for the first time about where they are going to work, where their children will be educated, and where they can obtain healthcare. Under the communist regime, all these needs were provided by the government," he said.

"Other countries are exporting their goods to Russia, so much so that Russian-made consumer goods are almost nonexistent. The result is a severe cash outflow resulting in continued stagnant domestic development," said Keller.

"It doesn't really matter what field you're going to work in," said Bindemageo. "Cross-culturalism is going to help you personally, and in your career."

The discussion panel consisted of five students of different cultural backgrounds and experiences. McCulture is a student-run forum sponsored by The Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

Election

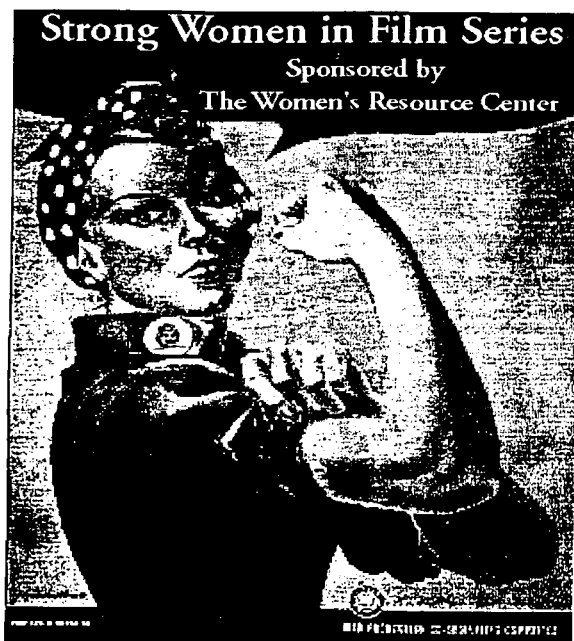
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fairly. "It was not just a quick, spur-of-the-moment election. Information was passed along to freshmen. Monday's results were thrown out, and the voting was totally redone. It was a fair election," Dovidio said.

While Moscona said the process of taking part in two elections was very frustrating, he echoed Dovidio's sentiments.

"I think [the Election Committee members] handled this situation in the best, most fair way possible," Moscona said.

The Moscona and Foley tickets will join the 2001 tickets of Rachel Gerner and Elliot Nelson in Thursday's run-off elections. Voting times are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Possible errors warrant recount for Iran elections

TEHRAN, Iran — Authorities on Tuesday ordered a partial recount of votes cast in Tehran during parliamentary elections to "dispel anxiety" about possible errors, state media reported. The official Islamic Republic News Agency said the recount would be done in the next five days in the presence of observers from the Interior Ministry and the Guardians Council, which supervises elections. Reformists allied to President Mohammad Khatami won the top 29 positions in a slate of 30 seats allotted to Tehran in the Feb. 18 elections. The 30th seat was won by former President Hashemi Rafsanjani, a once popular leader who fared dismally because of his increased association with hard-liners. The recount apparently was ordered because of complaints by a candidate who finished 31st. IRNA did not say how many ballots would be recounted.

Rwandan prime minister resigns after accusations

KIGALI, Rwanda — Rwanda's prime minister has resigned amid accusations of corruption, ending months of investigation that entangled the country's top political leaders in scandal. In a resignation letter to Rwanda's president on Monday, Pierre-Celestin Rwigema said a hostile media campaign and a parliamentary inquiry that found him guilty of embezzlement had made it impossible to fulfill his responsibilities as prime minister. While the prime minister's post is largely ceremonial, Rwigema becomes the third top Hutu official in the government to step down in recent months. Although Hutus hold official posts, minority Tutsis dominate the government and military. Rwigema's political party, the Democratic Republic Movement, has 15 days to propose his replacement, Radio Rwanda said. The MDR is the country's main Hutu political party.

Priest convicted for noisy bells

L'AQUILA, Italy — Siding with annoyed residents, a court in this central Italian mountain town on Tuesday convicted a stubborn parish priest of disturbing the peace by hooking his church bells up to an electronic amplifier. The conflict started two years ago after the cleric rigged up an amplifier in the parish's bell tower. Local media quoted the priest at the time as dismissing opponents of the amplified clangor as "communists." In Tuesday's decision, the L'Aquila court ruled on complaints brought by residents of the parish of St. Stefano di Pizzoli, and ordered the Rev. Palo Piccoli to pay a \$200 fine. Police seized the bells in January and placed the bell tower amplifier under seal.

MOZAMBIQUE



AFP Photo

A Mozambican family stranded on a small island in the flooded city of Xai Xai waits to be rescued as water levels in the area continued to rise Tuesday.

Floodwaters trap Mozambicans

Associated Press

LIONDE — Thousands braced Tuesday evening for a third terrifying night stranded in trees and on rooftops surrounded by swiftly flowing muddy water that stretched for miles in every direction.

Most people trapped near the submerged village of Lionde had not eaten since early Sunday, when they fled a 6-foot-high wall of water that surged through Mozambique's already flooded Gaza

province.

South African helicopters working from dawn to dusk for three days seemed by Tuesday to only have made a dent in the numbers needing rescue. The helicopters had rescued 550 Mozambicans by noon Tuesday, in addition to the 4,800 plucked from floodwaters the previous two days, said South African air force Capt. Hugo Weich.

From one tree alone, a helicopter hoisted an old man and six women with their babies on their backs to safety onboard, where

they sat staring blankly ahead, still in shock. Some frightened victims hid when the helicopters approached. Others refused to be rescued.

Uhle Sithole said the helicopter terrified him, but that he was very glad to be brought away from the water.

"But now I may die because my stomach is empty," he said, adding he had not eaten since Saturday night.

Some people managed to build platforms in the trees, and tied bicycles and other belongings to

the branches. Some managed to get their goats up into the trees, slaughtered them and cooked the meat over fires made on metal sheets. Others had only the clothes on their back.

The helicopters dropped their human cargo on a stretch of road just feet above the rising floodwaters, where many milled around in shock, looking for relatives.

Aid workers, who estimated about 1,000 people had been brought to the road, tried to usher the crowd to a village on higher ground.

Six-year-old boy murders classmate

Associated Press

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. — A 6-year-old boy shot a little girl to death in their first-grade classroom Tuesday, a day after they may have scuffled on the playground.

In a school shooting made especially shocking by the age of the youngsters, the boy fired a bullet from a .32-caliber gun inside Buell Elementary near Flint, 60 miles from Detroit, striking his 6-year-old classmate in the neck. She died a half-hour

later.

The boy was taken into the custody of the state child welfare agency.

Prosecutors did not say how they think he got the gun, though they said it had been reported stolen in December and was in the boy's home. President Clinton said he was told the boy's brother gave him the weapon.

It was unclear whether the shooting was accidental or intentional.

"It would appear from the investigation so far that there may have been some sort of scuffle or quarrel on the playground

the day before the shooting between this little boy and this little girl," Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur Busch said.

Regardless of what the investigation reveals, it may be impossible to bring charges against the boy, the prosecutor said. But he said someone may face charges for enabling the boy to obtain the gun.

"There is a presumption in law that a child ... is not criminally responsible and can't form an intent to kill. Obviously, he has done a very terrible thing today, but legally, he

can't be held criminally responsible," the prosecutor said. "We will get to the bottom of how that gun got into that little boy's hands."

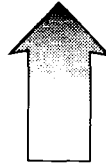
The names of the two youngsters were not released.

The boy is by far the youngest gunman in a series of deadly school shootings that have rocked communities around the country over the past three years. In 1998, two boys, 11 and 13, opened fire at a middle school in Jonesboro, Ark., killing four girls and a teacher.

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Bush takes all Virginia delegates, leads Republicans

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va.

George W. Bush forged a winning coalition of Republican regulars and the religious right Tuesday to deal rival John McCain a resounding defeat in Virginia. Even as next week's 13-state presidential showdown loomed, the Texas governor declared, "We are one step closer to having a united party."

The see-sawing Republican presidential race was fought also in North Dakota and Washington State, but Bush won the bulk of the day's delegates, 56, in the capital of the old Confederacy.

"I've proven I can bring Republicans out in big numbers," Bush told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. In a slap at McCain, who blasted evangelical leaders Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell on Monday, the Texas governor told supporters in Cincinnati, "We are expanding our base without destroying our foundations."

McCain congratulated Bush, but dismissed the victory as part of "a Southern strategy" for a candidate who won't win elsewhere. However, McCain is looking ahead to next week's "Super Tuesday" voting. "We have a broad section, a cross-section of America voting all on the same day," McCain said.

The Texas governor won because Republican voters overwhelmed independents and Democrats who crossed party lines in support of McCain, a warning sign for the Arizona senator as he prepares for New York, California and Ohio and 10 other states conducting GOP contests.

One day after McCain labeled certain evangelical leaders "agents of intolerance," religious conservatives accounted for 20 percent of the Virginia vote. They backed Bush 8-to-1, prompting the governor to say, "The voters of Virginia rejected the politics of pitting one religion against another."

McCain's best showing was in the Washington suburbs, the most moderate region in the state, according to surveys of Virginia voters conducted by Voter News Service, a consortium of the AP and television networks. Bush beat him elsewhere.

On the Democratic side, Bill Bradley and Vice President Al Gore squared off in Washington state. No delegates were at stake, but the former New Jersey senator hoped for a symbolic victory to breathe life into his troubled campaign.

With 89 percent of the Virginia precincts reporting, Bush had 295,348 votes, or 54 percent, McCain had 233,051, or 43 percent, and Alan Keyes had 3 percent.

Bush won all 56 delegates with his victory in Virginia, giving him a total 149 compared to McCain's 96 so far. A candidate needs 1,034 delegates to win the Republican nomination.

Bush's victory fit a pattern set in the early primary fights: McCain wins if non-Republicans swarm to GOP primaries; the Texan wins if Republicans dominate their primaries and caucuses.

In New Hampshire and Michigan, site of McCain's two victories over Bush, Democrats and independents accounted for about half the total vote. In South Carolina and Virginia,

two Southern conservative states won by Bush, two-thirds of the vote came from self-identified Republicans.

Virginia's results may serve as a warning for McCain as the campaign heads into states such as California and New York that bar or place restriction on non-Republican voting. In upcoming primary states, Democrats will conduct competing elections that could siphon votes from McCain.

The Arizona senator had hoped to follow his victory last week in Michigan with an upset in Virginia to fuel his momentum headed to March 7 contests, a "Super Tuesday" of voting that could shape the contentious campaign. At stake are 613 GOP delegates, more than half the total needed to win the nomination.

Backed by Gov. James Gilmore and the rest of the Virginia GOP establishment, Bush could not afford a loss in Virginia after leading in polls for weeks.

Bush dismissed suggestions by McCain's campaign that the victory reaffirms only that Bush

can win Southern conservative states. "I won Iowa. I won Delaware. We'll see what happens March 7," Bush said.

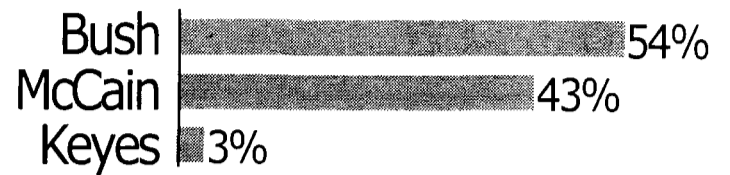
Even as votes were cast in Tuesday's contests, where a total 87 GOP delegates were up for grabs, the Republican candidates camped out in "Super Tuesday" states.

Trailing among Republicans in delegate-rich California, McCain reversed course and decided to participate — by a satellite TV hookup — in a Los Angeles debate on Thursday in advance of next week's voting there. The Bush camp said he might also take part by satellite.

The increasingly bitter campaign is pitting McCain and his coalition of independents and Democrats against Bush and the GOP establishment. McCain may have widened the divide by strongly criticizing certain evangelical leaders and portraying Bush as a captive of the religious right.

McCain also attempted to tie Bush to a conservative South Carolina university that has espoused anti-Catholic views.

Virginia Primaries



Bush won all 56 delegates

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Drug bill faces stiff resistance in House

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

It will probably take five years for intensified U.S. efforts against Colombian narcotics traffickers to succeed, the Clinton administration's top anti-drug official told Congress Tuesday.



Hastert

Gen. Barry McCaffrey, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, offered the assessment as he and other administration officials defended President Clinton's proposed \$1.6 billion plan to fight coca producers and their heavily armed guerrilla allies in the South American country and its neighbors.

Though some of the money would be for continued anti-drug efforts in nearby Bolivia and Peru, the bulk of it would go to Colombia, which U.S. officials say is by far the world's leading cocaine producer.

So far, despite support by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., Clinton's plan has run into significant skepticism in Congress. Critics say they fear the proposal could lead the United States into another open-ended, Vietnam-like intervention, and that the money would be better spent trying to control the demand coming from American drug users.

"I personally think we have to think of it as a five-year effort," McCaffrey told members of the House Appropriations Committee's subcommittee that oversees foreign aid. By then, he said he believed there would be "substantial reductions of drug production."

Subcommittee Chairman Sonny Callahan, R-Ala., said that while he supports the administration proposal, it is in serious trouble in Congress because of unanswered questions about long-term strategy and other concerns.

"If the bill were to be

brought up before the House today, it wouldn't pass the House," Callahan said.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, the subcommittee's ranking Democrat, said she opposed the current plan and warned that its approval would mean "a five to 10-year commitment which will cost U.S. taxpayers in excess of \$5 billion."

Colombian government efforts to combat coca growers and the 25,000 leftist rebels and right-wing paramilitary groups who protect them have had little success recently.

The \$1.6 billion Clinton wants, to be spent this year and next, would be used to provide Colombia with 63 helicopters and for training, intelligence assistance and other aid to the country's military. It also includes money to entice Colombian coca farmers to produce other crops and to buttress the country's judicial system.

With some lawmakers warning that the proposal could result in American troops being killed, McCaffrey said only Colombian forces would carry out military operations. Currently, there are up to 200 American military personnel in Colombia, a number that varies daily, McCaffrey said.

"There is no thinking at all, zero, for U.S. military intervention in Colombia," he said.

"If the [drug war] bill were to be brought up before the House today, it wouldn't pass the House."

Sonny Callahan
U.S. Representative

About 90 percent of the cocaine used in the United States is grown in Colombia or flows through

the country, McCaffrey said. And while coca production in Peru and Bolivia has dropped in recent years, it has grown in Colombia from 230 metric tons in 1995 to 520 last year, he said.

Clinton's proposal is part of a spending request he has made to Congress for the current fiscal year that has grown to \$5.2 billion.

About half the total is for U.S. operations in Kosovo and the Balkans, while much of the rest is aid for American victims of last September's Hurricane Floyd and other disasters and for international debt forgiveness.

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Divorce rate rising in predominantly Catholic Ireland

Associated Press

DUBLIN

Three years after divorce became legal in this traditionally Roman Catholic nation, Maura O'Reilly has found that breaking up Irish-style is not so hard to do.

"Here's all my divorces, under D," the 42-year-old O'Reilly says, pointing in her Rolodex to the names of a dozen people — including her own fiancé — who she has helped guide through Dublin's busy family law courts two years after her own divorce.

"I was opposed to divorce for much of my life, on religious grounds. It takes a decade in a humiliating, abusive relationship to wear that faith away," says O'Reilly, a former legal secretary.

Divorce, which became legal in Ireland after receiving only a razor-thin majority in a 1995 referendum, looked unlikely to gain widespread acceptance.

But since the law took effect Feb. 27, 1997, the issue has caused barely a ripple in a society that, despite its majority adherence to Catholicism, has a pragmatic streak longer than Dublin's River Liffey.

"We live in the real world. We know some couples won't resolve their difficulties, and that maybe it's the right thing that they should break up," says Liz Early, a counselor for Accord, the Roman Catholic

Church's network of marriage guidance centers in Ireland.

"We don't say divorce is against church teaching. We never say to a couple that they have to stay together, or that, yes, it's right to split. But I'd be in favor of honesty in personal relationships, and banning divorce never prevented separations or second unions," Early says.

More than 8,000 people — about two-thirds of them women — filed for divorce from 1997 to 1999 in Ireland, court records show. The number is far fewer than had been predicted.

That's partly because Irish law requires divorcing couples to demonstrate they have lived apart for at least

four years. Applicants usually first negotiate a separation agreement — for decades the only legal recourse available to estranged couples.

As a result, it is common for couples to live together outside marriage, particularly in the cosmopolitan capital. Last year, some 30 percent of births in Dublin occurred out of wedlock.

Ireland's prime minister, Bertie Ahern, reflects this con-

fused reality. A Catholic, he separated from his wife two decades ago and travels internationally with his one-time secretary and longtime partner, Celia Larkin. He has dismissed suggestions that he divorce and remarry.

"Living together has become very socially acceptable in urban Ireland," says the Rev. Gordon Linney, Dublin archdeacon of the Anglican Church of Ireland.

Linney's denomination, a tiny minority in Ireland, never called divorce or remarriage a sin. But

in deference to the country's long-dominant Catholic values, Anglicans who obtained divorces in Britain rarely were permitted to

remarry in Irish services until after the 1995 referendum.

Linney says he conducted only one marriage involving a divorcee in the first four decades of his ministry, but has performed about one a year since 1995.

"Whether or not the government had introduced divorce legislation here, the reality of marriage breakdown was there for everybody to see," he says.

"The institution is probably in better shape today to the extent it's more honest. When I was growing up, an awful lot of marriages were absolute shams, with women in particular trapped with violent husbands. That's changing."

O'Reilly went through that ordeal. In 1979, she married a man who abused her physically and emotionally and had a string of girlfriends. Her 1989 separation left her raising four children alone.

Still, she never considered divorce until her estranged husband started harassing her and her new partner, a retired Irish army officer who also was separated and had custody of his two children.

"I thought a divorce would get rid of him for good," she says of her ex-husband. "I wanted something to say he's really gone — it's legal. But when you've kids together it's never really over."

With her background as a legal secretary, O'Reilly learned enough about filling in the right forms to become the home-grown divorce adviser in her north Dublin neighborhood. People have sought her advice, particularly on how she managed to process her court papers for \$4.

"There was a time in my life when I needed help desperately and got it, and now I'm glad to be in a position to return the favor," she says.

But regular Catholic churchgoers like O'Reilly remain conscious of their divorcee status. She speaks quietly so that a group of elderly women nearby can't hear.

"They look like 'no' voters," she says. "I had a friend who said after the divorce, 'I'm not talking to her — she's excommunicated!' But she was joking. I think, and mostly people accept your situation for what it is."

Making peace with her church was less straightforward.

O'Reilly felt uneasy about what others would think if she received Communion, or whether the priest might publicly refuse her.

So she went and talked to him. The response renewed her faith. "He was very understanding," she says. "He told me, 'Maura, what I'm going to say isn't for everyone, but it's for you. You're in a loving, supportive relationship and that's good — so don't stay away from the altar.'"

O'Reilly also appreciates her new love, Dave Ward. She gushes about how gentle and funny he is, about the engagement ring flashing on her finger, about the new car and deposit he's provided for her new suburban home — and about their plans not to marry and share that home for several years yet.

"It's not a case of once bitten, twice shy, really," she says. "We've agreed to wait 'til the children are grown, so we can have our nest to ourselves."

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Maura O'Reilly
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AmeriCorps head defends request

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Amid questions about whether AmeriCorps has righted its financial ship, the head of the government-sponsored public service program defended before lawmakers a request for an almost 25 percent budget increase.

"We are making AmeriCorps stronger, more vital and more effective."

"We are making AmeriCorps stronger, more vital, and more effective."

Harris Wofford
chief executive officer of the Corporation for National Service

Harris Wofford, chief executive officer of the Corporation for National Service, said Tuesday at a hearing of the House Appropriations subcommittee on the Veterans Affairs, HUD and independent agencies.

"Young people are being challenged to take personal

responsibility for the needs of their community," Wofford said.

AmeriCorps is essentially an at-home version of the Peace Corps.

Asked by Rep. James Walsh, R-N.Y., the subcommittee chairman, what is being done to correct management problems found last year by the General Accounting Office, Wofford said a new chief financial officer has been hired, better computer systems bought and business operations tightened.

He is requesting \$538.7 million for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, an increase of \$100 million — about 23 percent — over the fiscal 2000 appropriation.

Walsh told Wofford that

seems too large. "I don't know if we will be able to meet that request," Walsh said.

The average length of AmeriCorps service is one year, or 1,700 work hours, for which a participant receives an \$8,730 living allowance, a \$4,725 educational award and a health insurance policy worth about \$1,000.

After five years, 150,000 people have taken part in AmeriCorps, each spending a year building houses for the poor, teaching children to read, working with police on domestic violence and gang intervention. Participants work with nonprofit groups in areas such as education, health and basic needs, the environment and public safety.

AmeriCorps is one of several programs that the White House considers part of Clinton's presidential legacy. This year's class has 40,000 participants, the largest number ever.

FBI: Internet attack motive still unknown

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Senior law enforcement officials assured Congress on Tuesday "we are making progress" despite serious challenges investigating the sensational attacks weeks ago against some of the Internet's most popular Web sites.

Michael Vatis, head of the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center, said federal agents are following "hundreds of leads," and he was optimistic the case will be solved. "We continue to make good progress," he said.

But there were important questions that Vatis candidly said he couldn't answer, suggesting no arrest was close. The FBI still has no idea of the motive for the Internet attacks or whether one group or several groups were responsible.

"I think it's too early to tell," Vatis told a joint congressional panel. He said FBI agents were "looking at possible linkages between all the investigations," and responded to one lawmaker that it was unlikely foreign governments were involved.

Deputy U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, who also testified, assured lawmakers that "we are making progress" and repeated his earlier pledge to "prosecute these people to the fullest extent that we can."

Vatis acknowledged that

investigators have been hampered because vandals sought to cover their digital trail falsifying information within the flood of data that overwhelmed Yahoo!, eBay and other major Internet sites about three weeks ago. The FBI's own Web site was overwhelmed for about three hours in a similar attack on Feb. 18.

The bureau is frustrated that some computers used in the attacks failed to adequately record useful details, and some of the spurious data that disrupted service at the Web sites apparently was routed through computers overseas.

"Because parts of the evidentiary trail have led overseas, we are working through our legal attaches in many U.S. embassies abroad to work with foreign counterparts," Vatis said. "Despite all these challenges, I remain optimistic that the hard work of ... that we will in the end prove to be successful."

Panels from the House and Senate Judiciary committees organized the hearing to determine what changes, if any, are needed to existing crime laws.

Holder and other federal authorities have urged Congress, for example, to reduce the \$5,000 minimum in damages that victim companies must suffer before attackers can be prosecuted under federal computer crime laws.

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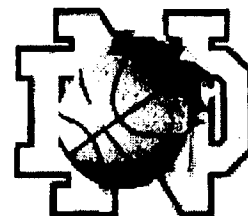


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the executive council

underneath it all is the executive council. comprised of the directors of each sub department and the board manager, this crazy group covers all the essentials — including steering sub toward its vision of providing for the notre dame community. the exec board bares it all for the sake of the masses.

the department of operations

at the center of sub is the operations department. keeping the office running smoothly is their forté. they are sub's own cheerleaders, keeping morale and spirits high (and, yes, they can do a mean toetouch.)

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money, money, money!! the wise sub controllers eat, sleep and breathe finance. they keep our budget out of the red, and a tight grip on the purse strings. the controllers are the real professionals of sub... but don't worry, they sometimes do loosen their ties and get crazy with the rest of us!

SUB DEPARTMENTS EXPOSED

the programming department

sub programmers are the brains behind this whole project. (don't tell the other departments this!) when programmers put on their thinking caps, watch out — magic happens! they plan all of the cool sub events, like concerts, lectures, festivals, and movies. (i told you they were smart!)

the department of creativity

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sub's concerts committee brings big name bands right here to campus. famous entertainers such as the barenaked ladies (see, fits right in with the theme!), toad the wet sprocket, indigo girls, beck, rusted root, third eye blind, cowboy mouth, and others have headlined in recent years.

antostal

this wild and wacky committee organizes antostal (the blowout spree of activities before spring finals set in). fun stuff like bouncy boxing, big wheel races, jousting, and jello pits are just some of the crazy events that make this the "best college spring festival" in the country!

special events

the special events commission puts on nutty events ranging from pumpkin painting to comedians to other fun stuff pertinent to the time of year. they bring all kinds of fun to notre dame.

sophomore literary festival

snuggle up with a good book and get ready for this annual celebration of playwrights, poets, and novelists! the slf committee brings prominent authors, such as tom clancy, kurt vonnegut, edward albee, and tennessee williams to share their works through readings and workshops at notre dame. read on!

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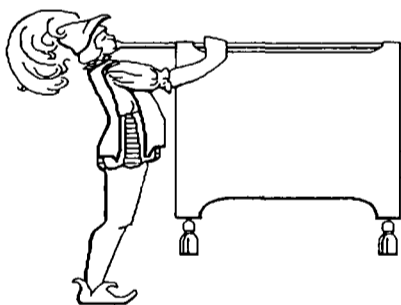
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Announcing the Year 2000 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2000 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed \$3,500, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

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Application Deadline: Friday, March 10th, 2000
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Camry, Accord top list of most stolen U.S. cars

Associated Press

DETROIT

Test driven a Toyota Camry or Honda Accord lately? America's car thieves have, and they're big fans.

Those two models dominate the most-stolen vehicle list for 1999, with 19 of the top 25 spots, as they have in years past. The 1989 Toyota Camry kept its ranking as the most-stolen vehicle for the third year in a row, followed by the '90, '91 and '88 Camrys.

The only other vehicle to break into the top 10 was the 1997 Ford F-150 4x2 pickup — part of a growing appetite for pickups among vehicle poachers.

But owners of all makes and models have something to cheer: Cases of major vehicle theft dropped 15 percent last year, according to data from CCC Information Services Inc., which tracks trends in theft and other vehicle damage claims for the insurance industry.

CCC spokeswoman Jeanene O'Brien said the drop is part of a trend toward fewer thefts that began in 1995, and can be attributed to a booming U.S. economy, where fewer people are driven to auto theft as a vocation.

The CCC's annual list, to be released Wednesday, counted 14 different models of Honda Accords among the top 25 vehicles.

Why do sedate family sedans like the Camry and Accord pepper the top of the list? The simple answer is that there's a great demand for their spare parts: They have been top-sellers for years and can be driven for hundreds of thousands of miles. The Camry and Accord tend to change little from year to year, making more parts interchangeable between model years.

And the Camry and Accord models held their value better than their competitors, meaning fewer ended up in junkyards and more were still on

the street.

Toyota and Honda don't take any pride in their rankings, saying it's more a reflection of how the study measures car theft. CCC's ranking is based only on stolen vehicles that were never recovered or were stripped to the point that they were a total loss. It does not include temporary "joy ride" thefts.

"The study is skewed for cars that last a long time," said Toyota spokesman John McCandless. "It means our cars are in high demand, but it also means that our units in operation keep on growing every year."

Art Garner, a spokesman for Honda, said the Accord would be in the middle of the pack if the rankings were weighted to show the proportion of stolen cars to total sales of that model. He also said the company expected its theft rate to decline thanks to a system installed on all Accords from the 1998 model year on. The system keeps the car from starting unless it senses a computer chip embedded on the car's keys.

But Garner and McCandless said whatever steps automakers take to reduce theft, thieves will find a way around them with some practice and time.

"There's a lot more technology in a 2000 Camry than there was 10 years ago, but if they do the study 10 years from now, the Camry will still be on the list," McCandless said.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau in October reported that Accords and Camrys were also the most stolen vehicle nationwide in 1998. The bureau, which also tracks thefts for insurance companies, combines theft reports for all years of a particular make and model. CCC ranks the cars annually by make, model and option groups.

Other vehicles in the top 25 included the 1994 Chevrolet C1500 4x2 pickup, ranked 11th; the '91 Acura Legend, ranked 13th; the '95 Ford Mustang, ranked 14th; the '89 Chevrolet Caprice, ranked 18th; and the '95 Dodge Neon, ranked 22nd.

The CCC said pickup truck thefts were up 52 percent, while thefts of cars and SUVs fell.

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Make the decision to be colorblind

"He's got a nice booty, a six pack, blond hair, blue-eyes. Oh! And he's tan from surfing." That is the ideal boy among the girls with whom I have grown up.

Yet my relatives tell me, "Don't marry an American (meaning Caucasian) because you'll only end up in divorce."

But there are very few Filipinos and minorities in Newbury Park, Calif. And when I gather with other Filipinos, I am considered "white washed" because of where I live and the way I dress and talk.

However, when I am around Caucasian boys, I feel unattractive because I look different. So basically, I am stuck.

Those are the feelings of the confused adolescent I used to be. At times I would wonder if I was not trying hard enough to suppress my Filipino heritage in order to seem more normal and, therefore, more attractive. At other times I would wonder if I was Filipino enough to be accepted by my "own kind."

Dating men of other races has helped me to clear up my confusion on interracial dating. I had always considered interracial dating a good thing because it seemed natural to me — my mother is half-Italian, half-Filipino and my siblings and cousins prefer to date Caucasians.

But only recently through my experiences have I developed a more in-depth opinion on this issue: While heritage adds to a person and his or her character, it does not make the person.

Race or ethnicity can add to a relationship, but it does not make the relationship. Rather, personality and character is what should draw two people together. Racial differences should not limit a person from discovering a beau-

tiful and compatible companion.

While my family has tended to have a bias towards same-race dating, it has been accepting of interracial dating with Caucasians.

My aunt has been married to an Irish man for more than 20 years. Looking at their relationship, I find it encouraging because my aunt does not suppress her Filipino upbringing to be more compatible with her husband.

Rather, my uncle embraces the Filipino culture and attempts to learn as much as he can about his wife's heritage. My uncle, out of love, has stepped outside his "comfort zone" and in return my family has accepted him.

However, family can often add tension to an interracial relationship. I remember my relatives' reaction to my first boyfriend, who was Persian.

"Be careful, they don't treat women right."

"He might seem nice now, but just be careful."

Much of this ignorance came from the media, but it was difficult bringing him into the family. I became a threat to his family, too. His father would threaten to stop paying his college tuition if he continued to see me.

Apparently his father felt that "Filipinos are disgraceful Christians who mistreat Muslims."

I had never felt so enraged and so misunderstood. Rather than letting the anger get the better of me, though, I used it in a positive manner.

During that relationship, and during subsequent relationships, I shared Filipino customs, traditions and foods with those I dated. In the process, I learned more about who I am and became prouder of my heritage.

In return, it has been just as important to learn about my partners' heritage. Personally, I have always had an affinity towards cultural awareness and learning about new people and traditions.

Learning about a partner's heritage

helps me to understand him better as a person. Moreover, my family and friends learn to be more understanding and accepting.

By advocating interracial relationships, I am also advocating cultural awareness. Yet as I stated earlier, heritage does not make a person; it adds to his or her character.

Geographic upbringing and the demographics of your environment also are strong influences on one's personality and interests. My sister considers herself more compatible with a Caucasian (blond hair, blue-eyed) man from the suburbs than she does with a Filipino who grew up in the city. When looking at my sister's relationship, I have observed that she is with her boyfriend not because of his race but because of their common interests — interests that have been influenced by their geographic upbringing.

"Love is colorblind."

I'm sure you've heard that before, but have you really thought about that statement? Sometimes I think we create boundaries and set limits on love. While love itself is colorblind, the love between two people can be colorful. Sharing cultural differences and embracing diversity makes relationships richer. It can also add to the excitement of dating. However, it is easy to assume things about people based on their appearances.

Setting mental boundaries prevents me (or anyone) from a wonderful and even life-changing encounter. I find it more fulfilling getting to know people rather than avoiding race.

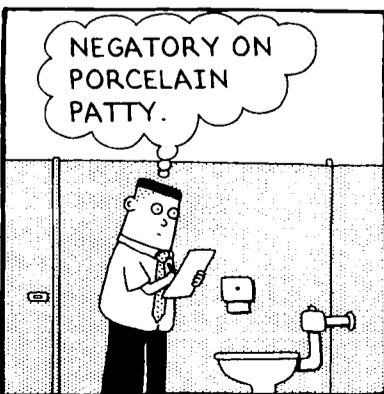
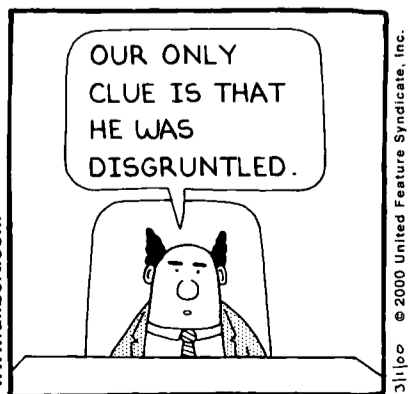
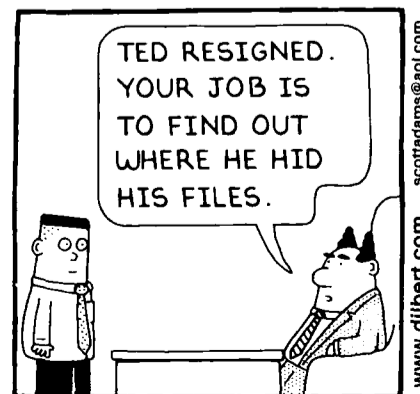
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Jennifer Guintu

What's Your Shade?

DILBERT



SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'll say this about one of us living in an all-white suburb. Crabgrass isn't our biggest problem."

Dick Gregory
civil rights activist

Be wary of horrible hospital care

Call me somewhat biased in opinion, but my 73-year-old grandmother, Marguerite McFarley, seems to me a thoroughly fair individual. In the same

Jason McFarley

The Bottom Line

breath (or half-hour-long story), she can recite for you all that's right with the world and, on occasion, some of what's wrong with it.

Go ahead, ask her how her day was; and of the past 24 hours she'll recount the good, the bad ...

The ugly? Yeah, you know, the people and circumstances that add more gray to her already-silver crown — those things on her "list."

Oh, I've heard all sorts of gripes, but lately at the top of Grandmother's list are two uglies: nurses and hospitals — not all of them but indeed a very "unpretty" few. Of course, Grandmother hasn't sworn off medical treatment altogether, it's just that going to get it makes her think twice now.

Me too. Especially if those in charge of administering care fall far short of fulfilling their duties. Just so we're on the same page, we're talking negligence here.

I told you what a judicious woman my grandmother is. She is not one to cry foul if that is not the case. And it is the case.

First, some background: Last January, Grandmother underwent double bypass surgery at Hospital X, where she remained in recovery for about two weeks.

Now on to Point No. 1: While in recovery, Grandmother was completely reliant on Hospital X's nursing staff. On one occasion, she remembers having to use the restroom and buzzing for a nurse to help her do so.

After more than 45 minutes of unanswered signaling, Grandmother's bladder yielded to forces of nature. With still no response from any nurse, she phoned my grandfather, who subsequently called the hospital to tell someone to check on his soaked and understandably upset spouse.

The buzzer, the hospital staff found, was defective. You think?

Point No. 2: Hospital X's policy is to assign patients a "nurse for the day." That is, a single nurse who attends to a patient for the duration of one day.

On one morning in particular, a nurse walked into Grandmother's room and informed her that she'd be her nurse for the day.

That was the last time Grandmother saw the woman. Fact is, it was the last time she saw any nurse until well after lunch time, when a different woman came into her room.

By then, it was hours past the scheduled time for my grandmother to take her prescribed medication. And in the span between not getting her pills and finally taking them,

Grandmother remembers feeling very ill.

Wait, there's more.

Point No. 3: another day, another nurse. This time my grandmother needed assistance bathing herself. Having had heart surgery just days before, her arm movement was restricted, to say the least.

She asked a nurse to help her wash her back and underarms. The nurse consented to the back washing, but said Grandmother would be on her own in washing under her arms.

Grandmother appealed to her. How could she reach to wash beneath her arms? Or, if she were, would she suffer some very painful consequences?

After listening to her, the nurse apparently decided Grandmother's bathing was finished. She flung the wash cloth at the woman in the tub and walked angrily out of the room.

There you have it. Three scenarios, three inexplicable and wholly unnecessary outcomes.

But I propose another scenario. One day, months after her stay at the hospital, my grandmother sees a picture of Hospital X's president in the local newspaper. He and a patient are mugging for the camera while a photo caption just below praises Hospital X's services to the community.

Yet realizing that she got the shaft from Hospital X's staff, my grandmother asks to speak to the president. She is denied, but as a consolation she can talk to a representative from the president's office.

Grandmother is not satisfied with this option and for the next year she sends correspondence and phones Hospital X to set up an appointment with Mr. President. She is denied time and again.

The truth of the matter is, this is how the events really happened. It's a shame, too, because all Grandmother wanted to do was tell the Big Cheese about her experiences at the hospital.

She didn't want to get involved in a lawsuit. She didn't want any of the nurses in question to lose their jobs. She just wanted to tell her story. Given the circumstances of her hospital visit, the very least the Big Cheese could offer her is his ear.

Bottom line here: well, that's hard to say. I could tell you that everyone deserves the chance to tell his or her story. Or I could warn you to be a cautious when it comes to investing your trust in medical care providers.

Instead, I'll borrow a bit from Jerry Springer: Until next time, take care of yourselves — and my grandmother.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nancy Fallon's life was a gift

I first met Nancy Fallon in 1989 when she came to talk to me about free-lance writing for Courier. I knew instantly that she was someone I wanted to work with — someone I couldn't wait to work with. She was a quiet, even unassuming woman when you first meet her, but in the course of our first meeting I could tell she possessed tremendous intelligence and insight. I couldn't believe how fortunate we were that Nancy had come through our doors.

During the seven years we worked together, Nancy wrote numerous articles for Courier that were all well-received.

Eventually, as her children grew older and were in school full time, she began to work on other projects for the College. She was widely respected by the extended College community, who knew her name even if they had not personally met her. Throughout our professional relationship, I was impressed by how devoted Nancy was both to her family and to the delicate juggling of caring for them and building her career.

When Nancy called me three years ago to tell me that Marilou Eldred had asked her to serve as editor of Courier, I was elated. I knew that she would put the soul back into the magazine that had been missing it for several

years.

The magazine truly soared under her leadership. She formed a strong creative partnership with art director Angela Michielutti, and the magazine never read or looked better than it did under their collaboration. As an editor, Nancy showed not only vision but a meticulous attention to detail. I couldn't wait to see what her next issue would bring.

I feel especially fortunate because, as much as I cherished Nancy as a colleague, she was also a dear friend.

Throughout our relationship, our conversations flowed as easily as they did that first day we met. We would talk about our work, our children, our professional aspirations and our personal doubts. Through it all, Nancy was always a supportive, positive and overwhelmingly gracious friend.

It's hard to imagine Saint Mary's or Courier without Nancy. It's even harder to imagine life without her. Her life was a gift to all of us who knew and loved her.

Maureen Manier
Former Editor
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February 29, 2000



Screening for morals is foolhardy

This is in response to Ms. Sheryl Miller's letter of Feb. 29, "Big families should not be mocked." I am sure I am not alone in taking mild offense at this article.

Ms. Miller's initial response of support for Ms. Antkowiak is well-placed and welcome. Intolerance and yuppie snobbery are as common on campus as Abercrombie and Fitch, and the belittling of Ms. Antkowiak and her family was entirely wrong-headed and anti-Catholic.

Ms. Miller's gross over-generalization, however, of this incident into what seems to be a condemnation of a) those who do not primarily accept an image of "the gentler sex" as the ideal for women, and b) small families as un-Catholic or unholy, seems to me to be mistaken.

As I am uncertain that I follow her reasoning, I cannot respond as I would like. I will focus instead on her desire for admission criteria by which "good" applicants are Catholic, "or at least not opposed to Catholic practices," and "bad" applicants are otherwise. I believe that such a solution is foolhardy, as it will not accomplish what Ms. Miller hopes, namely, to identify people of strong moral character.

Apparently, due to the nastiness exhibited by a few women of Lewis 2-South, Ms. Miller would like us to be more strict in admitting only good Catholics. Perhaps on the admissions application we could have a small questionnaire. We could ask, for example, about Mass attendance, understanding of Church doctrine, commitment to service, participation in youth groups in an attempt to determine who has the appropriate Catholic character. (Maybe even a question on family size would be in order ...)

This approach won't solve much. I'd be willing to venture that some of those "non-Catholic" women who taunted Laura would pass the questionnaire with flying colors. I'm sure everyone can think of a person who was, say, a model citizen and active in her youth group,

who is shallow and petty and thoroughly un-Christian though she has all of the right credentials.

And everyone can think of a quiet person who lives a humble, holy life but does not do all of the "right" things and would not pass the test. Effectively, a set of criteria which ask about actions and activities reveals little or nothing about the person's character. Holiness is a matter of the heart.

Moreover, such a limited questionnaire would eliminate those who are living good lives and are not Catholic. Two of my friends here are agnostic; another friend of mine is Muslim. My roommate is Episcopalian. These four people have contributed great things to my life and the University through involvement in various things — athletics, social work, even playing guitar at Mass. I believe that my Notre Dame experience would be worse if they had been denied admission because of a Catholic filter.

In fairness to Ms. Miller, she does acknowledge that non-Catholics are A-OK as long as they are not opposed to Catholic practices. My response to this is that Notre Dame, through its policy of keeping herself around 85 percent Catholic and her rules and regulations that we have all come to know and detest, already does a fairly decent job of maintaining a Catholic character here.

Perhaps the rules could be more stringent and more harshly enforced, but that is neither here nor there. The point is that selecting only "true" Catholic applicants will not solve Notre Dame's alleged moral crisis; on the contrary, such a policy runs the risk of exacerbating it.

Mary Beth Willard
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Some changes I'd like to make

Every place has some good and some bad. It comes with the territory. If you have nice grass, you probably have nice weeds. If you enjoy cheesecake, you probably have fat thighs. Just like Bret Michaels told us, "Every Rose has its Thorns"; Notre Dame has some thorns too. But I think we can trim them off and spend more time smelling nice.

Scott Little

Here are some suggestions: I think the girl's dorms shouldn't be locked up during the day. Everyone knows bad stuff only happens at night.

just a little

Every once in a while we hear about bad gender relations. Well, that might be due to the fact that the boys are locked out of the girl's dorms. And in the big scheme of things, men are still basically the predators and we are the ones to go out and hunt for girls. In the meantime I encourage all girls to cut through boys dorms on their way to class so we can all get a good look at you.

I would also like to propose something for the ROTC people. If they are going to look all too serious in their fancy uniforms anyway, they might as well also yell out "Hut, two, three, four" all the time when they are wearing their uniform. They would look a lot more professional. I also think that more people would be interested in joining ROTC programs if they gave out weapons earlier in the program. Then we could have a Notre Dame gun club that would have parties where crazy bald guys fire bullets out of their mouths.

Yet another conventional desire I have is to have a shoelace store on campus. Currently there is only one length and one style of shoelace that can be bought on campus at the bookstore: 45-inch Notre Dame shoelaces. There is a lot more out there.

One neat religious change: Drill a hole in Touchdown Jesus' mouth, and in the winter we could blow steam out of it to make it look like he is breathing.

College is often a time where a lot of us lose touch with our little kid inner selves. To remind us of the simple joys in life, I propose that we put in a roller coaster in North Quad and a jungle gym in front of South Dining Hall. The jungle gym would also solve the problem of people clogging up the area in and around the dining hall, because everyone would be out playing on it.

Along those same lines, I think every Friday with nice weather should be "Hot-Air Balloon Friday." On Hot-Air Balloon Fridays, hot air balloons with big ND symbols on them would take off from the golf course. About 100 kids would get the chance every Friday. And the cost would be \$10. We might as well have a recess time too. I know technically anytime could be recess time now, but if we were required to do it, those study-aholics would be forced to get outside and breathe fresh air instead of sucking on their smartbreath inhalers.

Another idea that would bring us closer to our youth would be a room about the size of Debartolo 101 and instead of walls it had giant Light Bright boards on its sides. And the floor would be two feet deep in light bright parts. That could even be a class, Light Bright Art Class.

And what about sledding? That is a fun youthful activity, but there are virtually no sledding hills around here. So let's build a Mount ND. I'm sure there is some money lying around somewhere for something like that. We could put Mount ND right by one of the lakes, and in the summer we could put a giant water-slide on the mountain that pours out into one of the lakes.

A few more quick ideas are a "Maintenance melt the snow day," waterbeds in the dorms, another college within the University for clowns and a "kiss your favorite nun day."

And my last idea for a change is for everyone on the Notre Dame staff to get a wax figure made out of them and then we will get a giant aquarium like the one at Sea World and put all the wax figures in it. Then fill the aquarium with clear gelatin, and watch the fun as all the figures end up in weird places.

Student elections just happened, so if you are one of the students with power and are reading this, I know I am not alone in my views, so let's see some changes. Let's make ND a nirvana.

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TV ANALYSIS



Courtesy of CBS

In the spirit of David Letterman's recovery from quintuple bypass surgery, the folks at "Late Night" have fun with a Letterman dummy. The show won big numbers during the sweeps month, though Dave's hospitalization probably wasn't planned.

Let's sweep sweeps into the garbage

For the past four weeks, television watchers have been blessed by pure, never-before-seen, quality (sometimes) television. Things happened on our favorite shows that don't typically happen. It was a special four weeks, in TV land.

And here are the landmarks: Maude Flanders died on "The Simpsons." "Cops" and "The X-Files" merged into one show (for only one episode). Somebody married a multi-millionaire on a show appropriately titled: "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?"

And it doesn't stop here. There was a homosexual kiss between two male gay characters on "Will and Grace." David Letterman returned from quintuple bypass surgery. Santana kicked everyone's behind at the Grammy's.

And perhaps in the most exciting two episodes in "ER's" long run as NBC's top show, something happened that changed the lives of two of the show's characters. This something brought in 39 million viewers, making it the most-watched show since the last episode of "Seinfeld." And what was this something? It was the stabbing of youthful doctors John Carter and Lucy Knight. Carter, who's been with the show since its inception, did not die. Knight, who is finishing up her second season on the medical drama, did.

It certainly was riveting television, and unfortunately, it is taking a hiatus.

If you look at today's date, you'll notice it's the first day of a new month. It's March, and that means that it's time for that pure television of last month to be lost in springtime, until it comes time for the television season to end in May.

Why? Why is this so? Why do television executives tease us with this stretch of great TV, only to let us down with a long stretch of reruns, reruns and more reruns?

While it's pretty much a given that it's all done for money — sweeps periods are when advertisers

reevaluate where they want to put their money, based on ratings and demographics and all that other stuff the normal television viewer doesn't really care about — why such cataclysmic events?

Now, I know we can't blame anyone for putting Letterman in the hospital, and allowing him to come back at the heart of February sweeps. And the Grammy's are a traditional awards show. But the other sweeps "events" seem to be over-hyped, super-dramatic injections of TV adrenaline that, while viewers love it at the moment of release onto the airwaves, falls flat soon after.

So come tomorrow, when everyone switches to WNDU-Ch. 16 to watch NBC's famed Must See TV, a hushed wave of disappointment will spread across not only this campus, but America. For we will see an old episode of "Friends." We will see an old episode of "Frasier." We will see an old episode of "ER." (This is why there were no "Scenes from the next 'ER'" shown after last week's show, by the way).

And to know the only reason this unfortunate shift in programming is that the calendar has shifted from February to March, I am at a loss for words. Though I do understand the basics of the economy behind commercial television, I am also a committed television viewer.

So my plea, to the TV writers and producers who probably will never read this column, is: Forget sweeps.

I know this will never become a reality. If only the energy put into giving us an hour of that disappointing

"what could have been" episode of "Friends" was devoted to making the other Thursday night comedy "Jesse" a more consistently funny sitcom. If only Letterman could have saved a few bypasses for April.

But, as I have said, this will not happen. Though it would be a step in the right direction of making television more viewer-friendly and more enjoyable to watch, it will never happen.

And that, perhaps, is the most unfortunate aspect of being a television-watcher. Things never go the way you want them to go.

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Mike Vanegas

Scene Editor

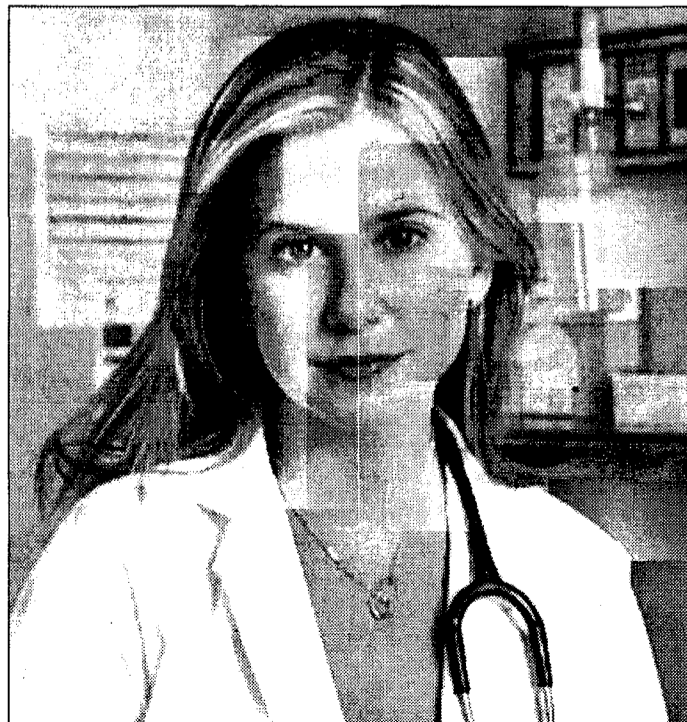


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ER's Kellie Martin experienced a heart-stopping departure in this week's top-rated show.

BP: Everybody knows your name

By JACQUELINE BROWDER
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You can see it from the towers of Grace and Flanner. You can see it from the library and from Stonehenge. You can see it from the doors of LaFortune. You can even catch a glimpse of it from the North Dining Hall. Are we talking about the Golden Dome? No, we're talking about Breen-Phillips Hall, a small dorm with a big presence on Notre Dame's campus.

Breen-Phillips, located on the southeast corner of North Quad, is one of the oldest dorms on campus. Built in 1939 and converted to a women's dorm in 1973, BP is home to some of the most talented and vivacious women on campus, according to its residents.

"The women of BP are all over the place," freshman Leigh Bothe said. "The girls here are busy all the time."

Known for their spirited nature and healthy appetites, the "Babes" of BP are involved in a variety of activities, ranging from varsity athletics and student government, to community service, where many have an active presence.

Second year rector Rebecca Davidson noted the fraternal nature of BP's residents. "There is a lot of good will between the women in this dorm," she said. "Whether a girl is celebrating a birthday or going through a difficult time, there is always a tremendous amount of support."

The spirituality in BP takes precedence as well. Each Sunday and Wednesday, residents gather in the chapel of St. Francis of Assisi to attend mass.

"Mass is a place where our residents come to be shaped as Christians and to affirm their faith," Davidson said. "This commitment to their faith influences their everyday actions and personal choices."

This commitment was lauded when BP received a special Apostolic blessing in 1984 from Pope John Paul II.

BP also has a great history of interhall sports championships. Winning interhall titles in soccer, basketball, football, and most recently, volleyball, the Babes uphold an upstanding athletic reputation on campus. Legendary football coach Frank Leahy even had an office in the halls of BP.

As for tradition, BP celebrates the opening of football season with an annual bathrobe breakfast where the women can be seen marching to North Dining Hall in their pajamas.

BP's mascot, formerly the Banshees, was changed this year to the Babes as a clever play on the dorm's rather robust



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Junior Babes Suzanne Lohmeyer, Allison Brandt and Jessica Dingman share a laugh and a snack while taking a study break in a spacious Breen-Phillips quad.

reputation.

"Having the not-so flattering stereotype of the Bay of Pigs gives BP a fun loving and spirited attitude and distinguishes us as a dorm," said junior Kerry Donovan.

As one of the smaller women's dorms on campus, BP is a place where "everybody knows your name," said freshman Jessica Manske. "I feel like I've gotten to know most of the freshman here as well as a lot of upperclassman, which I don't think I would have gotten to do had I been in a larger dorm."

This past weekend, BP held its third annual beach party, a night of music, dancing and tropical fun on an otherwise rainy February night. The spirited Babes spent most of the afternoon decorating their sections, turning the dorm into a tropical paradise. Jimmy Buffet would have been proud to call home. More than 70 percent of the dorm attended, making BP's winter SYR a great success and a lot of fun.

"There is a great sense of community here. I love being involved in the dorm

because you get to meet so many people you wouldn't otherwise get to interact with," said hall co-president Mary Ellen Wilson.

RA Jamie Fanning agreed. "Breen-Phillips is the most unique place I've ever lived," she said. "If I had the opportunity to do it again, I would live here. I love living here, and wanted to be an RA to give back what BP has given to me. However, I feel like I've only gotten more out of it. BP just keeps on giving back to you."

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7. Friends	14.4	14.5 million
8. Frasier	14.3	14.4 million
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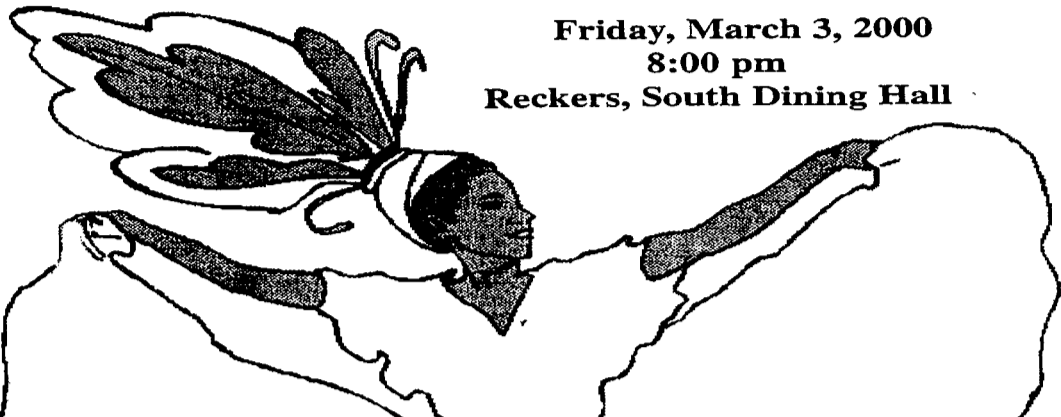
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Rocker re-signs with Atlanta for 1 year

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla.

John Rocker, suspended until May 1 for his offensive comments against gays, foreigners and minorities, agreed Tuesday to a one-year contract with the Atlanta Braves.



Rocker

Terms of the contract with not immediately available. The 25-year-old left-hander was one of the Braves' lowest-paid players last

year at \$217,500.

Rocker had 38 saves, one short of the franchise record, but does not have enough major league service to be eligible for arbitration. That severely limited his bargaining power and probably meant a contract of \$300,000 to \$350,000.

The players' association has appealed Rocker's suspension, which covers all of spring training and the first 28 days of the regular season. A decision by arbitrator Shyam Das is expected this week.

The Braves also signed outfielder Freddy Garcia to a one-year deal. He has a chance to make the team as a bench player.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McGraw nominated for Coach of the Year

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame women's basketball head coach Muffet McGraw has been named one of 15 finalists for the Naismith Women's College Basketball Coach of the Year Award. It is the second straight year the 13-year Irish mentor has been a finalist for the award.

The winner, selected by Naismith's National Advisory Board members, NCAA Division I coaches former Naismith award winners, NCAA Division I conference commissioners and media representatives, will be presented with the award on April 8 in Atlanta, Ga.

McGraw has guided the Irish to a 24-3 record and 15-1 mark in Big East Conference play this

season. Notre Dame has enjoyed a top-10 ranking throughout most of the season. Currently, the Irish are ranked sixth nationally after spending six weeks at No. 5, their highest ranking in school history.

McGraw, who owns a 285-113 ledger at Notre Dame and 373-154 overall mark in 18 seasons, has led the Irish to seven consecutive 20-win seasons. This year, the Irish won a school-record 20 straight before losing to top-ranked Connecticut on Sat., Feb. 26, in their regular-season finale.

McGraw has led Notre Dame to four consecutive 20 NCAA tournament berths and six overall. Her 1997 squad made the school's first and only Final Four appearance, while the 1998 team advanced to the Sweet 16.

The other finalist are: Geno Auriemma (Connecticut), Joe Ciampi (Auburn), Bill Fennelly (Iowa State), Mark French (UC Santa Barbara), Gail Goestenkors (Duke), Sue Gunter (Louisiana State), Andy Landers (Georgia), Rene Portland (Penn State), Marsha Sharp (Texas Tech), C. Vivian Stringer (Rutgers), Pat Summitt (Tennessee) and Kay Yow (North Carolina State).

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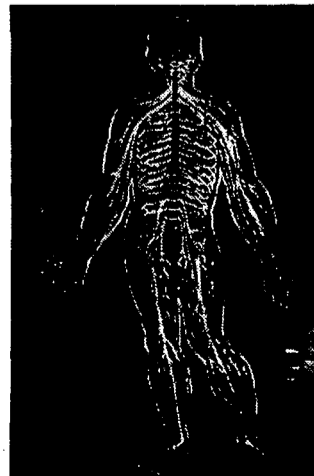
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would sit on this stage area behind the basket," McOwen recalled. "They started holding signs up, like 'Hey coach, how about running this play?' Because I would acknowledge their signs, they would become more and more brave. When the games would be over, they would come over and shoot around for a while. They were good kids."

But now, instead of good-natured heckling from behind the basket, Becker had to be a motivator and teacher. He had coached before, in recreation leagues, but this was different. For the next three weeks, six days a week, Becker assisted with the JV and varsity programs. He adjusted quickly, working tirelessly with the team, giving them tips and impressing McOwen.

"I think as a coach you can look at people and tell if they've got it in them to be a coach," McOwen said. "There's something about coaching that really gets in your blood if you like it. And he has it. He's got a good personality, he's a worker and he's smart."

The highlight of his tenure occurred the Thursday he returned to Notre Dame. About 10 minutes prior to the game, McOwen approached his JV coach. They decided that Ryan, along with the two undergraduate assistants, his sister Caitlin and her friend Julie Micklos would handle the coaching duties for the game. The present coaches sat in the stands while the future took over. For a few hours, at least.

"I had asked him about coaching in a game sometime," Becker said. "Then three minutes before that game, he comes up to me and tells me I'm in charge."

It didn't take long for Becker to become accustomed to roaming the sidelines.

"After a month of that [coaching at Villa]," Becker said, "I knew I wanted to try it."

McOwen and Becker had an idea. The Villa coach, who also serves as athletic director and coach for soccer and lacrosse met with his assistant. He suggested Becker write a letter to McGraw, a Philadelphia native, to see if she had a spot open on her coaching bench.

A few days after arriving at Notre Dame for the second semester, Becker wrote that letter, asking McGraw what she believed was the best way to break into the coaching profession.

Three days after sending the letter, McGraw responded, asking Becker to stop by the office. They met the following day, a meeting that Becker will never forget.

"She said the best way to learn how to coach is to do it and by watching others," Becker said. "Then she asked if I wanted to work with them. I was totally floored and shocked."

Watching the great ones

Basketball has always played a major part in Becker's life. He started playing the game around age 6 with aspirations of being a star player. But fate took over early in his high school career. After playing for the freshmen team, Becker was forced to quit. Diagnosed with arthritis at age 3, the pain in his knees shortened his career.

"I never really let that [arthritis] stop me from playing," said Becker, who played golf, tennis and baseball in high school. "But my doctors were against it."

He still plays for the Zahm

team and competes in pickup games. And he'll have a team at Bookstore Basketball squad.

But Becker doesn't need to be on the court to enjoy basketball.

The oldest of four children, he remembers going to downtown Philadelphia to watch college games with his father, cousin and two uncles. On Saturday or Sunday afternoons, they would watch the Big Five doubleheaders at the Palestra. And then every year, Becker, his cousin and uncle would go the Atlantic 10 tournament.

That's when he first caught a glimpse of one of his coaching idols, Temple's John Chaney, famous for the loosened neckties and bulging eyes that make him look like he sparred 10 rounds with Mike Tyson.

"We always stayed to see the Temple game because I loved John Chaney," Becker recalled. "I remember after one of the games, we were in a reception afterwards for the corporate sponsors. I'm standing there eating a sandwich and Bill Cosby is on my right. I bumped into him, then two minutes later in walks John Chaney. I talked to him for a couple minutes. It's me, John Chaney and Bill Cosby talking. At the time I was 12 or 13 years old. It was amazing."

"Growing up in Philadelphia, you've got to love Temple basketball," Becker added. "Chaney's just so fiery, he really cares about basketball. I've met him a couple times at different basketball tournaments and he's such a great guy; he'll sit there and talk to you and he's so animated. Looking down in the future, if I could ever have my own team, I want to have that great relationship with the players and get the fans so excited."

There are other coaches that have caught Becker's eye. Irish men's coach Matt Doherty, Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski and Oklahoma head coach Kelvin Sampson come to his mind.

Especially Sampson. Becker read an article last year about Sampson's undergraduate years at Michigan State. Every day, Sampson would go into the Spartan basketball office to talk to coach Jud Heathcoate, asking if he could help out with the team. Heathcoate said he didn't need any assistance. Sampson continued to pester the coach, continued to stop by the office. Then one day, the dedication paid off. Heathcoate finally obliged, giving Sampson an opportunity of a lifetime, as an undergraduate assistant.

Sound familiar? "I brought the article into Coach McGraw and said, Look he did the same thing as I did," Becker said. "So I wrote him a letter at the end of last year. He wrote a note back saying that a lot of it [getting into coaching] is being in the right place at the right time. He said to keep being dedicated, that it may seem difficult now but eventually you'll get a break. That was real encouraging to hear."

McGraw's apprentice

It's Feb. 17, two days before the most important game of the season — up to that point — a road game against No. 8 Rutgers. The first team is working on their zone defense against two substitutes and three undergraduate men. Becker, standing near half court in a sweaty gray T-shirt tucked into black nylon pants with a stripe down each side intently watches the action.

More than a year has passed since the meeting with McGraw. Since then, he's coached the Villa Joseph Marie JV summer league team to a championship. He assisted with McOwen again over the winter break. He's been elected senator of Zahm Hall. He has an on-campus job, working in the Copy Center in the Grace Hall basement.

He's gone from an unknown to an integral part of the No. 5 team in women's basketball.

Talk to Becker for a few minutes and you'll hear the excitement in his voice, see the joy in his face. To this day, Becker still is in awe of his position.

"Of all the teams I thought I'd be on in college, women's basketball was not one of them," Becker said. "Sometimes I walk into the practices and can't believe I'm here."

He's quick to point out his mentors — McGraw and her three assistants — who helped make the transition to coaching easier than expected.

"They didn't know me from whoever [when he began last year]," Becker said. "We're in

the middle of trying to win a national championship but they're still taking time to show me why we ran this play. They're amazing."

"I can't believe how much Coach McGraw knows about basketball," he continued. "She knows everything. I've never met anybody with as sharp a basketball mind as she has. And she is so passionate about the game. That's what I love most about her."

Those sentiments are echoed by the coaches with regards to their apprentice.

"He's a real positive influence on the sidelines which is always welcome," McGraw said of Becker. "At first, he was quiet, just watching and observing, but then he started stepping in being a passer in the drills and started charting statistics and stuff like that. He's got to know the girls pretty well and has been a nice addition."

"He's the jack-of-all trades," added assistant coach Kevin McGuff. "He really helps us out whenever we need something. He's done whatever we've asked of him."

If there's one thing Becker has learned in his tenure as student assistant is the time commitment, the dedication needed to compete in coaching.

"There's so much more than just basketball," Becker said. "You have to be a great public relations person to recruit people, there's a ton of non-basketball stuff like that that I've been shocked at."

"It's obscene how hard they [the coaches] work," he added. "Most people don't even know about that. I've been able to see day to day what makes a top-ranked basketball team tick. It blows my mind how much more there is than just basketball."

This summer, Becker plans to coach an AAU team near Philadelphia. The finance and government double major also hopes to have an internship at Morgan Stanley/Dean Witter or with his state senator.

After graduation, he plans to send résumés to college teams, looking for a coaching job.

"He'll have a jumpstart on a lot of other people," McGuff said. "Most people haven't had the same opportunity."

But before all of that, there's one short-term goal he hopes to achieve: a Final Four berth in his hometown, Philadelphia, on the first weekend of April.

"That would be amazing," Becker said. "I couldn't even imagine it. I can't even think about, I get too excited. God-willing we'll get that chance."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

League suspends Strawberry for 2000 season

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

Darryl Strawberry's stall was empty Tuesday. It figures to remain that way for a long time.

"Reality is hitting pretty hard this morning," David Cone said, one day after Strawberry was suspended for one year because he tested positive for cocaine.

"I'm extremely depressed today," said Cone, perhaps the Yankee closest to Strawberry. "It's tough watching close friends stumble again. Because he's suspended and won't be a Yankee this year doesn't affect our friendship. I'm sure everybody in here feels the same."

Commissioner Bud Selig imposed the ban and did not make any provision for the troubled star to return early for good behavior. It is the third cocaine-related penalty of Strawberry's career.

"First and foremost, he's got to get his life on track and get his addiction under control," Cone said. "What we can do as his friends is to try and convince him there are things to look forward to."

While they hope he can come back next year, Strawberry's teammates know there's a chance his baseball career is over.

"I just don't know at his age," first baseman Tino Martinez said. "I think this was going to be his last year anyway. I think it would be hard to miss the whole year and come back."

Martinez said he thought

Strawberry would be "intrigued" by a future opportunity to work with one of the Yankees' two minor-league teams based in Tampa.

Strawberry, an eight-time All-Star, had been expected to be the primary designated hitter for the two-time World Series champions this season at a salary of \$750,000.

"I think we have a designated hitter in camp, even if it's a number of people doing one job," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "We just go on. We're going to miss him, no question, but you don't have him and you can't do anything about it."

Instead, Strawberry's third drug suspension since 1995 left his future in doubt. Family friends who spoke with Strawberry on Tuesday said he was depressed.

"A baseball career means nothing at this point," short-stop Derek Jeter said. "You have to take it one step at a time. He has to do it himself. He has to want to do it, and I feel he wants to do it."

Strawberry is a career .259 hitter with 335 home runs and 1,000 RBIs, and a legacy of tape-measure shots. The NL Rookie of the Year with the New York Mets in 1983, he seemed headed toward greatness.

By the end of the 1991 season, at the age of only 29, he already had 280 home runs and 832 RBIs.

But legal trouble slowed him while drug and alcohol problems almost stopped him. He had stays in the Smithers Center and the Betty Ford Center. Then, during the 1998 playoffs, he was diagnosed with colon cancer.

"I think his major concern is taking care of his illness before he thinks about doing anything," outfielder Tim Lincecum said. "He's been having had a tough time over the last couple years. We hope he gets helped, and that's our main

concern." Strawberry returned last season and hit .327 with three homers and six RBIs in 24 games. He hit .333 (5-for-15) with two home runs in the postseason, and the Yankees celebrated their second straight Series sweep with non-alcoholic beverages, out of respect to Strawberry.

Strawberry was suspended in 1995 for 60 days following a positive test for cocaine use. In 1999, Selig banned him again from April 24 to Aug. 4 after Strawberry was arrested for cocaine possession and soliciting a prostitute.

Strawberry later pleaded no contest to the charges and was undergoing regular drug tests

as part of his legal punishment. His Jan. 19 test came back positive and led to the latest penalty.

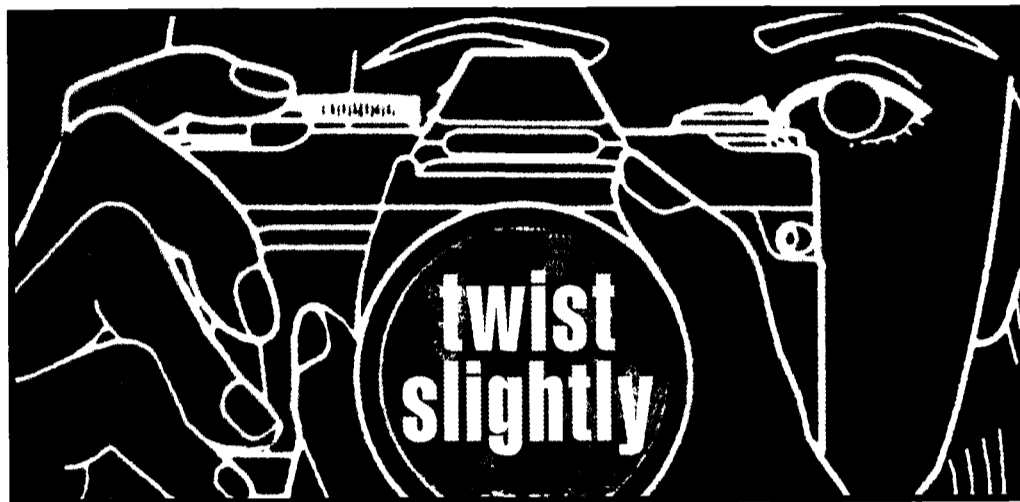
"I didn't envy the commissioner," Cone said. "Last year was supposed to be a year suspension and it was reduced to 120 days. It's pretty hard to make a strong argument this penalty was too harsh."



Strawberry

"First and foremost, he's got to get his life on track and get his addiction under control."

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shooting will be crucial for the Irish. Both Providence and Miami used long distance shooting to fire up game-deciding runs against Notre Dame.

"Against Miami, it was a mental breakdown," Doherty said. "Against Providence, it was a guy who was ridiculously hot and there's not much you can do against that."

"The problem with Syracuse is they have four guys who can step out and shoot that perimeter shot," Doherty added. "They're just good. We have to make some subtle adjustments in our zone."

Syracuse has five players who average in double digits — Thomas with 13.8 points per game, Jason Hart with 12.0, Damone Brown at 11.4, Ryan Blackwell with 10.6 and Shumpert at 10.4 points.

While Shumpert's shooting buried the Irish in the last meeting, Thomas has the potential to shut the Irish down defensively. Last season's Big East Defensive Player of the Year, the 6-foot-9 senior ranks second on the all-time list of block leaders in the conference.

"They have overall size and quickness and experience," Doherty said. "It's basically juniors and seniors on their team. They're taller at every position."

Notre Dame's go-to guy is Murphy, who is a potential All-American. Murphy leads the Big East in scoring with 23.1

points per game, as well as rebounds at 10.5 per outing. When opponents find a way to keep him down, the Irish usually sink as well.

The Orangemen are looking to lock up a Big East regular season championship, while the Irish hope to remain in the sights of the NCAA selection committee with an upset victory.

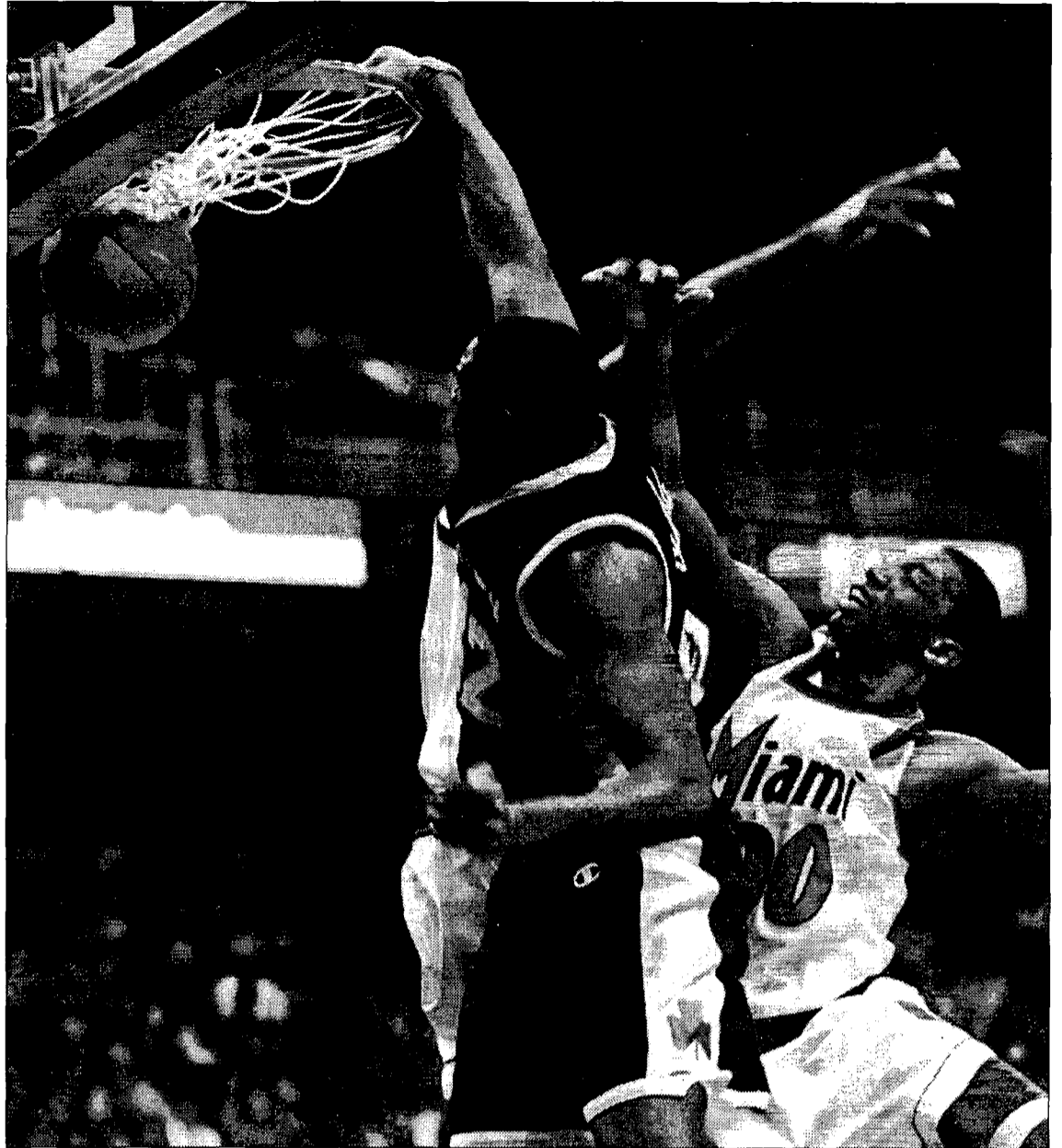
"We've put [the NCAA tournament] way in the back of our minds," senior point guard Jimmy Dillon said. "We'll worry about the postseason when the postseason comes. We want to get some momentum and that all starts tomorrow."

Tonight's game marks the final home game of the season for the Irish, who boast a 13-3 record in the Joyce Center. It will be the last time seniors Dillon, Skylard Owens and Todd Palmer take the floor on their home court.

"We want to send the seniors off the right way," Graves said. "It's going to be an emotional day for everybody. What a way to send them off, to close out the season — on our home court with another big win."

Dillon plans to stay focused on the goal at hand, rather than getting caught up in the emotions of his final home game.

"It's going to be running through my mind, my last time stepping on the court at the Joyce Center," Dillon said. "It's going to be an emotional night, and we're going to try to block it out as much as possible, and our goal is to get a victory against Syracuse."



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Searching for answers to mysterious sports questions

If you watch sports long enough, some things will start to jump out at you. They might seem weird or crazy or just not make a whole lot of sense. You can postulate your own theories but must usually accept that a definitive answer will be hard to come by.



Ted Fox

Fox Sports ... Almost

In the spirit of this search for the proverbial holy grails of the sporting world, I thought I'd share a few of those questions that are picking at that mostly-empty space I like to call my sports brain. Feel free to provide your own answers.

Let's start off close to home

under the Dome with Notre Dame football. At game one next year against Texas A&M, is the band going to play the "Bob chant"? If they do, how many people will actually make the little "b" and "d" with their fingers? Will it be all freshmen doing it? Of course, if no one else did do it, would the freshmen just pick it up on their own and burst out in joyous melody with the 1812 Overture?

Moving over to the Joyce Center, what does it mean when the basketball public address announcer calls a foul a "common foul"? Maybe I've just revealed a gross deficiency on my part in basketball lingo, but in eight years of playing organized basketball and a lifetime of watching it, I've never heard that designation anywhere else. Is saying it's "common" actually a fancy name for blocking or reaching in?

Next, basketball at any level: When someone shoots an airball, why does it seem like nine

people stand back motionless and watch as one guy from the offensive team, and no more than one guy, makes a move for the ball? This will happen anywhere from Alumni Hall at Indiana University, where the Hoosiers beat Michigan State this weekend on what any shooter would deem a "pass," to your neighborhood court where just about everyone is a chucker.

Going with the theme of basketball but moving on to the professionals, how good is Vince Carter, and how good is going to get? We saw him win the slam dunk contest by elevating both himself and Isaiah Rider's "East Bay Funk Dunk" to a different universe. Then, on Sunday, he dropped 51 points on Phoenix on a variety of dunks, drives, free throws, and, most impressively, fade-away jumpers a la Michael Jordan.

Now, I'm the biggest Jordan fan in the world, and I don't think we'll see his likes again.

That being said, MJ didn't add that shot to his bag of tricks until much later in his career. Carter has it in year two. Watch out.

Speaking of professional sports, professional football will apparently have a new face in the crowd when the World Wrestling Federation sponsors its own league. Here, the roles of question and answer are reversed. The WWF's "The Rock" is asking me, "Do you smell what The Rock and the WWF are cooking?" to which I can only reply, "No, seriously."

While the NFL gets out the sand bags and mason jars to try and wait out the storm of attention this new league will bring, I must ask: How have the last two Super Bowls included the Rams, the Falcons and the Oilers (a.k.a the Titans)? How did the Rams win a Super Bowl? Where did their quarterback, Kurt Warner, come from?

Well, we can answer that last one: arena football, which

brings up another interesting point. The upcoming arena football season was recently canceled due to some sort of labor disagreement. The questions: How does arena football go on strike? Does anyone really watch it to begin with? Will you really miss it if it's not there? Maybe they just figured they'd get out of town before the WWF football train comes rolling through.

This is the sort of stuff that's been rambling on in my mind for the last few days. You might have some questions of your own now, like: Does he think this was at all funny or informative? Why did I flip the page to read the rest of this? What does "Fox Sports ... Almost" mean? Whose this guy's barber, anyway?

All good questions.

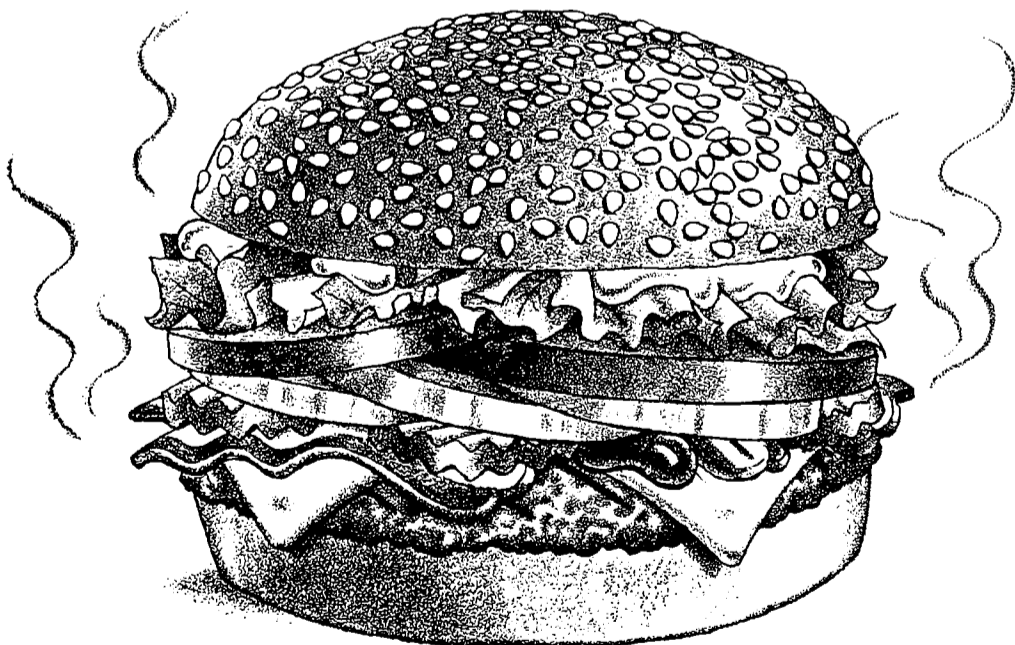
I'm just happy I can't hear all the answers.

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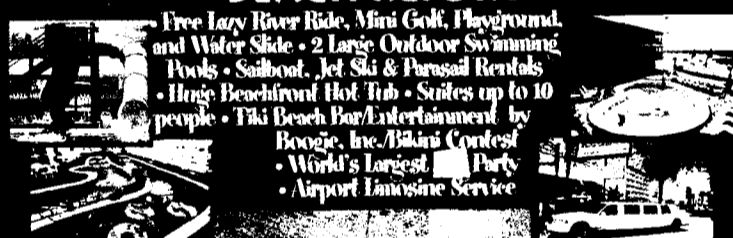
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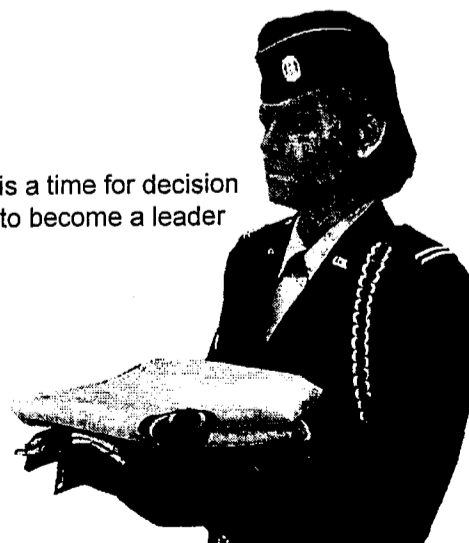
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'He-man' Mehan TKOs Vuolo in third round

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

In 155-pound action, Paul "He-Man" Mehan lent some validity to his nickname with a convincing victory over Robert "The Skinny Ginnea" Vuolo. Though Vuolo's reach was longer, Mehad was able to land punishing shot after punishing shot.

Intent only on protecting himself from a Mehan onslaught, Vuolo was not able to mount much of a charge.

After stopping the fight three times to allow Vuolo to receive medical attention, the referee finally called the bout in the third round, allowing Mehan to come away with a TKO and a precious finals berth.

In the other half of the 155-pound bracket, Jeff "The Pittsburgh Kid" Dobosh knocked off Tom "The Pretender" Pierce. In one of the night's closest bouts, Pierce demonstrated that despite his nickname he was indeed for real. Dobosh was given all he could handle and needed a third-round charge to come away with a split-decision victory.

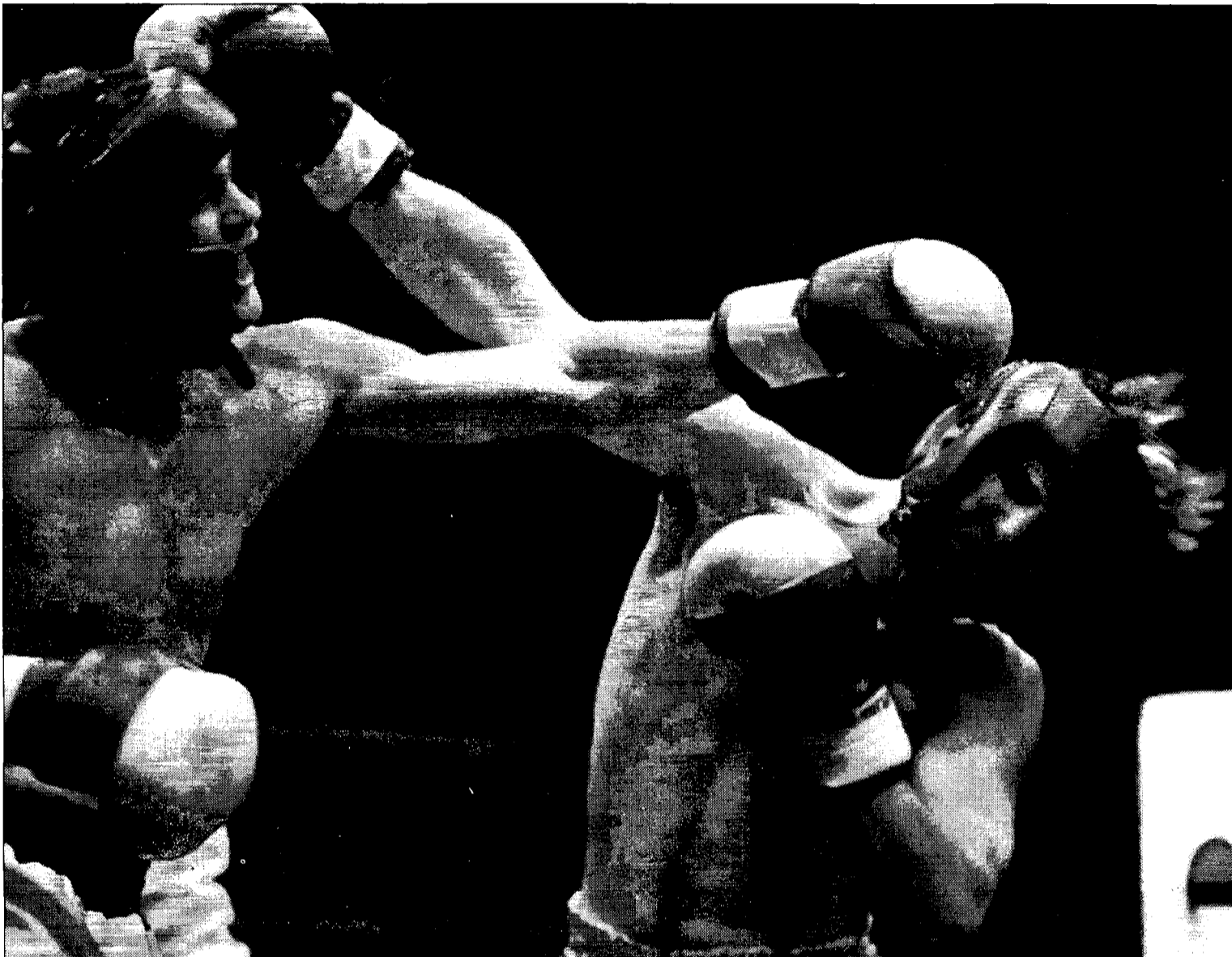
160-pound division

In a bracket thought to be the Bouts' most wide open, P.J. "Downtown" DuWors demonstrated himself as the clear favorite. DuWors bested Joseph "The Polygamist" Smith in a classic that went the distance.

DuWors worked predominantly with his jab in an effort to hold Smith at bay. "I worked off my jab to try to overcome his reach," DuWors said. "I was able to position myself to go upstairs and downstairs that way."

With the match seemingly knotted heading into the final round, DuWors knew he needed to come out swinging. "I was dead in the third," DuWors admitted. "The guys in my corner were awesome. They really pumped me up."

Duwors then went to town on a surprised Smith, landing just enough shots to gain a close split decision.



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Jeff "The Pittsburgh Kid" Dobosh and Tom "The Pretender" Pierce exchange blows in Tuesday night's semifinal bout. Dobosh recorded a split-decision victory over Pierce to advance to the final in the 155-pound division. He will face Paul "He-Man" Mehan in Friday night's championship.

DuWors will tangle with Chris Matassa for the 160-pound title. Matassa advanced to the final round in winning a unanimous decision over Matt "All You Can Eat" McCullough. "I think I've gotten better with every fight," said Duwors. "I just want to get a chance."

165-pound division

In what might be the bouts' deepest division, Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak looks like the toughest competitor. Nowak scored a first-round knock-down over southpaw slugger

Tim "Rock" O'Rourke and coasted to a unanimous-decision victory from there.

"I threw a lot of lead rights," Nowak said. "I changed my style a little bit to counteract his left-handed technique."

Nowak seemed to get better as the fight progressed. "My corner really kept me focused," Nowak said. "They helped me keep my energy level high."

Nowak will duke it out with Don "The Destroyer" Penn in Friday night's final. Penn whipped Joe "The Polish Tank" Czerniawski in gaining

a unanimous decision. Though both fighters were able to land some spectacular shots, Penn's blows proved the mightier.

170-pound division

In 170-pound action, Brian "Hoppe" Hobbins pulled out a unanimous decision over Ben "The Mail Must Get Through" Dillon.

Both brawlers were able to score several vicious blows early on, setting the stage for a third-round showdown. Hobbins, the top seed, pulled out all the stops and his late

charge proved the difference.

"I knew it was going to be close," said Hobbins. "I just had to dig deep and put it all on the line."

Rob "The Golden Schlager" Joyce looked more like "Golden Gloves," wailing on an overmatched Joe "Layth Down The Smacketh" Kippels. Joyce connected on a series of powerful uppercuts, leaving Kippels slightly dazed.

While Kippels had hoped to lay down the smack, Joyce moved to lay down the law as he scored a relatively easy unanimous decision.

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180-pound division

Top seed Joey "Soda Pop" Leniski didn't find the road to the finals any easier than the one to the semis, but he managed to pull out another split decision against Doug "Sauce Doggy Dog" Bartels.

The swift Bartels attempted to take control of the fight early and almost succeeded in getting a knockdown midway through the second round. But Leniski gathered enough momentum to mount a comeback in the third, highlighted by a flurry of punches just short of the closing bell.

"I didn't come out real strong," Leniski said. "So I had

to first of all put my guard up when he charged me. I used my hook a lot more, which really made the difference in the match. I caught him with the hook, then came back with the power, and just got him off balance at times."

Leniski will face off against Mark Criniti, who upset second-seeded Tom "The Hitter" DeSplinter in a unanimous decision. Criniti overcame DeSplinter's reach by biding his time, using his agility to move to all corners of the ring before delivering well-placed blows.

190-pound division

Fans near the blue corner found themselves close to a brawl in one of the most hotly contested fights of the night, as Kevin "Hardcore" Brandl

"It took a lot more out of me than I thought. ... Hopefully, I'll fight better in the final than that."

Mike "Honey" Hammes
190-pound contender

defeated Jason "It's Not Easy Being J Rod" Rodriguez in a split decision.

Both sides used the corner to their advantage in pummeling the opponent, but a third-round comeback by Rodriguez fell just short.

After earning the only bye of the division last night, senior Mike "Honey" Hammes started his top-seed defense on a shaky note, defeating Chris "The Sweet Scientist" Pearsall in a split decision. After spending

most of the first round to feel his opponent out, Hammes depended on his left jab, while keeping his right close for defense. In the third, Hammes turned to his right to keep Pearsall off guard.

"It took a lot more out of me than I thought," Hammes said after the win. "I would have liked to get a first fight in, almost like a sparring fight, to get the nerves out and everything. Hopefully, I'll fight better in the finals than that."

200-pound division

While Hammes may have found the two-round wait to be a negative factor, junior captain and top seed Peter "Beat the Rap" Ryan had a different opinion. After reaching the semis on a bye and a walkover, the Keenan resident earned a

decisive victory over Joe "It'll Take You a Month to" Healy.

Ryan took the offensive early, using his speed and reach to deny Healy a chance to get into his groove. Healy was knocked down twice in the third round, and the referee called the fight just seconds before the closing bell.

The last bout proved to be the shortest of the night. With a few deftly placed punches, off-campus law student Dan "Let Me" Adam knocked Alumni junior Jonathon "BGP" Pentzien to the canvas, astonishing the mostly Dawg crowd.

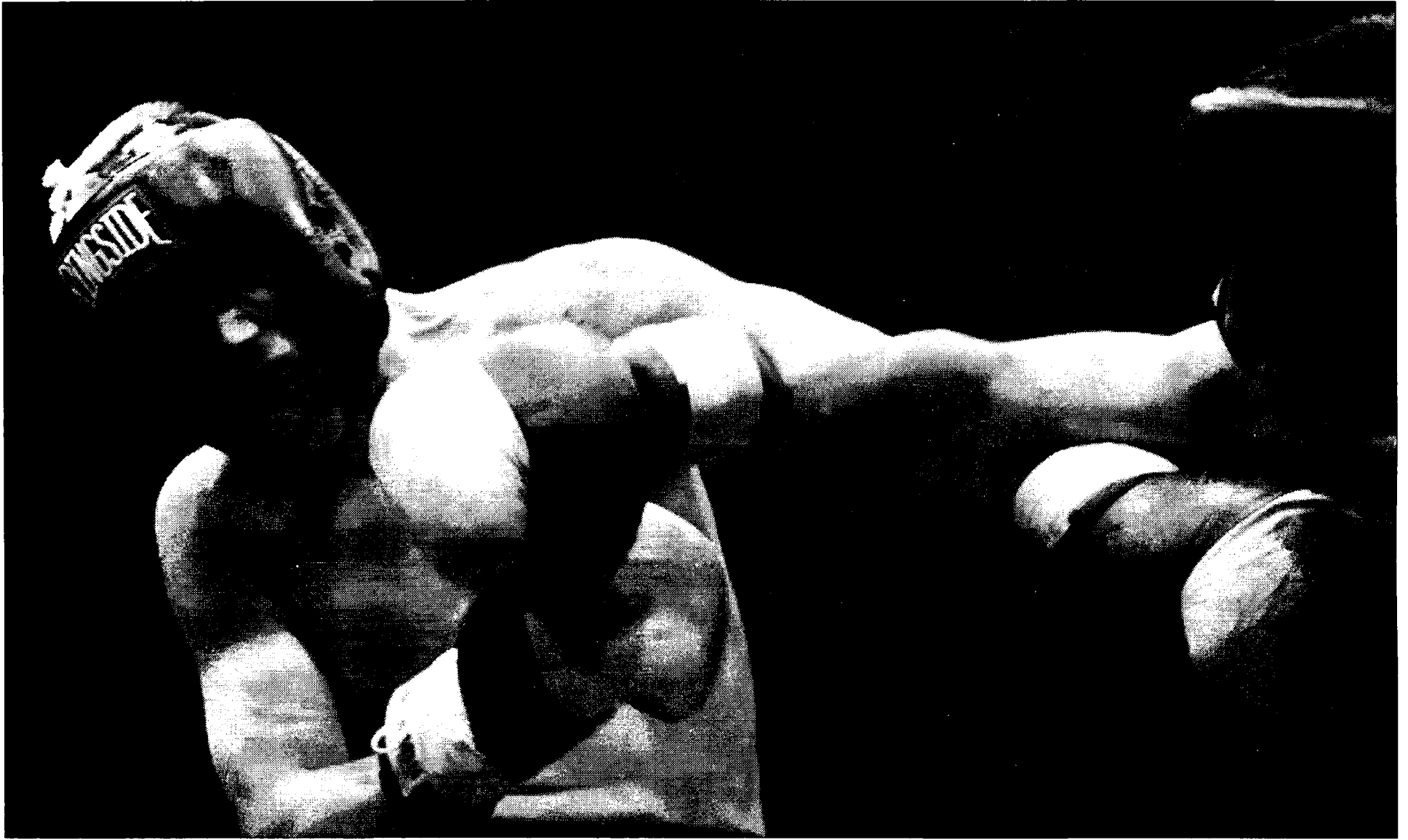
"I knew John was a real strong guy with a good reach," Adam said. "So once I saw his face open up I on his punch I just tried to stick him in the nose. I got a couple good ones in and he went down."

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Matt Fumagalli (left) absorbs a right hook from opponent Jason McMahon during Tuesday night's semifinals. Fumagalli upset the top-seeded McMahon, recording the split-decision victory

Top-seed Fishburne wins unanimously over Dixey

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

The lightweight fighters came into the Joyce Center for Tuesday's Bengal Bouts semifinals looking to secure a shot at a championship. Many of the top seeds moved on, but the finals will feature a pair of surprises.

120-pound division

James "Piranha" Fishburne had no difficulty overcoming Michael "Mr. Bubbles" Dixey in the first bout at 120 pounds, securing a win by unanimous decision.

Fishburne had the smaller Dixey backpedaling throughout the fight, and when Dixey dropped his hands, the top seed landed multiple hooks to the head. By the third round, Fishburne landed enough open hooks for Dixey to be given a standing-eight count.

In the other 120-pound semifinal, Shawn "Knockout The Old And Bring In The" Newberg also earned a unanimous decision by employing an effective strategy. For most of the first two rounds, Newberg allowed Sam "The Dan" Buonadonna to chase him around the ring and hit Newberg in the hands. When Buonadonna tired, Newberg capitalized with jab and straight combinations to the head.

130-pound division

It was all about momentum when top-ranked Jason "The Sweet Sensation" McMahon clashed with Matt "The Don" Fumagalli in the first 130-

pound bout.

At different points in the explosive first round, each fighter almost knocked out the other with wide-open hooks to the face. McMahon first landed a stunning blow that sent Fumagalli backwards, but Fumagalli soon answered.

The second and third rounds were much of the same. Each time McMahon seemed to do damage, Fumagalli responded and controlled the end of each round. In the end it was Matt Fumagalli coming away with the upset-split decision.

"I knew his hooks were awesome at the beginning," Fumagalli said, "I was dropping my right hand, he kept hitting me with those hooks, but I kept concentrating on keeping my punches straight."

Fumagalli will face the second seed, Camilo "Rollin'" Rueda, in the finals. Rueda notched a split-decision victory over Michael Kontz in his semifinal fight.

The contest started off slowly with neither fighter able to land anything substantial as both moved in and out. Eventually Kontz became more aggressive, throwing hooks and uppercuts, but Rueda was able to work inside, staying low and using a stiff jab.

140-pound division

Mike "The Motor City Madman" Waldo did not plan to out-box second-seeded Anton "Ton of Bricks Poundin' Down On Yo Face" Kemps in the 140-pound semifinals. Instead, he prevailed with brute force.

Setting the tone from the start, Waldo came out swinging

furiously, landing plenty of hooks as the two fighters stood toe to toe. The fight soon turned into a slugfest that Waldo needed to win.

Kemps connected on his share of hooks and jabs, but Waldo got the best of most exchanges, as well as the surprising victory by unanimous decision.

Top seed Kurt Wilson put an end to the surprise run of freshman Josh Coleman in the other semifinal bout of the division with a split decision. Coleman moved around a lot, sticking and moving, but unlike his quarterfinal win, he had trouble landing combinations. Wilson backed up Coleman and landed a few more hard shots, which made the difference.

150-pound division

Senior captain J.R. "Maddog" Mellin continued his march to the finals with a unanimous decision over Tom "T.K." Owens at 150 pounds.

Mellin adopted a more aggressive approach in the semifinals, moving in and out less, and trading hooks with Owens. Although he controlled the fight enough to win, Mellin did take more shots than in his quarterfinal bout.

"I wanted to try out my power a little bit, too," Mellin said. "I kept seeing these bruised in my weight bracket. It's sort of like playing

chicken out there, you just keep hoping he's got less than you do, and he's gonna fall through before you do."

Owens was able to answer some of Mellin's hooks when the two stood in close, but the captain never got into serious trouble.

Presenting a formidable challenge for Mellin in the finals will be Dennis "The Natural Disaster" Abdelnour. Abdelnour turned in a dominating performance, knocking out "Cool Hand" Luke Stanton.

Abdelnour backed up

Stanton in the first round, landing continuous hooks to the head leading to a standing-eight count. By the second round Abdelnour had scrapped technique and proceeded to hammer the head of Stanton, resulting in another eight-count.

Stanton was unable to work through the barrage from Abdelnour and in the third round was finally knocked down, stopping the fight at 56 seconds.

Abdelnour now has two knockouts in as many fights.

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150 LB. Weight Division

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Former manager Anderson joins Hall of Fame

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

Sparky Anderson had a choice. Would his Hall of Fame plaque show him wearing a Cincinnati Reds cap or a Detroit Tigers hat?

"It was so hard," he said Tuesday after being elected by the Veterans Committee. "I spent nine years in Cincinnati and 17 in Detroit, and they treated me like a king in both places."

In the end, the only manager to win World Series championships in both leagues chose Cincinnati. He did it to thank former Reds general manager Bob Howsam.

"He hired a 35-year-old nobody knew and he had the courage and fortitude to do that," Anderson said. "Had he not done that, I doubt very much in all honesty that I would have managed in the major leagues. And I owe that to him."

Anderson's election ensures a Red-letter reunion on induction day. Big Red Machine first baseman Tony Perez and longtime Cincinnati broadcaster Marty Brennaman were previously selected.

Along with Anderson, the Vets elected Negro leagues outfielder Turkey Stearnes and 19th century infielder Bid McPhee, who played his entire career in Cincinnati.

But Ted Williams, Stan Musial and the rest of the 14-member panel had a lot more trouble deciding which former big leaguer to elect — be it Bill Mazerowski, Gil Hodges, Dom DiMaggio, Mel Harder or Tony Oliva.

So for the first time since 1993, it did not choose anyone in that category.

"We hoped someone would be there, we really did," first-time member Hank Aaron said. "It just got too hard. Maybe next year."

Afterward, the chewed-up pens and half-eaten cake in the meeting room told the story. Despite five hours of discussion and two tough ballots, it was a shutout — it took 11 votes for election, and Mazerowski just missed with 10.

"It built my hopes up, but not to the point where this is a big

letdown," said Mazerowski, working as a spring training instructor for the Pirates in Bradenton, about an hour south of Tampa.

"There was a lot of push in Pittsburgh and by the Pirates, and I appreciate all that. It just didn't happen," he said.

Anderson, who turned 66 last week, was elected in his first of eligibility. Third on baseball's career victory list, he is the only manager to post 100-win seasons in both leagues.

"I never wore a World Series ring, but I will wear this one every day until I die," he said from his home in Thousand Oaks, Calif. "That, to me, is how much difference there is between the World Series and Hall of Fame."

Anderson will become the 16th manager inducted into the shrine at Cooperstown, N.Y., on July 23. He has been to the upstate New York village, but has never set foot inside the Hall.

"I didn't ever want to go into the most precious place in the world unless I belonged there," he said.

Perez and Boston catcher Carlton Fisk, whose Game 6 home run beat the Reds in the 1975 World Series, were both elected in January by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Anderson was 863-586 with the Reds from 1970-78 and led them to Series titles in 1975-76. He was 1,331-1,248 with the Tigers from 1979-95 and guided them to the 1984 championship.

Anderson, who made two other Series appearances, is the only manager to lead two teams in career wins. He victory total ranks him behind just Connie Mack (3,731) and John McGraw (2,784).

McPhee batted .271 and stole 568 bases from 1882-1899. A second baseman, he resisted wearing a glove until late in his career.

Stearnes hit .359 over 18 seasons in the Negro Leagues. He began his career with the Detroit Stars in 1923 and led or shared the league lead in home runs six times.

The panel, down to 14 because of Buck O'Neil's illness, could not decide on a former major leaguer.

Mazerowski was a seven-time All-Star and won eight Gold

Gloves, becoming one of the best fielding second basemen ever. He also hit one of the dramatic home runs in history, a bottom-

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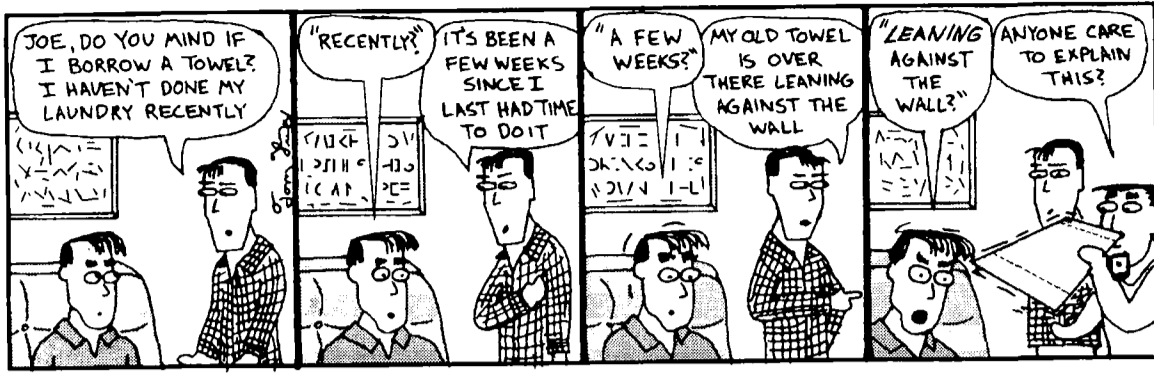
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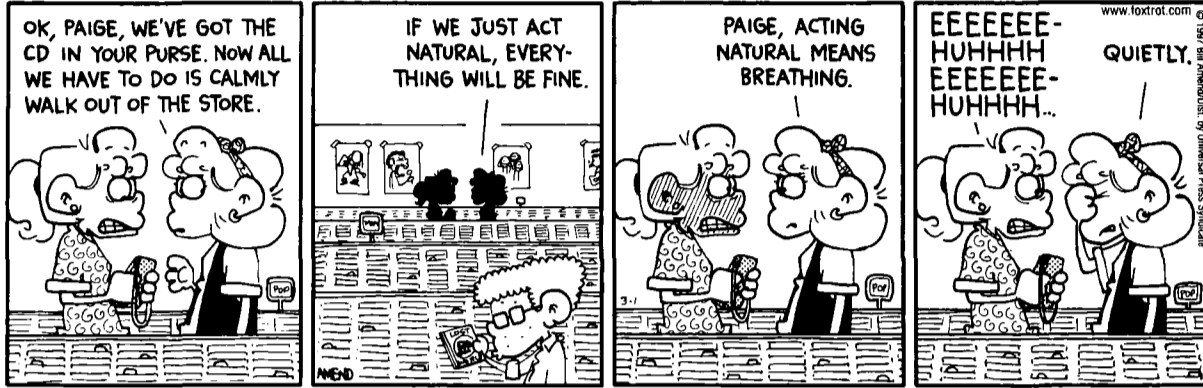
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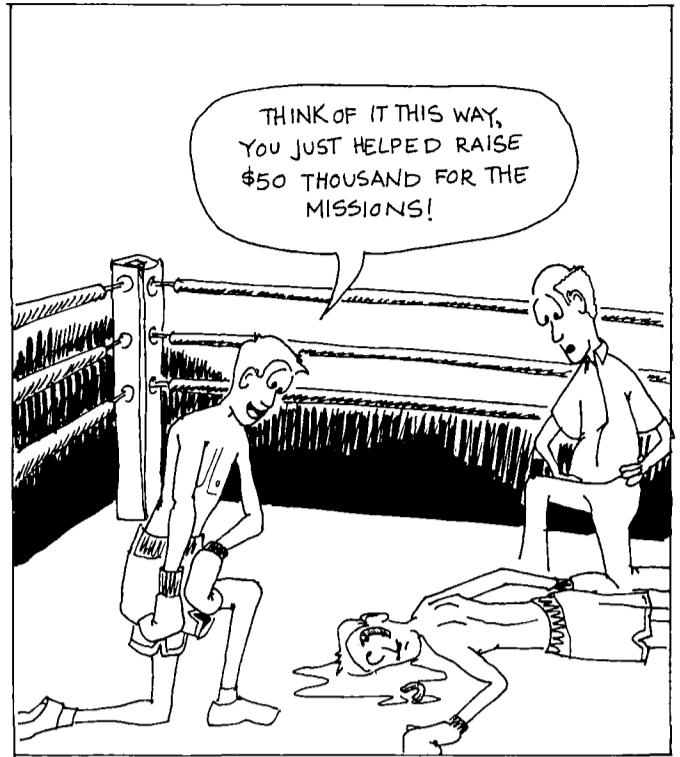
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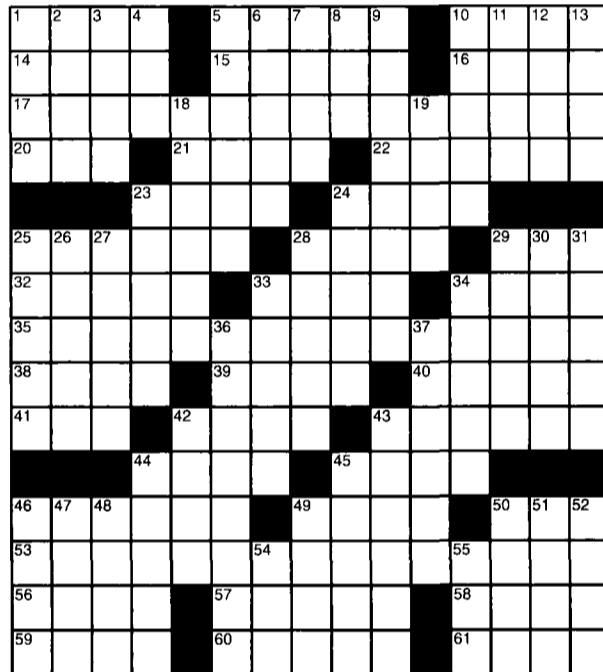
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dinah Shore, Ron Howard, Harry Belafonte, Alan Thicke, Timothy Daly, Robert Bork, Roger Daltrey

Happy Birthday: You've got your act together, and it's time to show everyone exactly what you have to offer. Your shrewd business sense will impress associates and colleagues. You will be honest and straightforward, gaining popularity and a good reputation in your chosen field. This is a perfect year to move quickly, focusing on exactly what you want to accomplish. Your numbers: 7, 10, 27, 33, 41, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can gain approval and get kudos, by asking for help and putting a little heart into your speech or request. Rewards, gifts or money from investments, surrenders or taxes can be expected. ☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A change of attitude has probably disrupted your home environment. Verbal abuse may lead to walkouts or rash statements you may regret later. ☹☹☹☹

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Red tape will be impossible to clear up today. You may as well work on projects that will allow you to make progress. In-laws or relatives will oppose your intentions. ☹☹

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your family is probably feeling neglected and unloved. You have been so busy trying to figure out what to do next that you've forgotten you're not alone. ☹☹

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Once again you find yourself having problems with co-workers and employers.

You are ahead of your time, and trying to stay in one spot is just asking too much. ☹☹☹

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may find yourself changing crowds. Boredom has led you in new and unique directions, which offer interesting friendships. ☹☹☹☹

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be emotional if you have been extravagant or let children or friends take advantage of you financially. You should channel your efforts into getting rid of bad habits. ☹☹

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Coarse language may cause you to want to get out of the house. You are better off visiting friends or relatives than entertaining at home. ☹☹☹☹

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This will be a difficult day to deal with co-workers. You are not likely to be treated well, and your boss may make it hard for you to do your work effectively. ☹☹☹

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can look into new jobs, but don't count on getting help from someone who may have promised you assistance. Financial limitations will have to be dealt with on your own. ☹☹☹

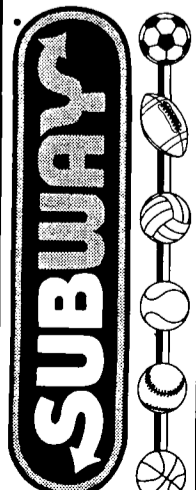
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You won't get the reaction you want from your mate today. Intimate relationships with colleagues will lead to gossip that could easily affect your position. ☹☹☹

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may divulge secret information without realizing it today. Be cautious not to get involved in office chatter that will cause problems for others. ☹☹☹☹


Birthdays: You will have a strong sense of who you are and what you want to do from a very young age. Your ability to push yourself and your beliefs will always put you in the limelight. You are sensitive toward others and therefore will be well-liked throughout your life. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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MEN'S BASKETBALL




vs. #9 Syracuse 9:00pm

TONIGHT!





Women's Tennis



TODAY

vs. # 11 Northwestern 4:00pm

Eck Tennis Pavilion



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Becker lives his coaching dream with Irish

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Ryan Becker stood on the Joyce Center court, talking with some coaches and players during water break at a recent practice. The women's basketball team had just finished another set of drills on a chilly afternoon in mid-February and needed a rest. Becker, a sophomore and unpaid student assistant, moved toward head coach Muffet McGraw to ask her a question. Then, out of the corner of his eye, Becker noticed a familiar face.

"I said to coach McGraw, That's Digger Phelps!" Becker said excitedly. "And she looks at me and nonchalantly says, Yeah. It was unbelievable."

Walking out through the tunnel was Phelps, former Irish men's basketball coach, local resident and current ABC/ESPN college basketball analyst. Phelps headed out to McGraw, an old friend, and chatted for a few minutes. In the midst of their conversation, McGraw had a question for Phelps regarding a certain defense. She needed someone to act as an offensive player on an imaginary opposing team.

Enter Becker.
"We went over a 2-1-2 zone and I was in the corner with the ball," Becker recalled. "Coach McGraw was asking [Phelps], If this guy slides up, what happens to him? It was unbelievable. There was me alongside Coach Phelps and Coach McGraw. Right afterwards, I ran right over to him and told him what I

was doing."

What Becker is doing has never been done here at Notre Dame. He's assisting with the women's basketball team, the No. 5 team in the nation. His duties include everything from gathering film to finding male undergrads to scrimmage against the women to preparing fliers to lure recruits. He attends all practices, sits on the bench for all home games. He's living a dream.

And enjoying every minute of it.

"It's been a fun ride," Becker said.

From super fan to coach

The journey from fan to coach began a year ago during winter break. After his first semester at Notre Dame, Becker headed back to Philadelphia, his hometown. His sister, Caitlin, was serving as an undergraduate assistant at her school, Villa Joseph Marie, an all-girls Catholic high school in Holland, Pa. After picking her up from practice for a few days, Becker called Villa coach John McOwen, asking if he could help with the team. McOwen agreed.

"I had no problem with it," McOwen said. "We like to get new people to help out."

Becker was no stranger to the Villa program. As a senior in high school, he would go with some friends to watch Caitlin play. A part of the cheering section, Becker made himself known to McOwen.

"They [Becker and friends]



Volunteer assistant coach Ryan Becker enjoys a laugh with senior point guard Niele Ivey at Tuesday's practice.

KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Seniors prepare for last game

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

After sky-diving from elation and excitement with wins over Connecticut and Seton Hall to disappointment and discouragement with losses to Providence and Miami, the Notre Dame men's basketball team is looking for a life jacket to prepare it for a bumpy ride against Syracuse.



Graves

"I'm just telling them that we've bounced back before," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said. "We lost two games in Pennsylvania and bounced back to beat Connecticut and Seton Hall. Hopefully we can bounce back from these two losses."

The Irish (23-2, 12-3) will need to be in top form to beat the No. 9 Orangemen (16-12, 7-7).

"It's been an emotional roller coaster throughout the year," sophomore forward David Graves said. "Every time we've hit a low spot, though, we've responded. I don't think we need to play a perfect game to beat Syracuse. I think we need to

play a solid game."

In the two teams' first meeting of the season, Syracuse ran over Notre Dame, 80-57.

In their January victory over the Irish, the Orangemen jumped into the lead in the second half with a 19-1 point scoring spurt, led by six 3-pointers. Sophomore Preston Shumpert keyed the Orangemen's run with four 3-pointers en route to a 26 point outing.

"We just have to get out on their shooters, make sure that Shumpert doesn't get hot and try to contain Etan Thomas," sophomore forward Troy Murphy said.

Defending against outside

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Biolichini picks up big win over Dietrich

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

BENGAL BOUTS



In one of the most heavily anticipated bouts of the evening, top seed Tom "The Tulsa Bomber" Biolichini defeated Tom "How Ya Like Me Now?" Dietrich in a battle of two aggressive boxing styles in the 175-pound division.

Biolichini's agility, combined with an impressive reach, allowed him to press the battle to the gold corner early in the first round. Later on, fatigue set in and prevented Dietrich from taking advantage of opportunities early in

the final round.

The off-campus senior will look for a third title against Sorin junior Josh "The Sandman" Thompson, who erred on the side of caution early before ending his fight against Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer with a flurry of punches in the third. A comeback by Pfeiffer was only prevented by the sound of the final bell.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



vs. Northwestern Today, 4 p.m.



Baseball vs. Wake Forest at Minneapolis, Minn. Friday, 12:15 p.m.



at Pacific Coast Doubles La Jolla, Calif. Friday-Sunday



at Pennsylvania Saturday, 1 p.m.



vs. Syracuse Today, 9 p.m.



vs. Michigan State Friday, 7:05 p.m.



Softball vs. Tennessee Saturday, noon



at Big East Tournament Storrs, Conn. Sunday-Tuesday, TBA