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A travel feature explores the parks of Disney World from kingdoms of animals and magic, to wild rides and restaurants.

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Men's soccer names new coach
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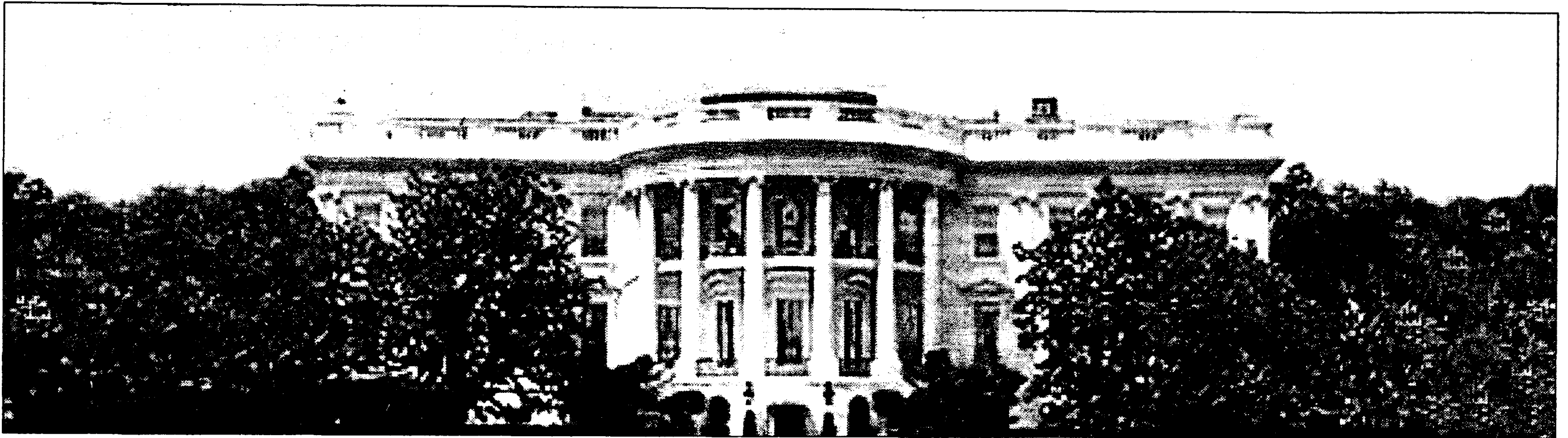
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Welcome to the White House, Mr. President

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Saturday, Jan. 20
Inaugural Ceremony
11:30 a.m.

Inaugural Parade
2:00 p.m.

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After weeks of electoral turmoil, the nation prepares for the inauguration of its 43rd President, George W. Bush

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Festivities leading up to George W. Bush's inauguration began Thursday with a star-studded show at the Lincoln Memorial. Bush obviously relished the event, smiling, flashing a thumbs up sign at entertainer Wayne Newton and promising to give the country "a fresh start."

Before laying claim to the presidency this weekend, Bush and his wife, Laura, as well as Vice President-elect Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, mixed with celebrities including Latin singer Ricky Martin.

Bush took to the stage toward the end of the

show and, in an unspoken acknowledgment that he had won the presidency despite losing the popular vote, thanked those who didn't vote for him.

"Wherever you come from, whatever your political party, thank you for taking part in this great tradition of our country," Bush said. "My administration will serve all Americans and this inaugural is for all Americans to enjoy."

"I am honored to serve and I am ready to start," he said.

Organizers had anticipated that 75,000 people would attend, but the cold and an intermittent drizzle apparently kept many away although police gave no official crowd estimate. Bush and other members of the incoming administration sat under a canopy that

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Bush Biography

- ♦ Born July 6, 1946
- ♦ Undergrad degree, Yale University
- ♦ M.B.A., Harvard University
- ♦ Served as F-102 pilot, Texas Air National Guard
- ♦ Elected 46th Texas governor, first to serve two terms
- ♦ Became Republican presidential nominee, Mar. 14, 2000
- ♦ Elected nation's 43rd President by Electoral College, Dec. 18, 2000

Generations raises over \$1 billion, sets records

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

How long does it take to count past a billion?

Organizers of Notre Dame's Generations campaign expect to know soon, but on Thursday they were still tallying contributions to the record-shattering fund-raising project — more than two weeks after the effort wrapped up and four months after it broke the bank, surpassing the \$1 billion mark.

As of Thursday, gifts and pledges raised through the campaign had climbed \$53 million past that mark, according to Dan Reagan, associate vice president of University relations. Officials, still busy totaling contributions from a December-giving boom, will not make available a final figure for at least 10 days.

Reagan said that the sum likely will not be dramatically different from the current total.

Once Notre Dame accountants close the books on Generations, it will signal

the end of one of the most lucrative fund-raising ventures for an American university. Already the biggest draw in Notre Dame and Catholic university history, the campaign makes the school only the 18th university overall, and 12th private, to collect \$1 billion.

"We've been very fortunate all the way through. There has been tremendous support for this campaign from beginning to end," said Reagan, who is also the University's executive director of development.

By any standard, Generations proved a coup for the University.

Announced in May 1997 with an intended goal of \$767 million, the 2 1/2-year campaign exceeded that aim in summer 1999 — 18 months ahead of the organizers' target date.

Soon after, Generations became Notre Dame's most successful fund-raising endeavor, pulling in more money than all previous University campaigns combined.

Then, in September 2000, with more than three months remaining until its Dec. 31 conclusion, Generations hit the \$1 billion mark.

Reagan said several matters will receive priority consideration for proceeds from Generations. Specific areas officials plan to focus on include undergraduate financial aid, professorships and endowed chairs, Hesburgh Library collections and renovations and other building initiatives.

Generations began with the objective of increasing student scholarships and faculty endowed chairs, funding needed

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associate vice president of University relations

new academic facilities and improving program support to existing ones.

Thirty months and \$1 billion later, Reagan acknowledged that at least some of those objectives remain underfunded. He said the University will continue efforts to increase fellowships for graduate students, law school financial aid and endowed professorships. Improving engineering facilities and expanding those in the law school will also be goals.

Funds from Generations have already been used to assist the University press, renovate the architecture building and improve international programs.

The success of the campaign may be linked to the generosity of the Notre Dame community. Reagan estimated that 74 percent of University alumni made gifts or pledges to Generations. That is in addition to a large response from parents and others tied to the school, who boosted donation efforts.

Reagan also credits Notre Dame

see MONEY/page 4

INSIDE COLUMN

Missing: 4'1" fan

My journey back to South Bend fared unusually well considering that Delta pilots may have been on the verge of striking before my departure. I thought that my arrival back would have been a rude awakening to the arctic temperatures of the Bend.

But instead, I was kind of used to the frigid weather since the winter in Atlanta was one of the coldest in the last 20 years. I came back to my dorm in one piece, yet dreading the days to come that are sure to bring many hours of late night cramming and a drastic change of diet consisting largely of coffee and Mountain Dew.

My roomie, on the other hand had a not so pleasant experience with American Airlines. Her luggage somehow mysteriously disappeared and ended up being on another flight. Thankfully for her, it showed up in the wee hours of the morning.

During the first night back spent unpacking and rambling about the workload and the missing luggage, we suddenly came to realization that our fan was missing. Now this is not your average cream-white floor or window fan with a 12-inch propeller.

This is a state of the art, four-foot tall, seven inch wide, remote control, rotating fan. I loved that fan. It had a timer, you could set the mode to different air flow pressures, and it was definitely unique. Everyone visiting our room would eventually ask, "what is this thing?" And my roomie and I would proceed to rave about our ventilating wonder.

Because of the fan's unusual size, it became somewhat of a hassle since we had no where to place it except in front of the refrigerator. But now that Windy is gone — the name we so affectionately named him in his prime — we will definitely miss his presence and his cooling capacity.

What an impulse, to steal a fan. I mean even, though it was a pretty expensive fan, according to my roomie, no rational person in my mind would want to steal one. And true, Lewis is one of the older dorms that isn't air conditioned, but to steal a fan to me is like wanting to steal a lamp, or a pencil sharpener or some other ordinarily stupid item.

Not to say that stealing nice things is a good idea, but if you're going to steal at least make it worth your while.

Who could be so callous and cruel so as to have ruined such a wonderfully pleasant relationship between two girls and their fan? Whoever took the fan, you're not a good thief. You somehow failed to snatch the remote on your way out.

One other thing, anyone so desperate to steal a fan in the middle of January is not on the sharp side, so my advice to them is to seek professional help before you end up stealing something major like a blow dryer.



Kiflin Turner

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Vanderbilt establishes chair for Malloy Jan. 19, 1998

Vanderbilt University announced the establishment of a chair in Catholic studies in its school of divinity after University President, Father Edward Malloy, a high honor rarely awarded to a living university president. Malloy, who received a doctorate in christian ethics from Vanderbilt in 1975, stated that he is "honored and thrilled to be remembered in such a way."

Reagan picks ND alumnus as chairman Jan. 21, 1981

A Notre Dame alumnus had been tapped by the Reagan administration to play a key role on coordinating foreign policy. Richard V. Allen was called upon to fill the post of Chairman of the National Security Council. Allen who had previously served as a foreign policy expert on the Reagan transition team, pledged to remain in the background in U.S. foreign policy as National Security Advisor.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

T.V. show exposes Ritalin abuse on campus

COLOMBUS

In an investigation by NBC's "Dateline" that aired Tuesday, Ohio State University was one of three universities across the nation that showed Ritalin abuse is very common.

"Dateline" investigative reporters, who posed as students seeking Ritalin, found similar results at OSU, Indiana University at Bloomington and The University of Texas at Austin.

"Dateline" approached about four OSU students who were willing to find Ritalin for the undercover reporters. "Dateline" found the students at popular OSU landmarks such as The Oval, the Main Library and outside the university bookstore.

Louise Douce, director of Counseling and Consultation Services at OSU, said the "Dateline" investigation was



filmed last summer. She added that "Dateline" gave two weeks notice after the investigation before returning to speak with a university spokesperson.

Douce, who appeared in the "Dateline" program as an OSU

spokeswoman, said, "I had two weeks to learn everything I could about Ritalin. I learned from our psychological substance abuse specialist and from Student Wellness."

Ritalin, also known as "Vitamin R" and "R-Ball," is a stimulant that is prescribed to people who have Attention Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder.

"It takes a pretty significant assessment to make the diagnosis, and Ritalin is only to be used by those who are legitimately diagnosed," Douce said.

According to the "Dateline" report, which focused on Ritalin abuse, if taken correctly Ritalin is absorbed into the blood stream and stimulates the brain, helping it focus on certain tasks more clearly.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Official investigates Nike factory

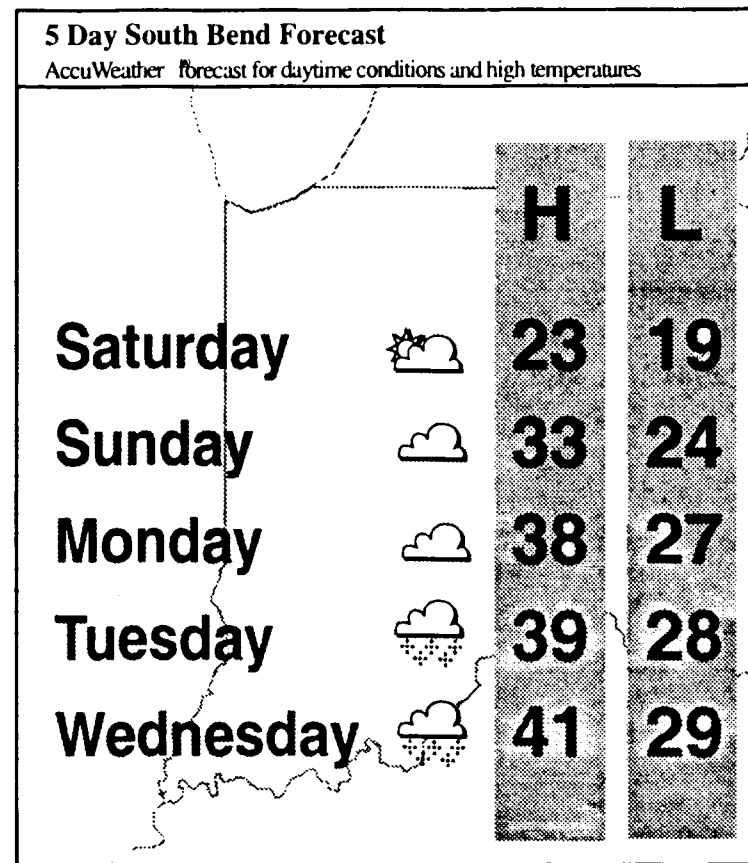
A University of Iowa representative in the Worker Rights' Consortium will take part in the labor group's first-ever investigation into allegations of worker abuse at a factory where Nike sweatshirts are made in Mexico. Marcella David, a UI law professor and a participating member of the WRC's governing board, will embark on a three-day mission at the Korean-owned Kukdong apparel factory in Atlitico, Mexico, Saturday, with a handful of other WRC representatives. "The purpose of the mission is to gather enough information to determine whether these serious allegations of abuse are accurate," the Washington, D. C.-based WRC Executive Director Scott Nova said Wednesday. "We want to have meetings with all of the relevant parties. We want to meet with the unions, the factory management and local government officials." The WRC, which the UI joined last April, is one of two labor watchdog groups to which the UI belongs. Made of 70 member colleges and universities, the group tries to enforce codes of conduct to ensure that apparel is not manufactured in sweatshop-like conditions.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

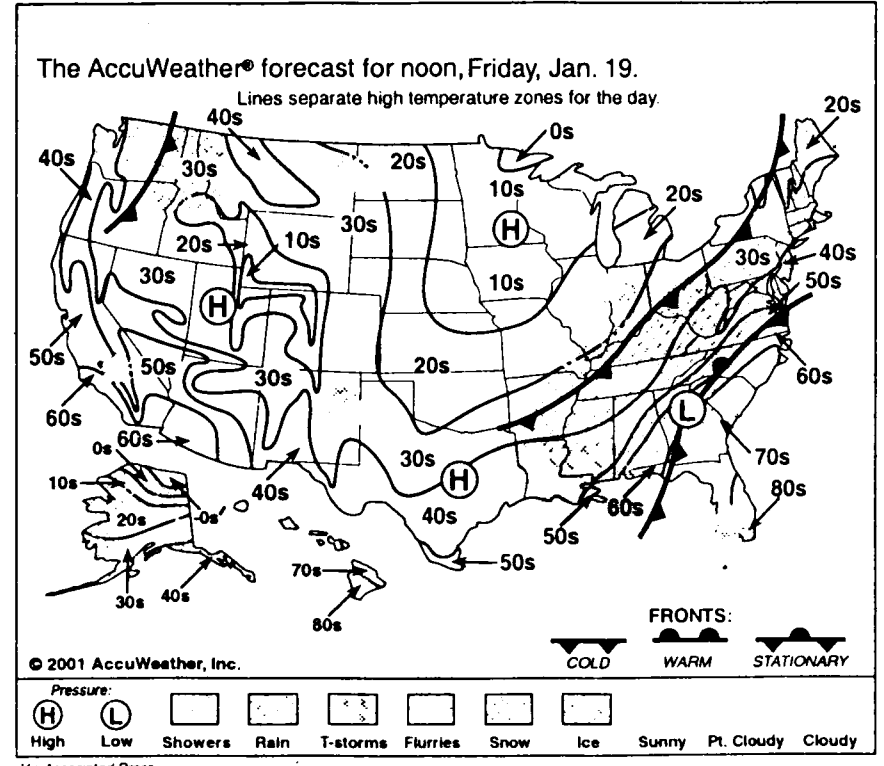
Suspicious boxes contain bibles

Though it may not have been intended, the fear of God was put in many on the campus of West Virginia University Wednesday morning. The six suspected packaged "bombs" found scattered throughout the Downtown Campus early Wednesday contained religious material meant to be read by those who found them, said Bob Roberts, chief of the WVU Department of Public Safety and Transportation. "The intent was to share religious material with students on campus," Roberts said. "All packages had the same materials inside them — a ringed notebook, a small bible and other religious material." The suspect responsible for Wednesday morning's incident was later found by officials, Roberts said. "Two officers drove by and spotted a suspicious vehicle," Roberts said. "One person, a traveling individual not from the area, left the packages this morning and did not mean to create a scare." Roberts said that the suspect's name will not be released until prosecution determines if and what charges will be filed.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Atlanta	59	42	Las Vegas	53	34	Portland	46	36
Baltimore	45	37	Memphis	34	25	Sacramento	53	35
Boston	42	26	Milwaukee	25	11	St. Louis	29	16
Chicago	29	16	New York	44	34	Tampa	80	63
Houston	46	29	Philadelphia	43	35	Wash DC	45	36

Registrar, students cope with cancelled exams

By ALLY JAY
News Writer

One would be hard pressed to imagine a more stressful academic period at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame than the week of final exams. But last December this period became even more stressful when snow canceled the Tuesday, Dec. 12 exams. The cancellation was the first time the University halted final exams in nine years, according to University Registrar Harold Pace.



Pace

"It was strictly a safety concern for faculty and off campus students," said Pace. "It was frustrating because we knew that the undergraduates were ready to take their exams and many were on campus, but we weren't sure about the safety of faculty and students coming from off campus and we didn't want to endanger their lives."

According to Pace, the decision to cancel exams first became a concern Monday afternoon when South Bend Mayor Steve Lueke issued a ruling that all non-emergency vehicles stay off the roads.

While the decision to reschedule exams may have prevented car accidents on the snow covered South Bend streets, it threw a monkey wrench into the studying habits of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

"What was also frustrating was that I

was mentally prepared to take it that day, and the cancellation threw off my other studying and focus for that exam," said freshman Claire Reisinger.

Pace said that there is a team of Notre Dame administrators and security officials who keep apprised of weather forecasts for the area and road conditions and then make the decision whether to close the University. At approximately 5 p.m. Dec. 11, weather forecasts showed that there would be heavy snows all night, and because of this the team decided to meet at 4 a.m. to make the decision.

"I asked them to include me in the meeting because of the impact cancellation would have on exams," said Pace. The team gathered by phone in the morning and received word from the city was that roads were in poor conditions and impassable. Consequently, the team made the decision to close the school.

In a move designed to minimize disruptions of students with travel plans on Saturday, Pace decided along with other Notre Dame administrators, to extend the time period for exams on Thursday and Friday which resulted in some students having exams with unusual time slots of 10 p.m. until midnight and oth-

ers having more than three exams in a 24-hour period.

"We felt really bad about not being able to be able to enforce the rule, but in order to finish exams by Friday so that students would not have to forfeit their Saturday travel plans, it was our only solution," said Pace.

For freshman Lisa Chambelle, whose two Tuesday exams were cancelled, Friday proved a full day because she had to take the two rescheduled exams and one that was originally scheduled for Friday. "I started testing at 8 a.m. and ended at 9:30 p.m. At the end I was stressed and exhausted," she said.

The decision to reschedule

incited a strong student response over the possibility of the new exam schedule conflicting with traveling plans.

"After I first sent out the list of rescheduled exam times I got over 100 e-mails from students asking what they should do about conflicts," Pace said. Basically my advice was to ask the professor and the faculty were allowed to have a lot of options. It was amazing because the next day I did not receive any e-mails."

Pace attributed the drop in e-mails to the faculty's flexibility. "I think the fac-

ulty really made it work and had flexibility so that students could get their exams done and keep their travel plans," said Pace.

Jill Boroniec, a senior pre-professional student whose Anatomy exam was cancelled, agreed. "My final was rescheduled for 4:30-6:30 on Friday but about 1/2 the class e-mailed my professor that they had a conflict. He e-mailed us and said that the final was optional and we could take the final and have that count, or our grade could be based on the three exams we had already taken. I thought he was really accommodating," said Boroniec.

Senior Marry Ellen Goodman also had a professor who was flexible about her cancelled Tuesday exam. He e-mailed the students the same exam that they were supposed to take and made it an open notes-open book exam. The professor also advised them to "Have a cup of hot cocoa while you take the test."

"I thought it was really nice of my professor to let me do the exam by e-mail instead of having to take it late at night on the re-scheduled day," said Goodman.

While the sudden weather conditions caught the administration off guard this year, Pace said future measures will be taken to ensure that a specific plan will be present in the event of another similar situation.

"We're going to work on this for the spring, though hopefully we won't still have snow, and we'll have ideas and be better about communicating them in a timely fashion which we could improve on," said Pace.

"It was frustrating because we knew that the undergraduates were ready to take their exams and many were on campus, but we weren't sure about the safety of faculty and students coming from off campus, and we didn't want to endanger their lives."

Harold Pace
University Registrar

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Bush

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protected them from the elements.

Martin was the headliner for the show, set on a stage built on the memorial's steps. After Bush spoke, Martin sang one of his signature songs, "Cup of Life," swiveling his hips to the salsa-style music. He brought Bush on stage afterward to watch the fireworks with the other entertainers.

CNN talk show host Larry King was master of ceremonies for the 2 1/2 hour show.

Later in the evening, Bush and Cheney were appearing at three candlelight dinners for Republican supporters who paid \$2,500 per ticket. A table cost \$25,000.

Laura Bush was to make her Washington debut Friday at a celebration for America's authors. The former librarian was to fete best-selling writers Stephen Ambrose and Mary Higgins Clark, among others. Shortly thereafter, Cheney was hosting a salute to the nation's veterans. The president-elect was to attend both.

Several inaugural galas were scheduled for Friday night, including the Texas Black Tie & Boots Ball, where Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman, actors Chuck Norris, Robert Duvall and others were celebrating the presidential victory of Texas' governor. Bush's Hispanic supporters also were holding a special ball in his honor.

The focus of the hoopla, of course, was Bush's swearing in at the Capitol at noon Saturday. About 500,000 people were expected to attend, including 1,000 dignitaries, among them members of Congress, the Supreme Court and the diplomatic corps. The inaugural parade, with 37 marching bands from high schools and colleges nationwide, plus six military bands, was to follow. Later that night,

celebrating Republicans were attending eight official balls and many other parties.

On Sunday, as president of the United States, Bush was to open the White House doors to public tours.

Thursday's show included a parachute drop by six paratroopers onto the mall and a military flyover. Among those who gave brief remarks was Cheney, who described his boss as "a good man, a man of generous instincts" and "worthy of the trust" of the American people.

Secretary of State-designate Colin Powell, who sat in the audience with Commerce Secretary-designate Don Evans, at one point stood up and clapped and sang "Let the Sun Shine In" along with Marilyn McCoo and her husband, Billy Davis Jr., founding members of the 1960s group The Fifth Dimension.

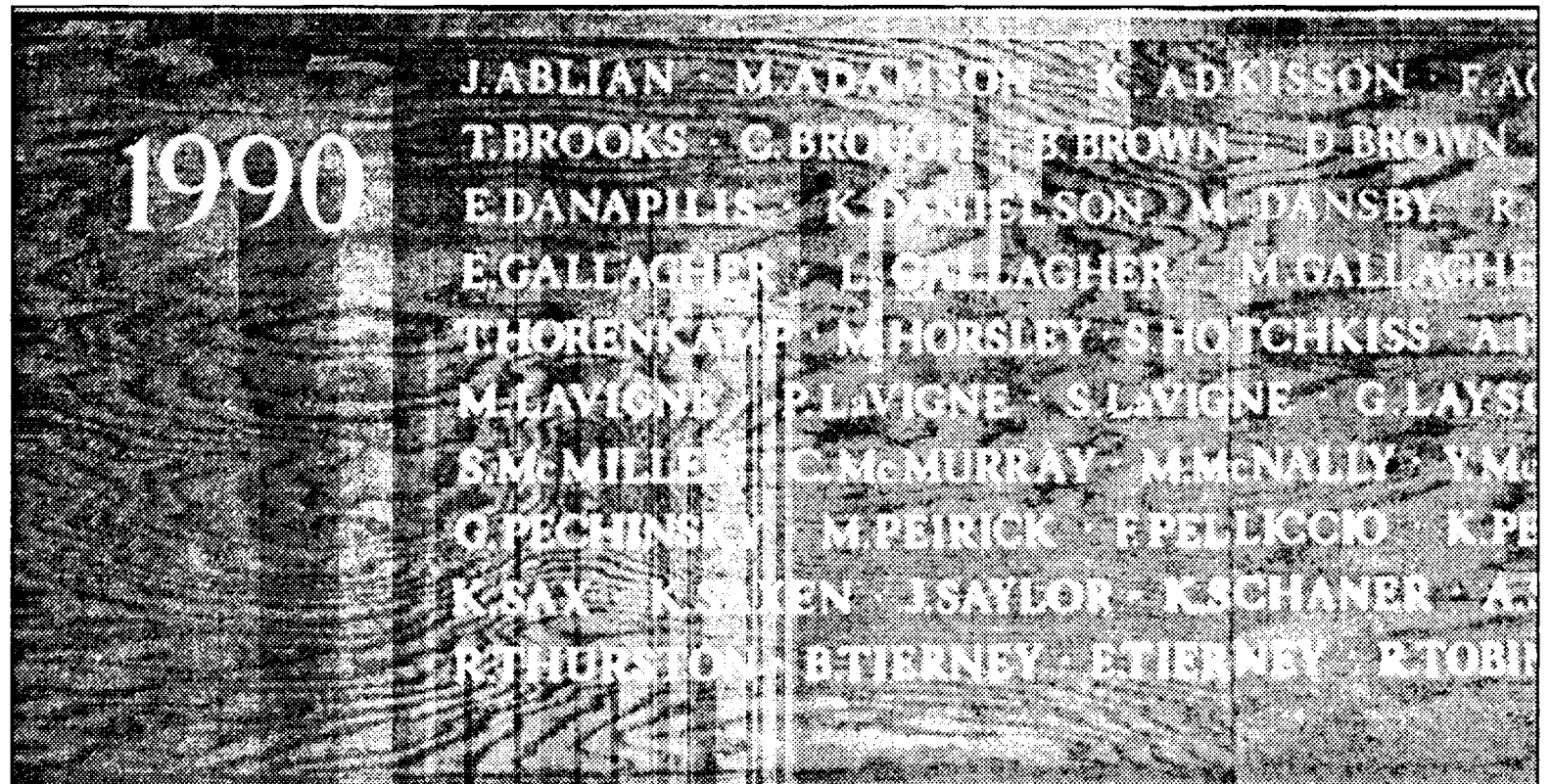
Christian singer Sandi Patty performed the national anthem. Other performers appearing country music duo Brooks & Dunn, opera singer Charlotte Church and Radio City Music Hall's Rockettes.

Latin singer Jon Secada drew loud applause for a unique Latin-style rendition of "America The Beautiful." Bush, his breath visible in the cold air, clapped his gloved hands for country duet Lorrie Morgan and Sammy Kershaw, who sang "I Finally Found Someone." He gave a thumbs up to Newton as he left the stage after singing "Coming to America."

Other politicians at the show were Attorney General-designate John Ashcroft, and Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, who played a critical role in the troubled vote counting that ultimately gave the presidency to Bush.

British composer Andrew Lloyd Webber presented a piece performed by the All Girls National Jazz Choir and singer Jessica Simpson. The program finale was 10 minutes of fireworks launched from five sites around the mall.

NAMES OF GOLD



TONY FLOYD/The Observer

The Notre Dame Sports Heritage Hall in the Joyce Center unveiled 1,700 new names on 38 panels Monday. The names consist primarily of 1990s monogram winners, in addition to 82 holdovers from the 1980s - including 97 All-Americans and 35 Academic All-Americans. Among the golden names are two 2000 Olympians and 31 former Notre Dame football players who were on 2000 NFL rosters.

Money

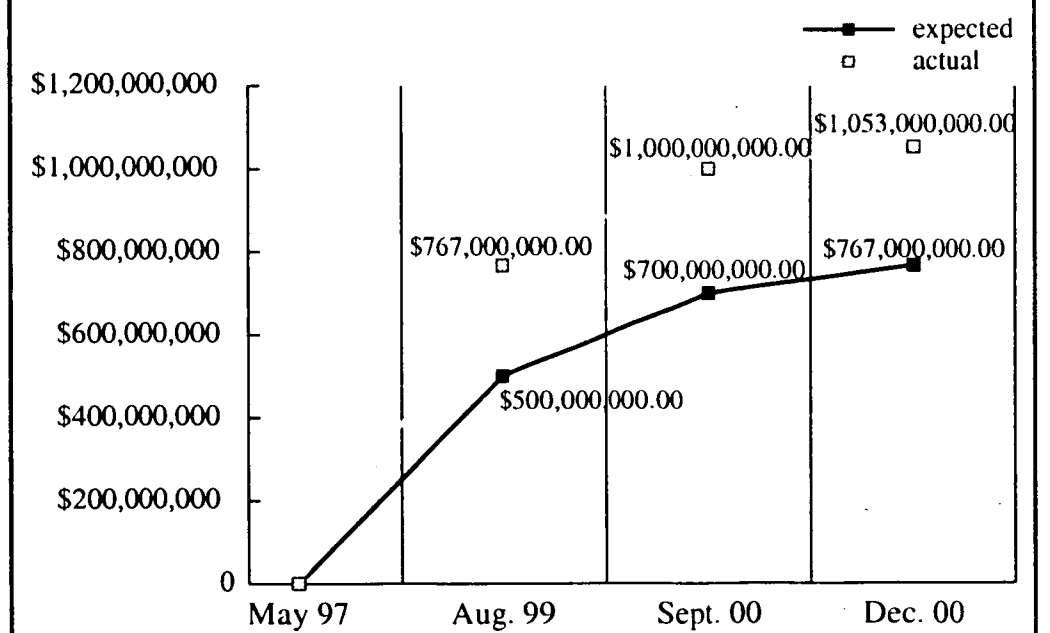
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administrators and campaign workers for Generations' success.

"This achievement is the result of a solid vision by the University and a lot of hard work of staff and volunteers," he said.

At its completion in 1990, the University's Strategic Moments campaign was Notre Dame's most successful fundraiser. That campaign, which raised \$463 million, was also the most prosperous campaign by a Catholic university.

Generations milestones



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Judges deliberate Lockerbie verdict: After 84 days of arduous hearings, Scottish High Court justices on Thursday began deliberating the case against two Libyans accused of blowing up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. The court was considering 10,232 pages of testimony from 235 witnesses regarding the terrorist attack, which killed 270 people, including 189 Americans.

Yemen tribesmen free German man: A German oil expert was released a day after being kidnapped by Yemeni tribesmen, security officials said Thursday. Luther Fielenberg had been in Yemen for only a week when he was abducted Wednesday from an oil field in the province of Shabwa, the officials said on condition of anonymity. The abduction was the first of a Westerner this year in Yemen.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Ruling allows confederate plates: A federal judge Thursday ordered Virginia to issue specialty license plates bearing the Confederate battle flag logo of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The ruling comes after nearly two years of legal wrangling over whether the state can deny a group's request for specialty tags based on the group's viewpoint. U.S. District Judge Jackson Kiser said the state's refusal to issue the tag violated the group's right to free speech.

Gas geysers erupt in Kansas town: Natural gas shooting as much as 30 feet out of the ground caused an explosion at a mobile home park Thursday, injuring three people. The explosion followed a blast Wednesday that destroyed two businesses in downtown Hutchinson, about 60 miles northwest of Wichita. An expert from the Kansas Geological Survey said the gas may be coming from an old gas well.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

IU, Purdue await sweatshop report: Reports of low wages, forced overtime and physical abuse at a garment factory in Mexico have raised eyebrows of officials at Indiana, Purdue and other universities in the Worker Rights Consortium. The consortium, which monitors factories for sweatshop conditions, is sending a delegation to the Kukdong International-Mexico apparel factory to see whether allegations of workers' rights violations can be substantiated. The Korean-owned and operated factory produces sweat shirts that bear the logos of Indiana, Purdue and several other universities.

Jackson reveals affair, child

Associated Press

CHICAGO

The Rev. Jesse Jackson withdrew from public view at a potentially critical hour for the civil rights movement Thursday after disclosing that he had an extramarital affair that resulted in the birth of a daughter a year and a half ago.

A steady stream of supporters — including Jackson's son, Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. — visited with him at his Chicago home, some carrying Bibles. But the only word from Jackson was a statement issued in the early morning hours revealing the affair.

"I fully accept responsibility and I am truly sorry for my actions," he said.

Spokesman John Scanlon said Jackson issued the statement to get out in front of anticipated tabloid reports. Scanlon said the child was the result of an affair Jackson had with a woman who worked in the Washington office of Jackson's civil rights group, the Rainbow-PUSH Coalition.

In his statement, Jackson said he would temporarily step aside from public life to spend time with his family.

The statement came amid the Senate confirmation hearings for John Ashcroft, President-elect Bush's nominee for attorney general — a choice denounced by Jackson and other civil rights leaders. Jackson has demanded that Democratic senators vote against Ashcroft.

Jackson's staff said he has not yet decided whether he will attend a rally Saturday to protest voting irregularities that he says disenfranchised blacks during the presidential election.

Jackson, a Baptist minister and one-time aide to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., said he has provided "emotional and financial support" since the baby's birth. "As her mother does, I love this child very much," he said.

"I was born of these circumstances, and I know the importance of growing up in a nurturing, supportive and protected environment," said Jackson, 59. "So I am determined to give my daughter and her mother the privacy they both deserve."

He said he knows friends and supporters will be disappointed in him and asked for their "forgiveness, understanding and prayers."

The Rev. Joseph Lowery, who was a close colleague of King and co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said he hopes Jackson participates in the Florida rally but would understand if he didn't.

"We can't get bogged down. We



AFP Photo

Reverend Jesse Jackson admitted Thursday that he had an extramarital affair that resulted in a child, who is now 20-months old. Above, Jackson discussed if President-elect George W. Bush will be able to unite the country on NBC's "Meet the Press."

can't let this interfere with his continued public service," said the 79-year-old Lowery, who plans to help lead the rally. "The Bible says let him without sin cast the first stone. So instead of casting stones, he needs our prayers and our support."

Jesse Jackson Jr. issued a statement appealing to the public to "understand and respect our privacy."

"Over the course of nearly four decades of marriage, my father and our family have survived many dangers and endured many crises and, with God's help, we hope to endure this one as well," the younger Jackson said.

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley called it "a personal thing with his wife and his family" and would not comment.

That sentiment was echoed by many

in the city that has become the base of operations for Jackson's work.

"It's his business. We're only human," said James Duckett, a 26-year-old Chicagoan who is a driver for Cook County. "Everybody's allowed to make mistakes. At least he fessed up and took responsibility."

In 1998, Jackson, once a Democratic presidential candidate himself, was a steadfast presence at President Clinton's side as the president struggled with the disclosure of his affair with Monica Lewinsky and the impeachment proceedings that followed. He went to the White House to pray with Clinton's family on a grim weekend in August that year, as Clinton admitted the truth to his wife and daughter and, in a televised speech, to the nation.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Deadlock threatens government

Associated Press

BELFAST

Two days of diplomacy failed to crack the deadlock threatening the survival of Northern Ireland's power-sharing government, British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Thursday.

"There is still a lot more to do," Blair said before returning to London.

However, he said some progress had been made and he was satisfied that all the key parties were committed to working to resolve differences on disarming paramilitary groups and reforming the police force.

The lack of progress raised fears

that Britain might have to suspend the local administration's powers for the second time in a year, to forestall its collapse from a Protestant walkout.

The compromise plan being discussed required the outlawed Irish Republican Army to begin disarming, as it promised to do last year. In return, Britain would launch a new phase of military cutbacks and the government's senior Protestant, Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, would resume full cooperation with Cabinet colleagues from the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party.

Blair also left without achieving concrete progress on potentially the piv-

otal issue — whether Catholics will support a plan for reshaping the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Northern Ireland's mostly Protestant police force.

Both Sinn Fein and the government's major Catholic-supported party, the moderate Social Democratic and Labor Party or SDLP, continued to oppose a reform package they say falls short on several fronts.

A lead editorial Thursday in the Irish News, Northern Ireland's main Catholic newspaper, caused political shock waves when it appealed for both parties to join a new Policing Board.

Market Watch 1/18

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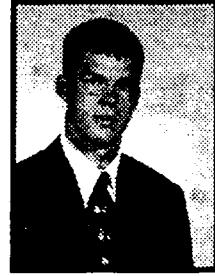
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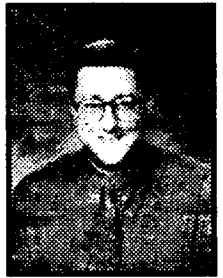


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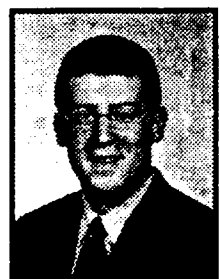


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After 8 years, Clinton bids farewell to Oval Office

◆ Outgoing president cites improvements in economy, environment among achievements

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Clinton, in a farewell from the Oval Office, told the nation Thursday night that "America has done well" during his presidency, with record-breaking prosperity and a cleaner environment. He said President-elect Bush will inherit a country "in a great position to meet the challenges of the future."

Offering advice to the incoming administration, Clinton

urged that the United States stay on the course of fiscal discipline and continue to pay down the national debt. It seemed to be a pointed alternative to Bush's proposal for sweeping tax cuts.

Clinton turns over the presidency to George W. Bush at noon Saturday.

In the speech, Clinton said that America must continue to lead in foreign affairs "and must not disentangle itself from the world." He said that at home, the nation "must treat all our people with fairness and dignity, regardless of their race, religion, gender or sexual orientation and regardless of when they arrived in this country."

It was Clinton's 15th Oval Office address over the course of his presiden-

cy, a turbulent eight years that brought unprecedented economic prosperity along with a humiliating sex scandal and bitter impeachment battle.

While Clinton boasted of economic good times, he made no mention of the Monica Lewinsky sex-and-lies scandal that roiled his presidency or the impeachment battle that followed.

The president, speaking for seven minutes in a prime-time, televised speech, said he leaves office "more idealistic, more full of hope than the day I arrived and more confident than ever that America's best days lie ahead." He said there is no higher position than president but that "there is no title I will wear more proudly than that of citizen."

Two days before Bush's inauguration, the imminent change of command was apparent at the White House. Clinton's aides stripped his photos from the walls and packed personal papers into boxes. Computer drives were being archived and cleared for the incoming administration. Clinton's staff was to lose e-mail capability at the end of the day.

Emphasizing that the United States must remain a world leader, Clinton said, "We must remember that America cannot lead in the world unless here at home we weave the threads of our coat of many colors into the fabric of one America."

"As we become more diverse," Clinton said, "we must work harder to unite

around our common values — and our common humanity."

Clinton said he was proudly grateful to Americans for the chance to serve two terms — the first Democrat since Franklin D. Roosevelt to be twice elected.

"This has been a time of dramatic transformation, and you have risen to every new challenge," the president said. "You have made our passage into the global information age an era of great American renewal."

He said he had been guided by the values of opportunity and responsibility for all and had tried to give America "a new kind of government — smaller, more modern, more effective, full of new ideas and policies appropriate to this new time. Working together, America has done well."

As he has many times, Clinton boasted that America is enjoying its longest economic expansion in history, with more than 22 million new jobs and the lowest unemployment in 30 years. Still, the incoming Bush administration says it is worried about signs of an economic slowdown.

Clinton said his administration had achieved progress across the board, fighting crime, reducing welfare rolls and expanding college opportunities.

"Incomes are rising across the board. Our air and water are cleaner. Our food and drinking water is safer. And more of our precious land has been preserved

than at any time in 100 years. And America has been a force for peace and prosperity in every corner of the globe.

"I am glad to be able to turn over the reins of leadership to a new president with America in a great position to meet the challenges of the future," Clinton said.

It was the latest, but not the final, goodbye from the nation's 42nd president. A farewell ceremony is planned at the airport Saturday as he leaves Washington after Bush's inauguration, and a welcoming rally awaits Clinton soon after at Kennedy International Airport in New York. He also will have a final radio address Saturday.

Outside the White House, Pennsylvania Avenue was lined with thousands of bleachers and a gleaming white presidential reviewing stand for the inaugural parade. Bush was in residence at the Blair House, the presidential guest house.

Clinton leaves office with some of the highest job approval ratings of any president in the last half-century, although many Americans have doubts about him personally. An ABC News-Washington Post poll showed that 65 percent approve of his job performance, about the same as the job approval rating Ronald Reagan had at the end of his term. The same poll found that three-fourths said he lacked high moral and ethical standards.

Clinton, after a blizzard of executive orders and environmental actions in recent days, still has some last-minute work on his plate. White House press secretary Jake Siewert said Clinton would issue presidential pardons on Friday. Siewert said hundreds of requests have been received, and "we'll look at as many as we can."



Clinton

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Bill Clinton
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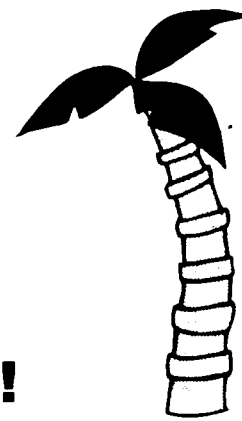


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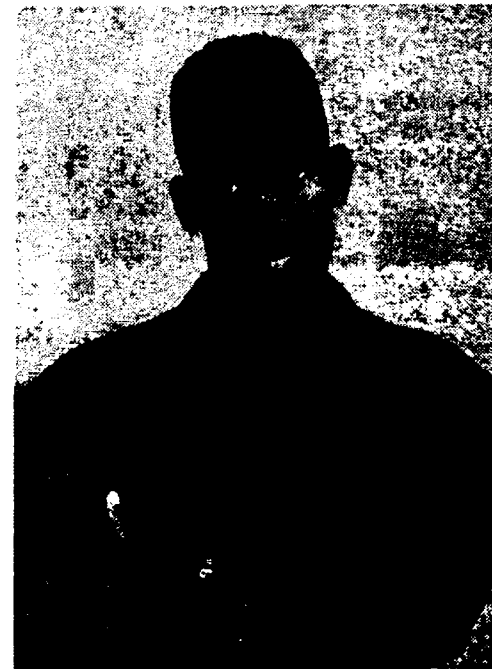
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Physicists make light stand still in Cambridge lab

Associated Press

Physicists say they have brought light particles to a screeching halt, then revved them up again so that they could continue their journey at a blistering 186,000 miles per second.

The results are the latest in a growing number of experiments that manipulate light, the fastest and most ephemeral form of energy in the universe.

Eventually, researchers hope to harness its speedy properties in the development of more powerful computers and other technologies that store information in light particles rather than electrons.

The experiments were conducted in separate laboratories in Cambridge, Mass., by groups led by Lene Vestergaard Hau of Harvard and the Rowland Institute of Science and Ronald L. Walsworth and Mikhail D. Lukin of the Harvard-Smithsonian Institute for Astrophysics.

The results will be published in upcoming issues of the journals *Nature* and *American Physical Letters*.

Physicists who did not participate in the experiments said the two research papers make an important contribution to understanding the properties of light. However, any practical applications are far off, they said.

"It's a real first," said Stanford physicist Stephen Harris, who collaborated on a 1999 experiment with Hau that slowed light to 38 mph. "These experiments are beautiful science."

In the latest experiments, researchers took steps to not only slow light to a virtual crawl, but to stop it completely.

To do so, they created a trap in which atoms of gas were chilled magnetically to within a few-millionths of a degree of absolute zero and a consistency they described as "optical molasses." Hau's group used sodium atoms, while Walsworth's group used rubidium, an alkaline metal.

Normally, the gas atoms would absorb any light directed into the trap. The researchers solved this problem by aiming a "control" laser beam into the gas, which transformed it from opaque to a state known as electromagnetic ally induced transparency, or EIT.

Then they shined a second, probe laser that operated at a different frequency. When the wave of light particles hit the gas atoms, the particles slowed dramatically.

To stop the probe light entirely, the researchers waited until it had entered the vessel, encountered the gas atoms and imprinted a pattern into the orientation of the spinning atoms.

Then the scientists gradually reduced the intensity of the control beam.

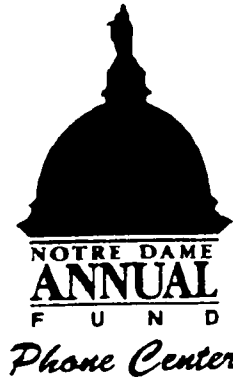
As a result, the probe light dimmed and then vanished. But information in the light particles still was imprinted on the atoms of sodium and rubidium, effectively freezing or storing it, according to Hau.

Then the scientists gradually restored the control beam. The light that had been stored in the spinning

atoms was reconstituted and continued its journey through the vessel.

"It's as if you stretched a silk thread across a railroad

track and a train vanishes into it," said University of Colorado physicist Eric Cornell, who reviewed the *Hau* study for *Nature*.



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California struck by more blackouts, hospitals exempt

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The lights went out in nearly 2 million California homes and businesses Thursday in a second straight day of blackouts as state lawmakers struggled to find a way out of the deepening crisis. The blackouts began about 10 a.m. and stretched from the

Bakersfield area of central California to Oregon, 500 miles away. The rolling outages lasted about two hours.

Power managers said they expected to have enough power to avoid more blackouts at nightfall, though more problems were possible Friday.

Hospitals and airports were exempt from the outages. And

home-care patients who rely on electrically powered medical equipment because of lung disease or other ailments usually have batteries or backup generators.

Utilities refused to disclose which areas were blacked out, but the effects were obvious: Traffic lights went out for a second day across the San

Francisco Bay area, causing fender-benders in Palo Alto. Computer screens went dark, heaters and bank machines were silent and lights went out in classrooms.

The power outage in Sun City Lincoln Hills, a retirement community near Sacramento, prompted Jim Datzman, 62, and his wife, Sandy, 59, to take their two grandsons to a community playground. The 2-year-old twins, Corbin and Quinn, had been watching Barney on television when the power went out.

"We saw a lot of our neigh-

bors lifting our garages up manually, which of course isn't too good for seniors," Datzman said.

With no end to the crisis in sight, Californians began stocking up on flashlights, candles and firewood. Stores were swamped with calls from businesses looking for generators.

The Independent System Operator, keeper of the state power grid, said the latest blackouts were caused by a loss of thousands of megawatts from the Northwest, where hydroelectric dams are low on water. One megawatt is enough to power 1,000 homes.

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Regulators to study interactive television

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Federal regulators said Thursday they would take a closer look at whether rules are needed to shape the emerging market for interactive television, which lets consumers use the Internet from their TV sets.

The process was triggered by the federal review of the AOL Time Warner merger. The combined company is expected to make steep inroads in offering the new service by drawing on Time Warner's content and AOL's wide Internet reach.

In examining the merger, the Federal Communications Commission heard from consumer advocates and content companies that recommended safeguards to ensure choice as this new service develops. Particularly, those parties expressed fears that a cable company could steer viewers to its own interactive programming and away from competing content.

The FCC did not impose any specific conditions dealing with interactive television on AOL Time Warner. But the agency said it would study the issue more broadly.

Interactive programming carries special signals that allow consumers to access data or Internet information from their sets. For example, interactive signals might let a viewer look up profiles of players during a televised game or get more data on a news report.

But some worry that cable operators that both distribute programming and create their own could discriminate against rival interactive content. For example, a cable operator could carry competing programming but refuse to pass through the special signals needed for interactivity, critics say. That could limit viewer choice and leave them with only certain interactive programming.

The cable industry bristled at the initiative to examine such a nascent industry.

"Asking dozens of hypothetical questions about regulating a business which has yet to take form still puts the cart before the horse," said Robert Sachs, president of the National Cable Television Association. "Interactive TV is just starting to develop and is likely to evolve in different ways. There is no evidence to suggest that government regulation is called for here."

The decision by the agency to study the issue does not guarantee that any rules will be written. If the FCC does implement new regulations, it could take months to propose those steps.

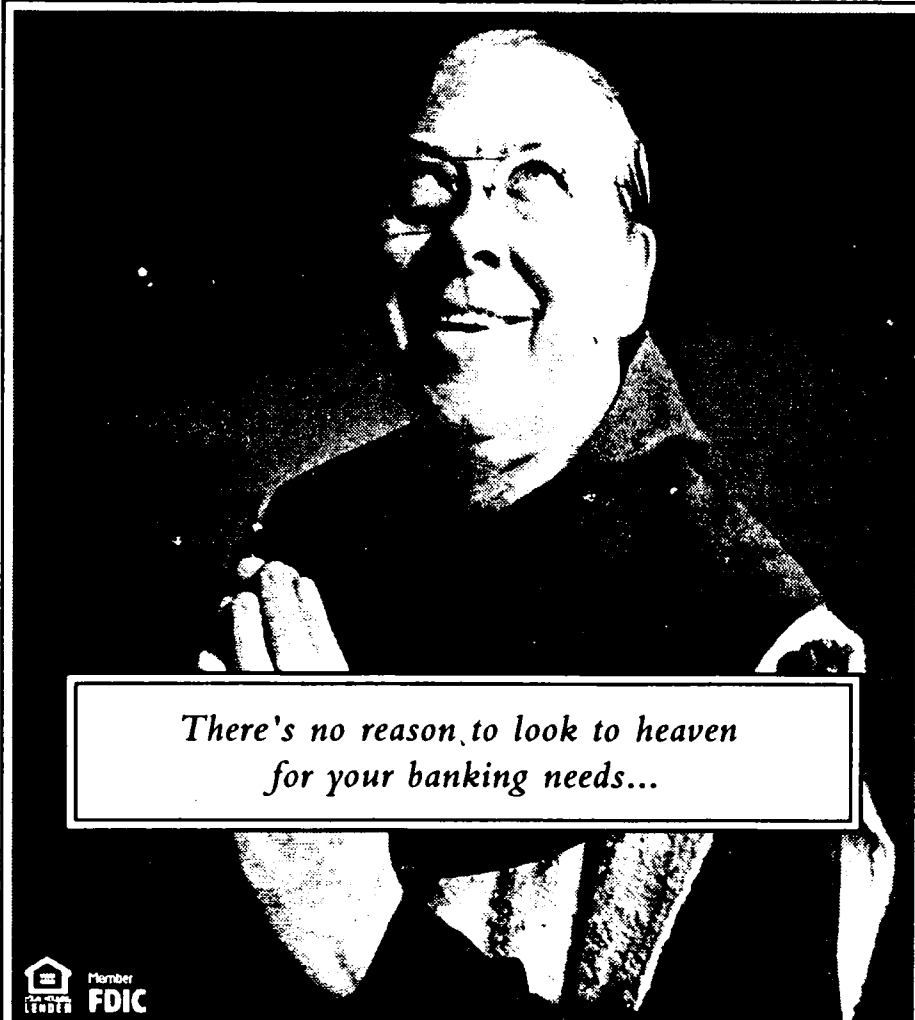
The agency acknowledged that interactive television is still an emerging service but said it wanted to address early on any competitive concerns.

Interactive TV "has the potential to bring huge benefits to the American consumer, not to mention substantial revenues to service providers," said FCC Chairman William Kennard.

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Draw together in honoring King

Each January, the nation joins together to celebrate and honor the civil rights movement by recognizing Martin Luther King, Jr. Next week, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will attempt to unify the campus communities to commemorate King through a week-long series of events designed to break racial barriers

and recognize our nation's shared history. The week-long events, under the umbrella theme of "It Takes a Village to Plant the Future," are critical to creating a multicultural environment at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. While the organizational efforts of the sponsoring groups are commendable, the success of the week will ultimately be based in the participation of

the student body.

Thirty-two years ago, Martin Luther King, Jr. envisioned a dream in which a multicultural society would become a reality. He envisioned a dream where underrepresented groups would not be marginalized, where difference would be embraced and diversity would be celebrated. At the dawn of

the 21st Century, we are inching closer to that dream, but it is far from a reality.

Each member of this community — regardless of their race or ethnicity — is responsible for creating a multicultural environment at Notre Dame. Such an environment is more than simply recognizing diversity or placing individuals of diverse origins into an environment; it is

the conscious effort to move beyond our comfort zones and begin to understand the experience of others in our community. While Martin Luther King, Jr. has historically been a beacon for the African-American community, next week's events should not be a celebration only for African-Americans. These events should be a chance for discourse to begin, to understand diverse experiences, walk into new territory and begin the stepping stones to a multicultural community.

The Observer commends the sponsoring organizations of the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on campus and encourages the collective community to attend. The discourse these events offer are critical to achieving a multicultural environment on campus. Take the time to attend — and take the first step in planting Notre Dame and Saint Mary's future.

The Observer Editorial

Predicting America's next four years

Despite several nasty e-mails I received from "Notre Dame Republicans" calling me an example of what is "wrong with our country," I find that my insights from the Democratic perspective have not been mean or vindictive.

For example, I do not make issue of President "select" George W. Bush copying many of Bill Clinton's 1992 campaign tactics. From Bush's blatant plagiarism at his convention saying, "it is time for them to go," to his tactics of what former Clinton advisor Dick Morris calls "triangulation," running on stolen issues from the other party's political base.

With the inauguration tomorrow, it is time to look into the crystal ball and predict what we Democrats think the second Bush will encounter. Noting that Bush campaigned as an outsider, it is ironic that many of his second and third tier appointments are from old Republican administrations as far back as Richard Nixon. We Democrats believe that too many "old folks" will take Bush backward with old ideas rather than forward with new innovations.

An example of what Democrats consider backward thinking is the resurrection of the so-called Star Wars defense system first proposed by Ronald Reagan. It seems that his top-heavy military team — Vice President, Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense — all believe in a satellite defense program despite the end of the Cold War. Democrats expect Bush to begin pushing on Capitol Hill and earmarking funding for the effort. Democrats also envision deficit spending as a result of this expensive proposal.

While Al Gore and most Democrats opposed Bush's \$1.3 trillion across-the-board tax cut, some Democrats now want

Bush to "stimulate" the economy in hopes of ending the budget surpluses. They reason that by giving Bush the chance to either succeed or fail on his own, Bush's fate lies in his own hands. If he succeeds, then the country will prosper and Democrats have no future campaign issue. However, should Bush's tax plan backfire, Democrats can ride that, as well as a host of other issues, come 2004.

Many are concerned that Bush's "military trio" will push for an international isolationist policy in the name of reducing U.S. policing throughout the world with American military personnel. Speculation of drastic consequences ranges from merely losing Taiwan as a result of aggression from China to the explosion of a Russian warhead, which most likely will fall into the hands of a terrorist group. Those scenarios are but a few that experts can foresee now that the Central Intelligence Agency has published a booklet looking at the world as it may exist in the year 2015.

Trouble is also brewing with the OPEC nations reducing petroleum production by 5 percent beginning in February. During the campaign, Bush criticized Clinton for not convincing "our oil producing friends to increase production." Now that the shoe is on the other foot, many Democrats will sit back and wait to see just how effective Bush officials are in convincing "our friends." Some actually expect Bush to succeed if he can successfully invoke the memory of his father's efforts to save the region from Iraqi aggression in the early 1990s.

Politics makes for strange bedfellows and intolerant zealots. While Democrats close to the party particularly feel bitter about Bush's selection by the Supreme Court, most would not advocate drastic consequences that would harm the American public. But Democrats want Bush policies to falter so that they can offer alternatives, if not say, "we told you so."

I personally have looked into my crystal ball and seen far beyond this level of life. It is my belief that President Bush and his

son, George W., are in fact, John Adams and John Quincy Adams reincarnated. Of the first eight presidents in our history, only the Adams family (pun intended) were one-term presidents. With so many similarities between younger Adams and younger Bush, I can see where the soon-to-be new President Bush can easily follow in his father's footsteps and prove my theory.

My crystal ball shows that the new president will not have any personal moral flaws like Bill Clinton, but then again will not sustain the American public's confidence either. I can see that in just a few months, Americans will miss the Clinton charm and ask themselves, "Can this guy ever put together a complex sentence?"

Four years from now Democrats will campaign on a few basic phrases. "President Bush, you said you would do this or that, and you have not. You said there is too much finger pointing in Washington, yet you blame the Democratic congress. You promised this, but have yet to deliver."

Four years from now Jeb Bush will have lost reelection in Florida in part because of those who felt they were disenfranchised, and who actually got their votes counted due to election reform.

Four years from now, regardless if Al Gore or another Democrat carries the banner for our party, Florida will be solidly in the Democratic column on election night. Four years is a long time in politics. But for Democrats, 2004 is just around the corner, and our freight train has already begun chugging down the track. John Quincy Adams, you never had it so good!

Gary J. Caruso, Notre Dame '73, today is ending his position as Congressional and Public Affairs Director in President Clinton's administration. His column appears every other Friday, and his e-mail address is Hotline@aol.com.

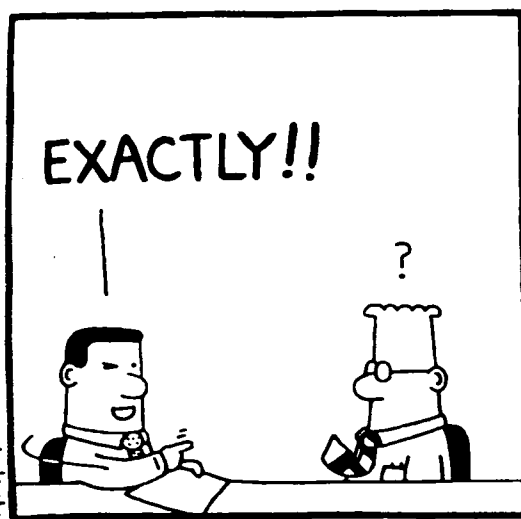
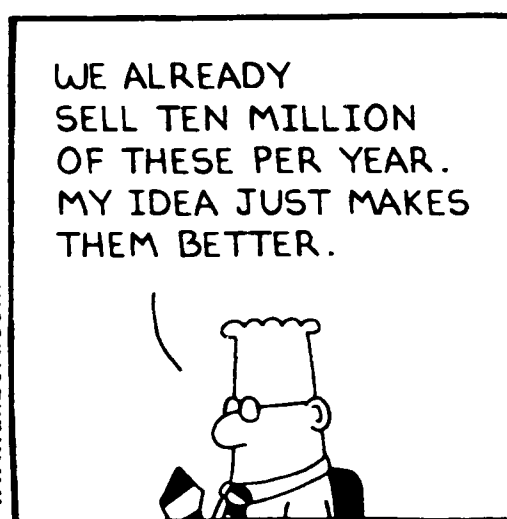
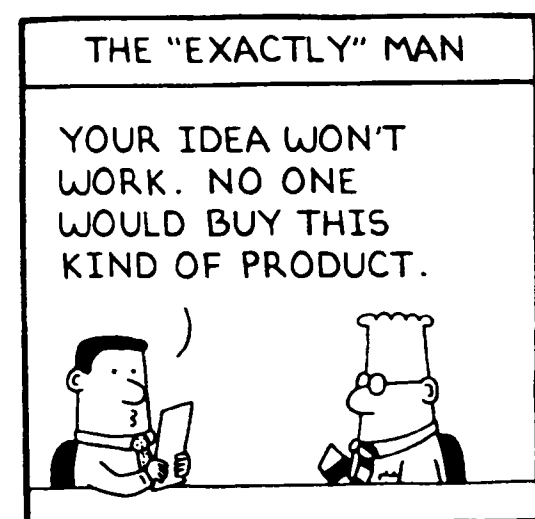
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"Gray skies are just clouds passing over."

Duke Ellington
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A New Yorker's guide to the Big Apple

I liked your piece about New York, but as a New Yorker, I'd like to add a few more suggestions.

For food, you can't miss the deli experience, or eating New York pizza. For delis, the two tops are Katz's on the Lower East Side and the Carnegie in Midtown. The prices will surprise you at first, but these sandwiches will fill you up for an entire day.

As for pizza, New York is a daunting place. This is the birthplace of American pizza, and America's original pizzeria is Lombardi's near Little Italy. The pizza here is phenomenal, and you're highly unlikely to find anything to match it anywhere. It's a local haunt, and is almost always packed. There seem to be a gazillion "Famous Ray's," but the one people in the city think of as the original is on Sixth Avenue at 11th Street. This is gooey, cheesy stuff. If you're in New York, remember that your pizza will not resemble that awful stuff they pass off as pizza over at Bruno's. Thin crust pizza gets folded.

If you want to dance, make sure you dress to impress, and have "the look." Without it, you're not getting past the doorman. It's just that simple. The earlier you go, the better your chances of getting in. For the ultimate in dancing, check out Twilo in Chelsea. The crowd tends to be predominantly gay, and the music is amazing. DJ Junior Vasquez has his permanent residence there. Check with your hotel concierge for passes too, or to get onto guest lists.

Besides dancing, there are a number of great jazz clubs in the Village, too. And in Harlem, there's a jazz club called Wells that features a terrific swing orchestra and serves their special of fried chicken and waffles. This is kind of secret nightspot, but it's a great place to enjoy some serious swing. People from all walks of life head there for a night out, and it's not that expensive. Just keep in mind that New Yorkers dress up when they go out, so bring your best club clothes or the nicest parts of your wardrobe.

Classical music is an integral part of the city, and there are literally hundreds of orchestras, ensembles and simply thousands of musicians just in Manhattan. If you want to experience some of it, you can pay to sit in the very back row at Lincoln Center or check out what's happening at Juilliard, The Manhattan School of Music or The Mannes School of Music. All three have tremendous orchestras (Mannes's is the most underrated, but it's very good).

For the visual arts, Manhattan can't be beaten. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Guggenheim, The Whitney and The Museum of Modern Art are all world class galleries offering student discounts — Notre Dame and Saint Mary's included.

If Broadway is your game, go to TKTS early in the morning and get tickets at reduced rates. You may not get the show of your choice, but it's cheaper than paying full price. David Letterman is free, and his show tapes at five every weekday afternoon. Send a postcard to this show in advance for tickets or talk with your hotel concierge about getting you in.

Off-Broadway plays are usually quite good and less expensive than their counterparts. Here you'll find experimental works, and it's worth it just to go. The Village Voice has comprehensive listings for theatres, clubs, galleries and so forth. Pick one up for free, and write down the things you want to do. You'll be surprised at how much is going on right around the corner from your hotel — and inexpensively.

Shopping is excellent in the city. Many up and coming designers have their own shops in SoHo and Greenwich Village. Look around and you might find some of these. There are also a number of vintage clothing stores that have unique finds. Flea markets are common on weekends, and you can find anything from an antique refrigerator to a rare Miles Davis recording.

Shop around on the Web for hotels. My favorite is The SoHo Grand, but it's pricey. The best bargain for a full-service hotel is the Hotel Beacon on 76th Street and Broadway. Close to Lincoln Center, Central Park, The Museum of Natural History and a short cab ride from Fifth Avenue, the rooms are actually mini-suites.

The best way to see Manhattan is to just explore. Spend time in SoHo and Greenwich Village. The best place to people watch is Washington Square Park. Here you'll find Bohemian society at its best.

Finally, a few words of advice to those of you travelling to New York: Don't look up at the buildings, and dress like you belong (you'll see what I mean once you get there). This isn't a city for everyone, but everyone can have a good time if they take the city on its own terms.

John-Andrew Murphy
coordinator, International Studies Resource Center
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January 18, 2001



Tuition costs clash with University's principles

Monday's column by Charles Rice, "High tuition reflects University's shift in emphasis," raises serious questions on whether Notre Dame is following the Catholic tradition on education and its role. It may be that Notre Dame is veering from that tradition to seek national and international prestige. Is this school getting so caught up in its own reputation that it has forgotten themes that were previously associated with a Catholic education?

The fact that our tuition has skyrocketed is easily seen when I look around campus or walk through the parking lots. There has been a huge socio-economic shift at Notre Dame that can be seen in the student body (and the cars they drive). I have been told that Notre Dame was once friendly to the blue-collar (Catholic) worker. Sweatshirts and blue jeans have been replaced with the trendiest clothes from who knows what department stores. Fashion, of course, is not bad in itself, but it helps demonstrate how enrollment caters (almost exclusively) to those who have money.

There is nothing wrong with money or having money. My primary concern is for the student who cannot come to the University. I myself had to leave in 1997 to pay money I owed the school. The debt I had incurred while in school was suffocating. My family was always very supportive, but they could only do so much. There are many high school students who see what can happen when they don't have money, and as a result they pass on

an education from Notre Dame. Who can blame them? Why risk not graduating on time?

When we lose that kind of student, we lose an aspect of the school. We lose a different perspective, a different opinion and a different friend. Dorms used to have the kid who didn't chip in quite as much as they should have with the pizza, but nobody cared. Why didn't they care? Because the person who put in a little more was happy to help, and the person who didn't put in enough was proud to have such considerate friend. It is a case of the "have's" and the "have-not's" living together in a mutually beneficial relationship. What will come of us when there are only those left who "have"?

I encourage anyone who reads this to visit the Brigham Young University homepage. Their tuition (while being heavily helped by churches across the country) is only 1/3 of what it costs to come to our school. They value religion and education and foster an "everyone's welcome" attitude. Instead of being a leader for other Catholic universities, we have become the anomaly. Instead of looking like Holy Cross, Incarnate Word or Saint Mary's, we look like Columbia, Harvard and Yale. Is this what we truly want, and better yet — is this what Father Sorin intended?

Take a look at BYU and remember what we once were.

G. Tijerina Jr.
South Bend, Indiana
January 18, 2001

Questioning Notre Dame's choice of role models

Having seen last month's WNDU broadcast about the Notre Dame Christmas party for kids with cancer or having recovered from cancer, I wanted to take this opportunity to address the hypocrisy that is Notre Dame. My wife is a law student at Notre Dame Law School and during our last two and half years here we have seen many things that have upset us. However, this latest is something that is too much to take quietly.

I think it's fantastic that Notre Dame decided to host such an event and provide fun, games and distraction from their afflictions. My problem is with the choice of role models that assisted with the party — Notre Dame athletes. What was the PR coordinator thinking when they planned that one?

It is bad enough that we elevate ath-

letes to the level of godliness that we currently do. It is bad enough that the Notre Dame athletes don't have to meet the same stringent admissions requirements that other students must. It is bad enough that a significant percentage of the Notre Dame athletes don't even have to pay the more than \$20,000 a year tuition.

But why on earth would you taunt young kids battling cancer with a bunch of people who probably have never been ill outside of a broken bone

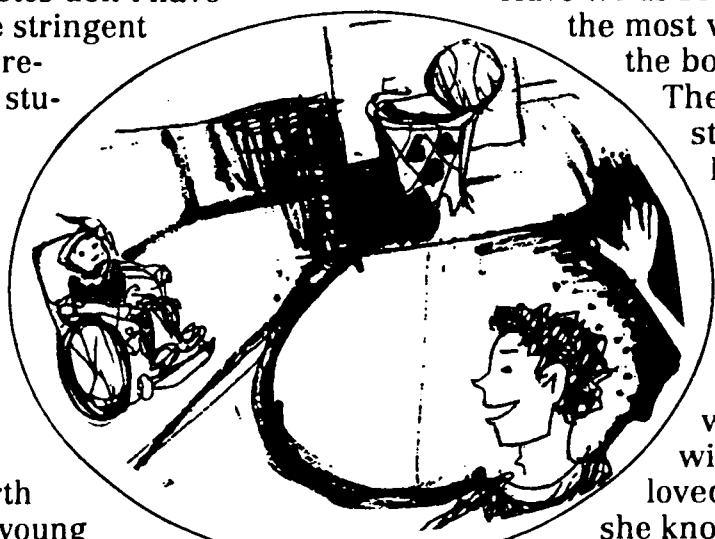
or the flu? Is it humane to show these children what they can't achieve?

Have we as society given up on the most valuable muscle in the body — the brain?

There are plenty of students at Notre Dame who would have been excellent volunteers and role models for these brave children.

However, they were not asked. My wife would have loved to participate had she known about the event. She herself is battling

with a rare condition that has already claimed one kidney and is quickly taking



over the second.

I know of a wonderful man who is studying for his PhD in theology despite being legally blind. I ate lunch with a young man who lives in a wheelchair due to his illness and is hoping to get his baccalaureate in psychology. If you are familiar with the Notre Dame campus, you know his life is difficult as ND is one of the most non-wheelchair-friendly campuses I have ever been on.

My point is, there are plenty of students on campus who have hearts larger than Notre Dame's pride and can actually empathize with children who are or have been suffering physically and emotionally. They just weren't asked.

Tim Crouch
South Bend, Indiana
January 7, 2001

Mid-terms are over ... you'

Disney World is much more than Cinderella's Castle and a few kiddie rides.

By AMANDA GRECO
Scene Editor

Editor's note: This week Scene is featuring popular spring break destinations.

Imagine this... the mound of snow covering campus are starting to melt, the days are getting longer. Midterms are over and you've time for a much needed break. Though the birds may be returning north, it's time for you to migrate south to Florida. Warm weather and plenty of activities await you...

Disney World

Perhaps the definitive sight to see for any Orlando visitor, Disney World is far more expansive than the familiar castle and rides you knew as a child. With four theme parks, three water parks, a sports center and Downtown Disney, you're sure to find enough activities to keep you out of your hotel room.

The major parks consist of the original Magic Kingdom — Haunted Mansion and all — Epcot center, MGM Studios and Animal Kingdom.

Magic Kingdom

Magic Kingdom boasts seven fantasy lands all straight out of favorite Disney storybooks. There are over 40 attractions, shows and parades to be seen. While the rides at the Magic Kingdom can bring back fond memories, this park is definitely targeted more towards the small child — or your inner child, whichever you choose to bring along. It will take a full day to get through this park.

Should you find yourself getting hungry between the rides, stop in at Cinderella's Royal Castle, a high class restaurant located in Cinderella's castle. The cuisine is excellent and the service fit for royalty, and you are addressed as such when there. Every lady is a princess and every gentleman is a lord. Reservations are suggested.

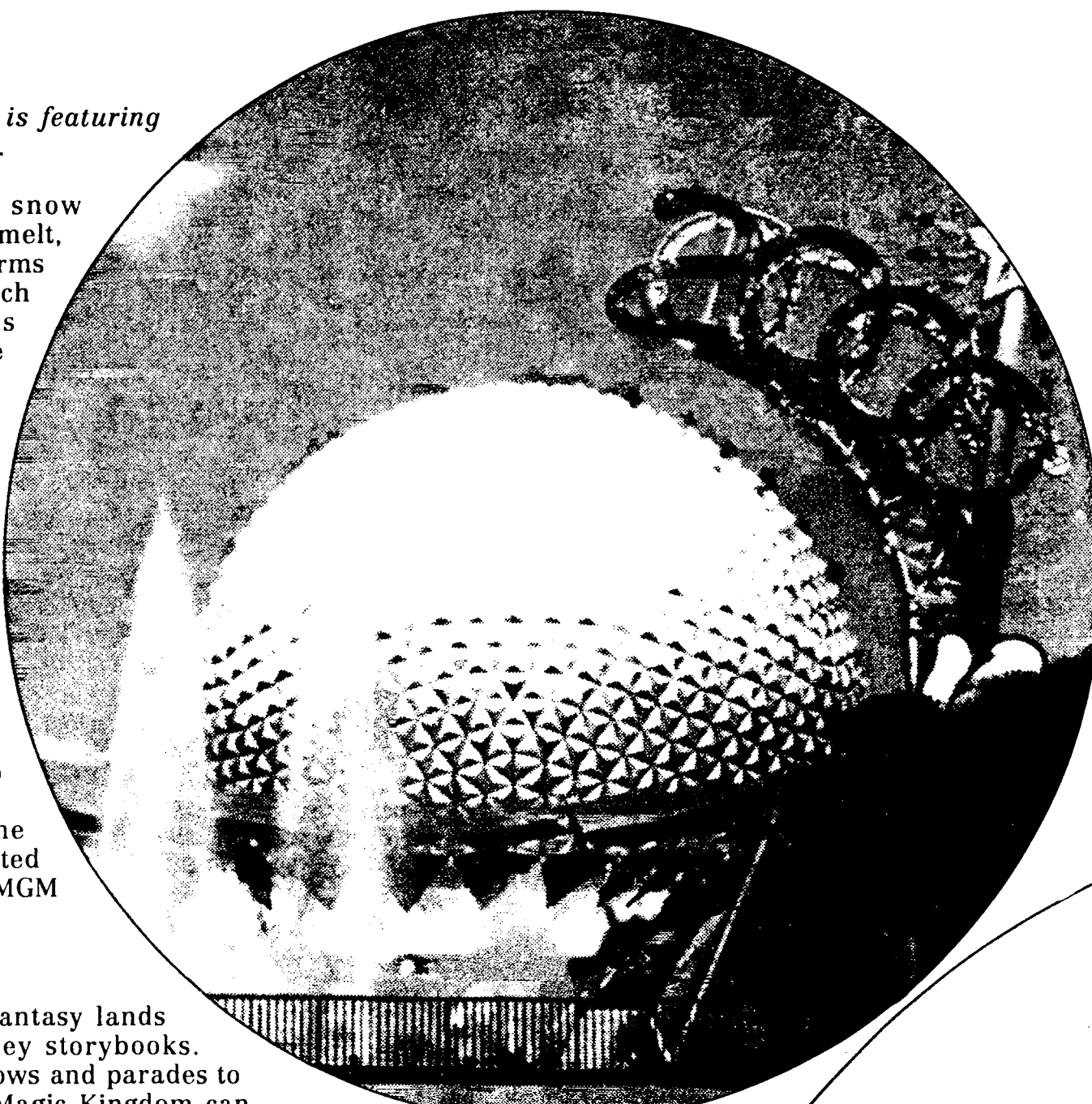
Epcot Center

At Epcot center, you can enjoy international travel within a matter of minutes. The World Showcase provides a taste of 11 different countries, their culture and cuisine. The Future World features rides, interactive learning centers and a glimpse at the future of technology. The Test Track ride is a thrilling trip on a simulated GM car testing track that sends you breaking through barriers and speeding sideways along an oval track at tummy-turning speeds.

During the evening, don't miss the Tapestry of Nations parade or the Illuminations light show. Perhaps one of the most spectacular displays, this light show features lasers and fireworks from 360 degrees around you. It would be impossible to see all that Epcot has to offer, even if you devote an entire day to this endeavor. But the park is worth a repeat visit, so leave some time for this one.

MGM Studios

MGM Studios is Disney's own version of its neighbor, Universal Studios. Here you can ride a Rock'n'



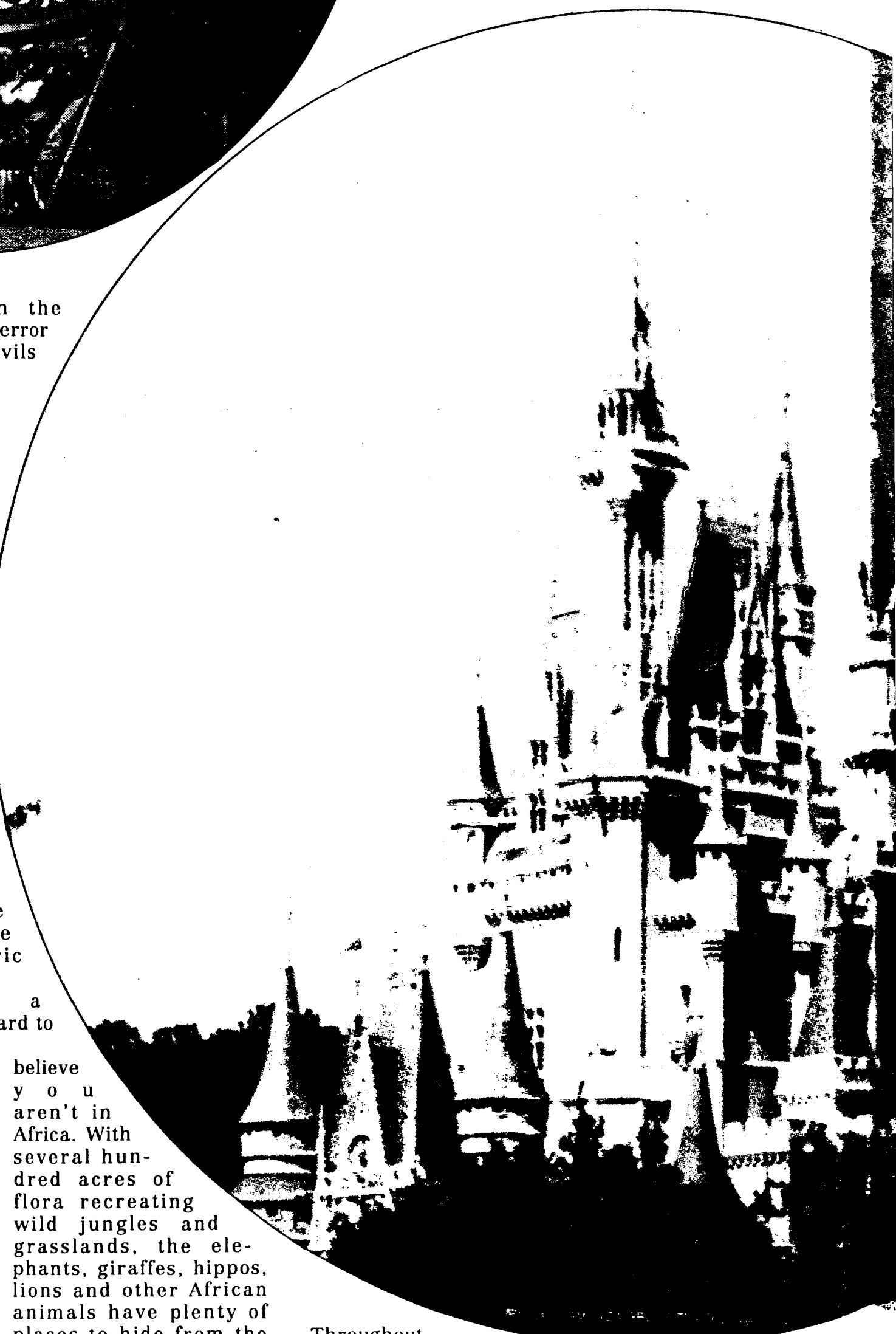
Roller Coaster with Aerosmith, fall down the Twilight Zone Tower of Terror or watch stunt dare-devils right before your eyes.

Animal Kingdom

The newest addition to the rapidly growing corporate logo that Disney has stamped on Florida is the Animal Kingdom theme park. In reality, this park is several parks in one. Aimed more at educating rather than marketing, this park is extremely enjoyable for both kids and adults.

In Dinoland, you can blast back in time to track down rare species of dinos, all while risking your life to a dinosaur attack. At the Boneyard, kids can get hands-on experience as an archaeologist while playing in a prehistoric wonderland.

When you board a Kilimanjaro Safari, it's hard to



believe you aren't in Africa. With several hundred acres of flora recreating wild jungles and grasslands, the elephants, giraffes, hippos, lions and other African animals have plenty of places to hide from the "poachers" you have to track down while on safari.

Throughout the rest of the African section of this park you can taste authentic cuisine, purchase hand-made trinkets and dance to

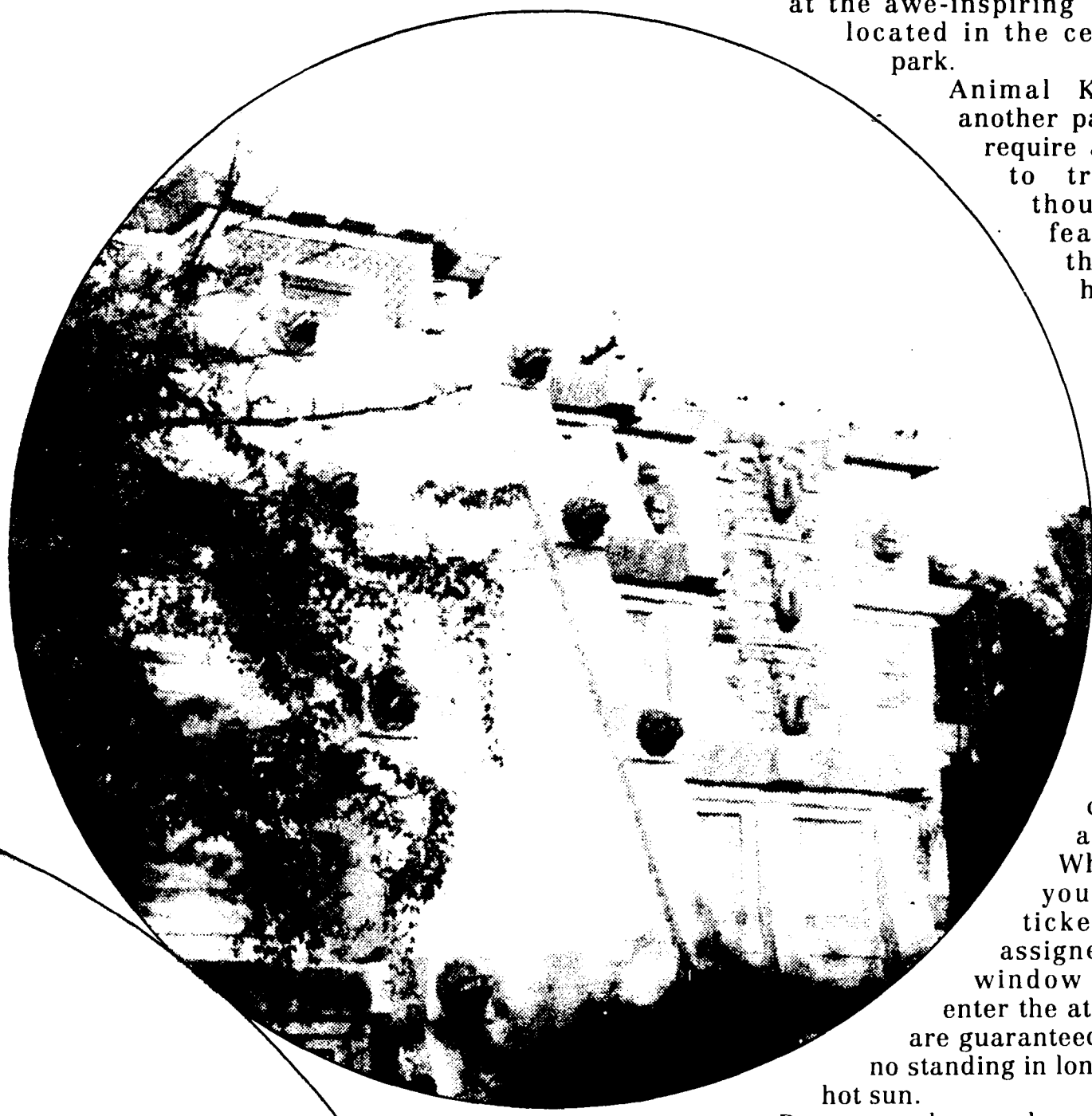
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- Don't leave your luggage on top of your car.
- Do label your luggage.
- Don't forget to verify reservations.
- Do go to the airport early.
- Do check the weather report for your destination.
- When in Africa, don't go barefoot or handle the monkeys.

Are you going to Disney World!

Scene takes a look at what Orlando has to offer the spring break traveller



at the awe-inspiring Tree of Life located in the center of the park.

Animal Kingdom is another park that will require a bit of time to truly enjoy, though you can feasibly get through it in half a day.

All of Disney's theme parks are equipped with a computer system called FastPass. FastPass allows ticket holders quicker access to certain rides and events.

When you use your FastPass ticket, you are assigned a certain window of time to enter the attraction. You are guaranteed entrance — no standing in long lines in the hot sun.

Passes can be purchased for individual parks, several parks or for all parks combined. Park-hopper passes are valid for several days, depending on which package you purchase. They can be tailored to your vacation preferences, allowing access to Disney's water parks and Pleasure Island as well.

Downtown Disney and Pleasure Island

Downtown Disney is one huge block party, full of shops, restaurants, Cirque du Soleil, House of Blues and more. When the sun has set and the parks are closing, Downtown Disney is the place to be.

Pleasure Island boasts eight clubs separated from the rest of the consumer mecca; all but two of the clubs are for the 18 and up crowd. While much of the partying pours out of the clubs and into the "street," be advised that security is strict. Underage drinking is not tolerated and will result in an embarrassing escort to the area's exit.

Universal Studios

Universal Studios is often overshadowed by its rodent entertainment counterpart. But this park has just as much to offer. The rides are more for the thrill seekers or those wishing to step into their favorite action movie, rather than their cherished childhood story. With the addition of City Walk, Universal Studios has combined great shopping and dining with even more entertainment opportunities. With the Hard Rock live amphitheater and Universal Cineplex, Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, live music and their first on-site, luxurious hotel, Universal Studios is stepping up the competition for Disney.

When you visit City Walk, make sure you stop at the best eatery in all of Orlando — famed chef Emeril Lagasse's Restaurant. With three waiters at a table, an escort to and from the restroom and the best cuisine around, you'd be a fool not to go. Be warned, though, a full meal — appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts — is rather expensive, but definitely worth it.

Whichever parks or rides you choose to take advantage of while in Orlando, you won't be disappointed. There are enough forms of entertainment to appeal to everyone's tastes, the young, the old or the young again.

the rhythms of traditional music.

Heading over to Asia, you can brave the white waters on the Kali River Rapid. While facing the tragedy of illegal logging, you will rise and fall along the river, getting splashed at every twist.

Animals indigenous to Asia can be found here, including gibbons seen swinging through bamboo, giant bats hanging above and majestic tigers lounging in Asian ruins.

The Flights of Wonder show is an entertaining and educational extravaganza. Experienced ornithologists send beautiful, rare and stunt-trained birds swooping over the audience. You'll be wowed by their grace while you learn interesting facts about these majestic creatures. Other areas of the park are, again, more for the youngsters. But youngsters and adults alike can pass a few moments wondering

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HOCKEY

Sophomore sensation leads by example, not with words

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

Connor Dunlop isn't known for making big speeches before the game. After all, he is only a sophomore and there are many other older guys on the team.

But that doesn't stop Dunlop from making his statements on the ice. In December Dunlop and freshman Rob Globke were named to the U.S. Junior National Team. The team consisted of U.S. college players and NHL draft-picks.

The Junior Team practiced for a couple of weeks in December and then made the long trip to Moscow to compete in the World Junior Championships. Dunlop was named one of two captains on that team.

"It was a surprise being named captain," Dunlop said. "It was nice to know the guys look up to you."

Assuming a leadership role isn't easy considering this is only his second year on the team. Instead, Dunlop does his talking through his play on the ice.

"Connor might be a little hesitant because he is young," Notre Dame team captain Ryan Dolder said. "His leadership is on the ice. He makes things happen and sets up other guys."

Dunlop's first two games back were this past weekend, where he contributed to an impressive win and tie against No. 5 Western Michigan.

His play couldn't have come at a better time for the struggling Notre Dame hockey team. The Irish have battled all season to win games.

This weekend Notre Dame tries to keep the momentum going with a two-game home series against the Ohio State Buckeyes. The most important factor going into the game might be Notre Dame's confidence level.

"We tried to keep momentum and especially confidence this week," Dolder said. "If every guy wants to be there then it is that much easier to play."

Notre Dame expects an entirely different game from Ohio State than it saw last weekend with Western Michigan. While Western Michigan likes to play a fast, open game, the Buckeyes will be looking to slow down the game. That means Ohio State will try to frustrate Notre Dame's tight defensive style that is characterized by lots of penalties.

When asked about Ohio State, Irish coach Dave Poulin noted the Buckeyes are young and talented. Freshmen Dave Steckel and RJ Umberger are second and third, respectively, in scoring for the Buckeyes.

"Ohio State has a young team, but with two highly talented freshman,"



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Irish defenseman Evan Nielsen takes the puck up the ice during a game against Boston College earlier this season. The Irish have a crucial stretch of CCHA games coming up in the next several weeks that have playoff implications.

said Irish head coach Dave Poulin.

The Irish are only two points out of the last playoff spot, and there is a lot of hockey left. Including this weekend, Notre Dame has 12 games left against CCHA teams. That means that with a

nice run they could still make the CCHA tournament and move up to as high as eighth in the standings.

This is where the leadership of someone like Connor Dunlop could be very useful. His play on the ice could

be just what the Irish need to break out of their season long slumber.

"I want to strive to be a leader," Dunlop said. "It is something I have done on every level of hockey, and I am trying to grow into that role now."

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Irish set to unleash talent at season-opening indoor meet



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Hilary Burn flies down the straightaway during a meet last season.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

They're young. They're exuberant. They're talented.

And Notre Dame's women's track and field team wants everyone to know it.

"We want to establish ourselves as a national powerhouse this year, not just a Midwest one," said junior Liz Grow.

"We're getting to the point now where if things fall into place and we continue to improve, we can do some good things," said Irish head coach John Millar.

Today's indoor meet against Ball State and Western Michigan is the first opportunity the Irish have to compete against another college this season. The Irish, who have been training as a team since September, are anxious to get out and prove themselves.

"We're real excited," Millar said. "We've got a good group of athletes who are starting to come around and really want to be successful. It's taken us a few years to build the program, but now we're getting close to where we're at."

The Irish are counting on top performances from Grow, who qualified for the NCAA finals in the 400 meters last season, and sophomore All-American Tameisha King, who placed ninth in the nation last year.

Grow will be running both the 200 meters and the 400 meters today. "I never open the season running the quarter," she said. "I just want to run a smart

race and win."

Grow has set loft goals for herself this season. "I expect to improve on my times, and I expect to go to nationals," she said.

But she also has high expectations for the team. "We want to get the [4x400] relay to nationals for the first time in Notre Dame history," said Grow. "And breaking school records — that's not even a question."

The Irish will also look for King to compete in more events this season. Last season, King primarily competed in the long jump, but showed promise in the hurdles. This season, Millar wants to have King work more on the hurdles.

"We think she can be a national competitor in the hurdles as well as in the long jump," he said. "The talent's there, it's just a matter of her working a little bit more on that."

"We've just been focusing on getting her fit," said Irish assistant coach Scott Winsor.

In addition to King and Grow, the Irish sprinting corps are also expecting contributions from senior Carrie Lenz, who took fourth in the 400 meters at the 2000 Big East outdoor meet, freshman Ayesha Boyd, sophomore Kymia Love and junior Tiffany Tatum.

Notre Dame has one of the most versatile field events athletes in the nation in sophomore Jaime Volkmer. Against Ball State, she will not be competing in her specialty event, the pole vault. Instead, the Irish coaches are entering her in the high jump, the triple jump, and the long jump in order to pick up some valuable points.

"She has to go into competition with an attitude. She needs to tell herself that she's as good as anyone out there," Millar said. "As soon as she develops that, she's going to be one heck of a competitor to deal with."

The Irish are particularly deep in the pole vault. Volkmer is not entered in the pole vault today because Irish

coaches believe that Natalie Hallet and Bethany Wilson can take first and second place.

The Irish have done a good job of filling the gap left by Jennifer Engelhardt, who took seventh in the Olympic Trials in the high jump. "Jaime hasn't high jumped since high school, but we think she can do well for us there," Winsor said. "Jennifer Kearney had a really good fall. We think she can win the high jump tomorrow."

Junior Dore DeBartolo, who could become one of the greatest throwers in Notre Dame history, will not be competing during the indoor season due to a foot injury, but is expected to return in time for the outdoor meets.

"Not having Dore hurts a lot," Winsor said. "She's tough to replace."

The big question mark for the Irish is in the distance crew. The Irish will count on a young, unproven group of runners to earn points in the distance events.

"We've got some kids who are talented, we just have to get them up to their potential," said Irish assistant coach Tim Connelly. "We just need to get off to a good start. If we get off to a good start, they get confident."

Sophomore Jennifer Handley is the top returning talent for the Irish. She took 12th place in the 3,000 meters at the 2000 Big East finals. Junior Hilary Burn is also expected to contribute in the distance events.

But success in the distance will depend on contributions from freshmen. "The freshmen are going to have to decide if they are going to compete at this level right away," Connelly said.


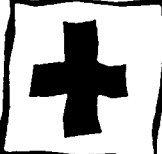


Nevertheless, the Irish coaches believe their young team is up to the test.

"There are things you have to do to be successful in college," Connelly said. "But it comes down to one thing — you just have to line up and race."

The youth of the Irish doesn't concern Millar.


"They're really competitive, and that's what we need," he said. "Mentally, their focus is really there to perform at a high level."

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13), and Villanova (52-50 on Jan. 16). And Seton Hall has yet to play any of the teams (Connecticut, Rutgers, Notre Dame and Boston College) ranked on top of the conference's preseason poll.

By comparison, Notre Dame's 6-0 conference record includes a 64-33 win over Villanova. The Irish have also played games against stalwarts Connecticut, Virginia Tech (twice) and Rutgers. The average margin in those four contests was 17 points per game.

That's not to say Seton Hall provides little challenge for the nation's No. 3 team.

Senior forward Arminda Moreno, who started for four years on Spain's Junior Nation Team, leads the squad in scoring (16.2 points per game) and sank two free throws in the final seconds to seal the Villanova win. Plus, the tight victories have given the Pirates some added confidence.

But they still must contend with the only undefeated team in the country.

Early in the season, consistent 3-point shooting helped the Irish become a more balanced team. Alicia Ratay's, Jeneka Joyce's and Niele Ivey's accuracy from the outside have made opposing squads defend the perimeter, which leaves more offensive opportunities for All-American center Ruth Riley.

The senior has sparked Notre Dame's recent surge. She has averaged nearly 22 points in the past eight games and has won the Big East Player of the Week award in two of the past three weeks. Her performance against Connecticut (29 points, 12 rebounds, 5 blocks and 4 assists) will most likely give Riley her third Player of the Week award.

Following Sunday's game, the Irish play at West Virginia on Jan. 24 and have seven days off before hosting Providence.



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Irish junior forward Ericka Haney moves in the paint during Notre Dame's upset of No. 1 Connecticut on Monday. The Irish travel to New Jersey to take on Seton Hall Sunday.

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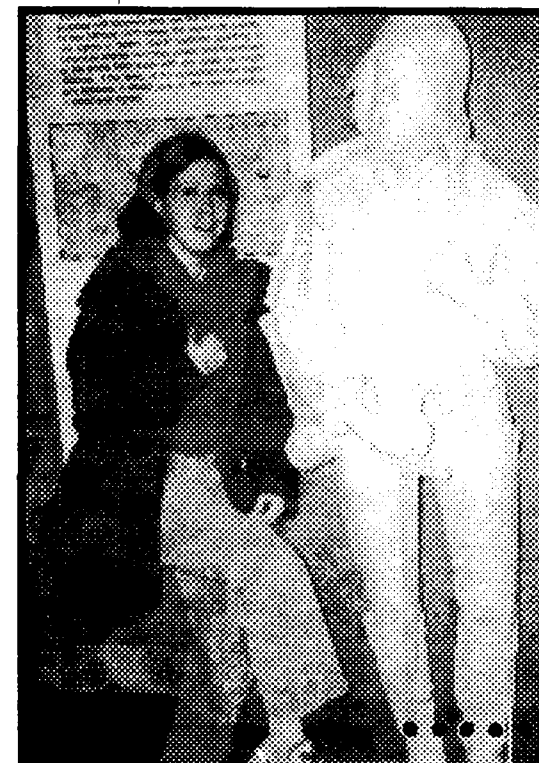
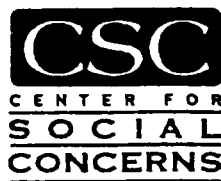
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Syracuse 86-80. Both teams beat Rutgers at home, Notre Dame 87-80 and West Virginia 70-68.

West Virginia is a strong rebounding team, led by forward Calvin Bowman, who ranks second in the conference with 10.2 rebounds per game.

Irish head coach Mike Brey may go with a bigger lineup to combat the Mountaineers' rebounding. In Tuesday's win over Pittsburgh, 6-foot-7 forward Harold Swanagan started in place of 6-foot-5 guard/forward David Graves, who had a sprained ankle. Swanagan, a starter a year ago, scored seven points and recorded 10 rebounds in 22 minutes of play. Combining Swanagan with 6-foot-8 forward Ryan Humphrey and 6-foot-10 All-American Troy Murphy in the post, along with Martin Ingelsby at point guard and Carroll at shooting guard, gives Notre Dame a different look — one that worked against the Panthers.

The challenge for Irish will be adjusting to their new roles if Swanagan should remain in the starting lineup in place of Graves or Humphrey.

"These guys now have to adjust, and that's a sign of maturity," Brey said. "We talked about having six starters early in the year. The six starters, they're going to get their minutes."

Humphrey, who played a lesser role Tuesday with just 24 minutes, said he'll make the change if it will help the Irish win.

"That's not a problem [my playing less], as long as we win," Humphrey said. "Harold's been playing great. Night in, night out, people's roles will change."

Brey could also get Swanagan more minutes by having Carroll sit more while shifting Graves to the two-guard position, or give Ingelsby a rest he rarely enjoys while having Carroll take over ballhandling duties.

Humphrey considering football

Speculation has arisen that Humphrey would add a new uniform to his closet next year, one with football pads. Humphrey, an All-American tight end in high school, was quoted Saturday in the Lexington Herald-Leader as having an interest in returning to the gridiron.

After Saturday's loss to Kentucky, Humphrey said, "I don't want to be one of those people that says, 'I wish I would have.'"

That same day, Notre Dame's second-leading scorer and rebounder said he had spoken to football coach Bob Davie about the possibility of joining the football team in the past. The news came as a surprise to basketball coach Mike Brey, who joked, "Does he have to report to spring practice tomorrow?"

Brey said Humphrey came into his office the next day surprised by the uproar he had created. He didn't realize what would happen by mentioning his name and football in the same sentence on a campus still reeling from the Fiesta Bowl fiasco.

Back in Tulsa, Humphrey was one of the most sought-after basketball players in the nation but also received attention from football recruiters — including Notre Dame's Lou Holtz. His dad, Al, played football at Tulsa and then for the Pittsburgh Steelers, while older brother Rod played football for the University of Pittsburgh.

"That's not going to be an option," Brey said of Humphrey playing football. "He's a basketball player, and I think maybe that was taken a little bit out of context."

Yet Thursday night, Humphrey wasn't quite as willing to rule out doing double duty as a varsity athlete.

"I don't know what will happen in the future," Humphrey said. "Right now, the only thing I'm trying to concentrate on is being on this team and winning."



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Irish forward Matt Carroll drives to the basket during Tuesday's victory against Pittsburgh. Carroll has started every game for the Irish this season.



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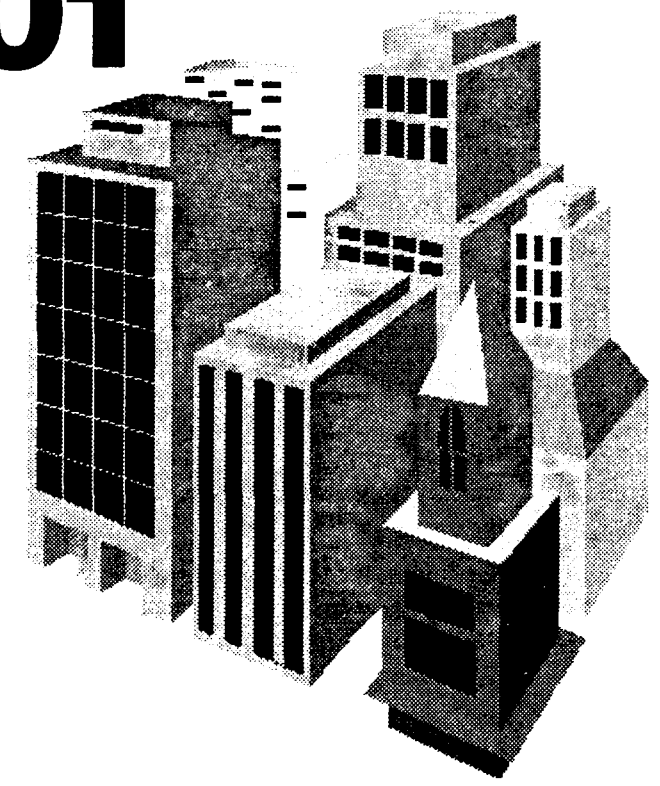
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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish dominate Gophers, look ahead to Badgers

By RACHAEL BIBER
Sports Writer

Game, set, match.

It was as simple as that for the 33rd-ranked Irish men's tennis team as they rolled over No. 18 Minnesota in their 2001 dual-match season opener last week.

The squad looks to win their next match on Sunday as they travel to Madison, Wisc. to take on the Badgers.

The Irish ended a two-match losing streak against Minnesota with a 7-0 drubbing of the Gophers, beating them for the first time since Jan. 17, 1998.

Notre Dame head coach Bob Bayliss knew his team was playing at a high level, but anticipated a much tougher

battle.

"I didn't expect to win by that kind of score," Bayliss said. "Minnesota quite honestly really wasn't ready to play and wasn't in full strength. But our guys were sharp and we jumped on them early."

Irish junior Casey Smith, ranked No. 95 nationally, led the Irish attack at No. 1 singles against Minnesota, followed by No. 75 Javier Taborga, Luis Haddock Morales, Aaron Talarico, Brian Farrell and Matt Scott. Although the Irish singles was formidable, the same order may not be used for the match-up against the Badgers, Bayliss said.

"The top four [Smith, Taborga, Haddock-Morales, and Talarico] are almost equal," Bayliss noted. "I

talked to the four of them and said we may just roll this thing around for awhile and see who looks good, and at the end of a dozen or 10 matches we'll really have a feel for who's playing well. I'm going to make it competitive in practice, and whoever is doing the best job for us in practice will get a little bump up maybe to reward him for that."

"Ultimately, it's how they do in matches that will determine how high they play," said

Bayliss. "Of course, when everyone wins, it's difficult."

Fewer question marks exist in the doubles department for

the Irish, where No. 38 Taborga and Talarico stand at No. 1, followed by the pairing of Smith and Haddock-Morales. The duo of James Malhame and Scott are vying with Andrew Laflin and Farrell for the

third doubles position. Malhame and Scott registered a win against Minnesota in the season-opener, but the pairing is hampered by an injury to Malhame's elbow.

If the Irish put on the same game face as the one worn against Minnesota, victory is almost certain, but the team knows each match poses new challenges.

"I think we have a little edge down below [in the lineup] with them, but they are all good enough," Bayliss

said. "They play good doubles. But if we play well, I think we are in good shape."

Wisconsin also includes No. 1 singles player Danny Westerman in its arsenal, who advanced to last weekend's quarterfinals of the Big Ten Championship before being defeated. Westerman, who also had a strong showing in the fall Region IV Intercollegiate Tennis Association Singles Tournament by advancing to the quarterfinals, is sure to be a tough task for whoever Bayliss decided to play at the No. 1 slot.

If the team's clobbering of Minnesota is any indication of things to come, then the Irish can probably look forward to racking up a lot of W's.

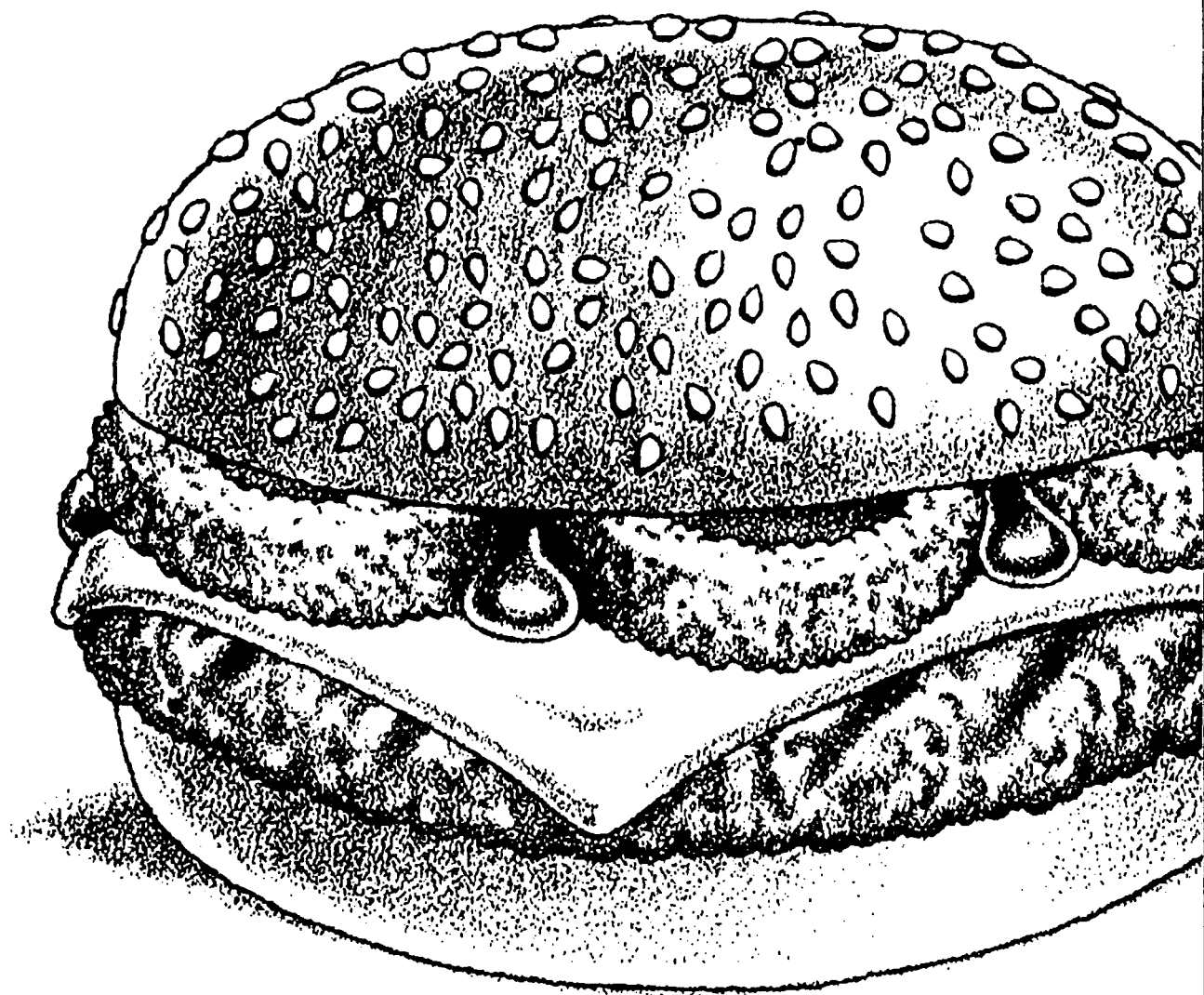
"I think we really took care of business [against Minnesota] and were very well prepared," Bayliss said. "We were anxious and eager and played with some poise, and played real well. My expectations are always pretty high — the win doesn't raise them. It maybe raises the hopes that we might reach my expectations."

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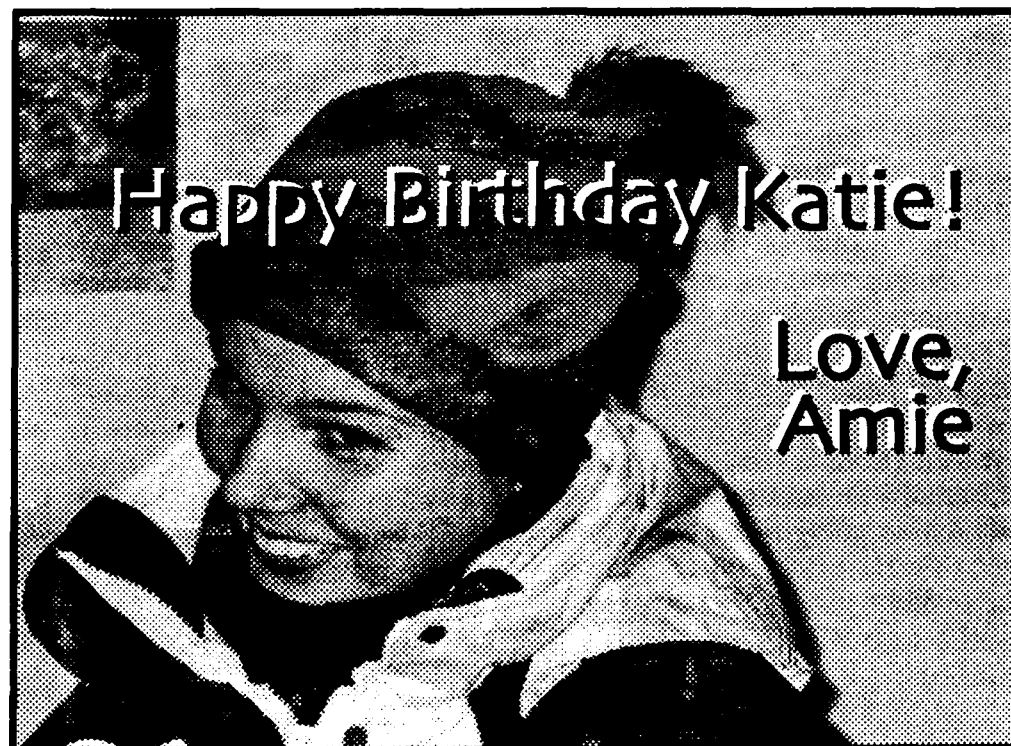
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FENCING

Irish face tough, early test against St. John's

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

For the last six years, the Notre Dame fencing team has entered the season with one certainty — Penn State was the team to beat.

This year, however, all that has changed.

"There is an entirely different powerhouse out there this year in St. John's," women's sabre captain Carianne McCullough said. "I think St. John's has past Penn State this year."

Notre Dame travels to New York this Sunday to face the Red Storm in addition to Columbia, NYU and Vassar in its first dual meet of the year.

Last year, Notre Dame and St. John's tied for second at the NAAs with 171 points — four points behind Penn State. St. John's, however, scored 171 points after qualifying only 11 fencers. Notre Dame and Penn State each had the maximum 12 fencers in the tournament.

St. John's returns all 11 fencers from last year's team but also adds sabreman Keeth Smart — the 1999 national champion — to its formidable roster.

The Irish, however, have plenty of weapons of their own to counter the Red Storm attack. Returning 11 of their 12 NCAA qualifiers, the Irish are ready to make a run for the national title.

"They are maybe one of the best teams on paper but a lot of things can happen," women's epee captain Kim DeMaio said. "A lot of people fence inconsistently but this weekend is going to be big. It will probably be pretty tough for us. But it will be good to see where we stand before March."

Gabor Szelle, the 2000 sabre national champion, headlines the Irish team and hopes to repeat as national champion. But with Smart returning to the collegiate strips after taking 2000 off to train for the Olympics, Szelle knows his task will be formidable.

"I think its going to be so much tougher this year than it was last year because some of the guys that didn't compete last season are going to compete this year," the junior from Budapest said. "It's going to be a big challenge to win the title again."

The last time Szelle faced Smart, the then-junior whipped the Irish freshman 15-4 in the 1999 championship match.

Although Szelle has never defeated Smart, his Irish teammate Andre Crompton has.

Crompton beat Smart at the Penn State Open last fall and is well familiar with both Smart and his St. John's teammate, 2000 All-American Ivan Lee. Crompton, Smart, Lee and Irish sophomore Matt Fabricant all train at the same club in New Jersey.

"We're all from the same club and we've been training pretty hard," Crompton said. "They are definitely a challenge but I think we are prepared for it."

The men's team also returns first team All-Americans Ozren Debic and Jan Viviani — both are sophomores. Debic finished second in foil at the 2000 NAAs as a freshman and should challenge for the title again this year.

Viviani finished third last year at the NCAA Championship. He lost to St. John's epeeist, and eventual national champion, Alex Roytblat

in the semifinals but bounced back to beat St. John's Doron Levitt for third place. Viviani will face both fencers again this weekend.

The men's team also features 1999 All-American Brian Casas in epee and 2000 NCAA qualifier Forest Walton in foil.

The women's team's hope to improve over last year hinges on the performance of three freshmen: sabrewomen Destanie Milo and Jessie Filkins and foilist Maggie Jordan.

Milo and Filkins will compete with 2000 All-American Natalia Mazur and 2000 NCAA qualifier McCullough for a spot in the NCAA Championships this year.

The women's sabre team will face tough competition from St. John's who returns two All-Americans.

McCullough, however, believes the Irish have a good chance of besting the Red Storm.

"Last year when we fenced that it was also the beginning of the season and we had one recruit and two walk-ons and we managed to pull off a 5-4 victory against essentially the same St. John's team we will face this year," she said.

Jordan will have the difficult task of replacing one of the most prolific fencers in Irish history, Magda Krol. Krol finished her career with the seventh-most wins in Irish history.

Jordan will be joined on the women's foil squad by 2000 All-American and team captain Liza Boutsikaris. The sophomore from New Jersey finished 12th at last year's NCAA Championships.

The women's epee team was expect to be bolstered by the addition of freshman Kerry Walton but the third-ranked junior women's epeeist is ineligible to compete this semester.

"That was definitely a key on our women's side," Crompton said. "That's going to take a toll on the women's side and the rest of the team is going to have to step up."

Team captains declined to elaborate on the reasons for Walton's ineligibility.

Nevertheless, with 2000 All-Americans Meagan Call and Anna Carnick returning for the Irish, DeMaio anticipates a strong showing this weekend.

"We are going to have the same lineup that we had last year so hopefully we can pull together," she said.

Coach

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Then came 1998. Clark proved to be the Dennis Erickson of men's soccer, guiding the Cardinal all the way to the NCAA Championship Game, where they fell to Indiana.

Before coaching at Stanford, where Clark's final record was 71-21-12 in five seasons, he coached at Dartmouth of the Ivy League from 1985 through 1994, where he led the Big Green to an 82-42-13 record and two NCAA quarterfinal appearances.

Clark's coaching success can be attributed to his style and dedication to recruiting. Sylvis was considering both Notre Dame and Stanford as a senior in high school back in 1996. It was Clark's personal attention that led him to choose Palo Alto as his next home.

"I'd get a call every week just asking how I was," Sylvis remem-

bered. "I was one of the big reasons I came to Stanford."

The late Notre Dame head coach Mike Berticelli, on the other hand, had his assistants, including Apple, do much of the talking with Sylvis.

"I didn't have much contact with him. I actually talked quite a bit with one of his assistants [Apple]," Sylvis said.

"It gave me the feeling that the head coach wasn't as in to it."

"I think that was the big difference. Clark made me feel that he actually wanted me on the team and that he was going to do everything he could to get me there," Sylvis said.

In terms of his coaching style, Clark concentrates on basic fundamentals and being an important person in his athletes lives.

"Coach Clark is a big believer in the [UCLA basketball coaching legend] John Wooden style of coaching," Sylvis said. "He coaches life lessons as well as things you need to do on the soccer field. It's very fun to be coached by that

kind of style."

Sylvis also described Clark as a more laid-back coach, a contrast to the intense environment that existed under Apple in 2000.

"He never yells, he never gets angry with the players," Sylvis said. "Everyone knows he has the experience at top level soccer so everyone respects what he has to say. He never has to yell."

Following the Cardinal's unexpected loss to SMU in the national quarterfinals last fall, Clark was nothing but positive.

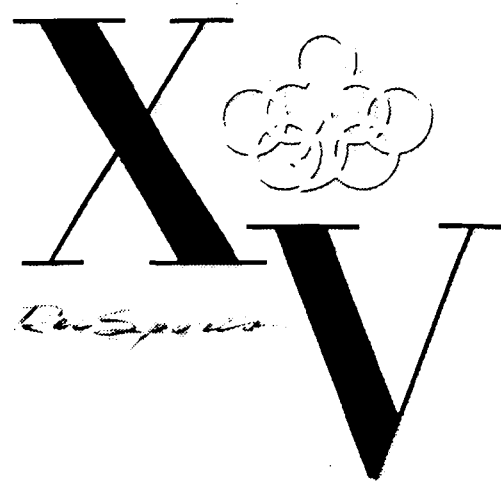
"In the last game, he couldn't have been more proud of us, which is very nice to hear," Sylvis said. "We felt we had basically given our all in that game."

Sylvis feels that his coach was attracted to South Bend by more than just the lower cost of living.

"I'm sure he's always looking for another challenge to turn a team around," he said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles try to avoid mistakes in MIAA showdown against Bulldogs

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

When the Saint Mary's Belles take the floor at Angela Athletic Facility on Saturday, the enemy won't be wearing the black and gold of the opposing Adrian Bulldogs.

This week, the enemy will be wearing the blue and white of the Belles themselves.

"I think right now we're playing against ourselves," head coach Suzanne Smith said. "It doesn't matter who the opponent is, we really have to focus on ourselves."

After a strong 7-5 start to

the season, the Belles have skidded into four consecutive losses, all of them to MIAA teams. With league positioning in the balance, Saint Mary's will take on Adrian as they try to break the tie for sixth place and move away from the bottom of the MIAA pile.

That won't be an easy task, however, unless the Belles can get their team unity back.

"We need to be a team again," Smith said. "That's why we won early on in the season. It didn't matter who got the credit or who did the dirty work, we just went out there to win."

With forward Kristen Matha still

questionable after sustaining a hip flexor muscle injury, some of the heart of the Belles team may still be missing on Saturday. The star post player only played for 12 minutes during Wednesday's loss to Olivet, far below her season average.

"Kristen brings a lot of heart to the court along with the stats," Smith said.

Matha returned to practice Thursday and Smith hopes to play her off the bench during Saturday's game.

"Kelly Roberts has really done a good job stepping in [for Matha]," Smith said.

But Roberts, along with the rest of the Belles, will have to step it up to cage the

Bulldogs. With matching records of 1-4 in the MIAA, the Belles (7-8 overall) and the Bulldogs (6-8 overall) will be battling it out on the court.

"It's a battle because with both teams being down at the bottom of the conference, no one wants to be left behind," Smith said.

With less than half the season left and several important MIAA games coming up, the

home crowd may give the Belles the extra edge they need to get back into the swing of things this season.

"It's good for us to play at home in front of the home crowd," Smith said. "We've had some short fuses and it may help us get the team more cohesive."

Saint Mary's will continue to focus on defense to shut down a Adrian attack, but it will do some work on offense as well. Smith is looking for her team to slow it down on offense and take solid shots.

"We need to work the ball around and get a good shot off," she said.

The action begins at 3 p.m. at Angela on Saturday.

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MEN'S TRACK

Shay returns to lead Irish in indoor season opener

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Ryan Shay is back. The senior distance runner, who missed the fall cross country season following an intense summer of preparing for the U.S Olympic trials, will compete in the mile run tonight as the Irish men's track team takes on Ball State and Western Michigan in Loftus.

Shay finished 10th in the 10,000 meters at the Olympic trials, following a 2000 track season that saw Shay take home four Big East titles. He won the 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters at the indoor championships in February, followed by the 5,000 and 10,000 meter outdoor titles in May.

"I think he's real excited. He's fit," Irish head coach Joe Piane said of Shay, who took seventh in the 10,000 meters at the NCAA championships last season, finishing in 30:54.65.

"The kid is really fit. He hasn't done much speed work at all," Piane added. "In three or four weeks he could probably run a better mile. I think Ryan can go 4:12 or faster."

Shay's return strengthens an Irish distance core that is competing shorthanded with Luke Watson missing the meet with an IT band injury in his leg.

Piane expressed concern

that Watson's injury could keep him out longer than just tonight's meet.

"He has an IT band problem," Piane said. "They can be really problematic. They can hang on for a long time."

Competing with Shay in the mile will be sophomore Marc Striowski, who is coming off a successful cross country season.

Freshman Colin Quinn, sophomore Doug Gunzelmann and senior Nate Andrulonis

will run the 800 meters for Notre Dame. The trio has large shoes to fill, as last season's middle distance standouts, Phil Mishka and Tim Kober, both graduated in the spring.

Despite the graduation of Big East champions Marshaun West and Chris Cochran, the Irish boast a strong group of sprinters.

Senior Terry Wray showed flashes of brilliance last season in the 400 meters while running in the shadow of Big East champion Cochran. Wray should challenge a talented group of Ball State sprinters for first place in the 400 tonight.

Senior Travis Davey and

sophomore Tom Gilbert will compete in both the 60- and 200-meter dashes. Davey ran a 6.93 in the 60 meters last season, while Gilbert, whose best event is the long jump, ran a 21.68 in the 200 meters.

A surprisingly strong addition to the team this spring is William "Red" Croker, a junior who did not compete last season for academic reasons. Croker will run the 200 and 400 meters tonight.

"Red has been one of the big surprises of the fall," said sprints coach John Millar. "He's come on and he's shown that he's got really good range from the 60 meters all the way to 400. Now I'm trying to figure out what to do with him."

Another addition to the short events is freshman James Bracken, who also will compete in the 200 and 400 meters.

"James Bracken has surprised me as far as what he was running in the fall compared to what hit in high school," said Millar.

In the 500 meters, the Irish will look for football kicker Nick Setta to kick the event into an extra gear. Setta, who starred in the middle-distance and high jump while at

Lockport High School in Illinois, will compete along with Nick Saracco and Mike Ansour in the event.

After a season in which Notre Dame did not even bother sending a hurdler to the Big East Indoor Championships, the Irish have two freshmen who look able to contribute immediately.

Although Napoleon Suarez won't compete tonight due to a hamstring injury, look for Mark Barber to compete right away.

"He was the Michigan state champ," Millar said. "He's developed in the hurdles and has made big improvements in the course of the fall."

The Irish also have to replace All-American West in the long jump. However, with the development of his younger jumpers, field events coach Scott Winsor feels the team is stronger this season than it was last.

Gilbert just missed the elusive 24-foot mark as a freshman, jumping 23-feet 11 3/4 inches to take fifth place at the Big East outdoor meet last season. Sophomore Ed Faustin and freshman Godwin Mbagwu have proven to be more than solid over the fall. Mbagwu has jumped 23 feet already.

"I think overall we're better in that event than we were last year," said Winsor. "We've got Godwin, Tom and Ed. I think Ed is looking a lot better this year. He's faster than he was last year. Tom has lost

weight."

Mbagwu also will compete in the triple jump, as will junior Quill Redwine, who Winsor sees having a breakout season after being injured much of his first two years.

"He had a really good Gold meet in the fall. He's just looking better and better all year," Winsor said of Redwine. "He's done better all fall than he's done in the past freshman and sophomore year. He's about ready to do some good things."

Redwine and Andrew Cooper will compete in the high jump. Cooper, who took off last season for personal reasons, has already cleared the 6-foot-5 mark in practice.

In the throwing events, look for junior Derek Dyer to place well in the shot-put. In the 35-pound weight throw, Winsor has been impressed with the improvement of sophomore Brian Thorberg.

"He gained a lot of strength over the summer," Winsor said. "He's going to do some pretty good stuff."

In the pole vault, Winsor is impressed with his trio of junior Josh Heck and sophomores Nathan Cahill and Joe Yanoff.

"Josh is looking really good. He'll vault higher than he did last year," Winsor said. "I'm really happy with the number of pole vaulters I have this year."

The gun goes off at 7 p.m. tonight on the Meyo Track.

"In three or four weeks, he could probably run a better mile. I think Ryan [Shay] can go 4:12 or faster."

Joe Piane
Irish head coach



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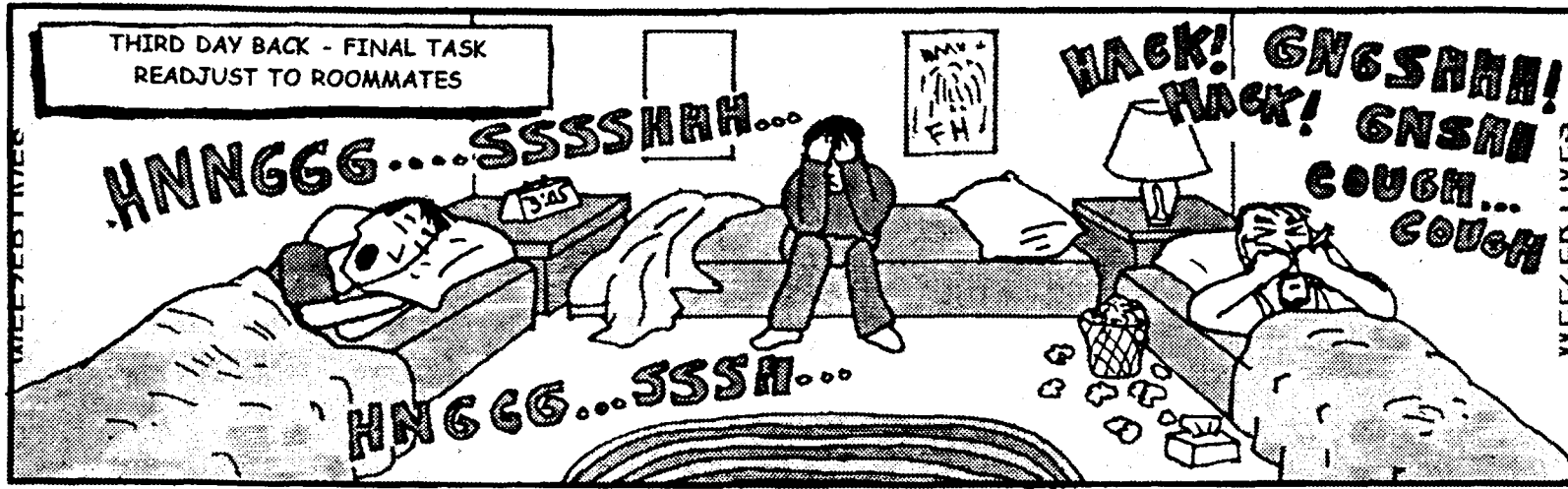
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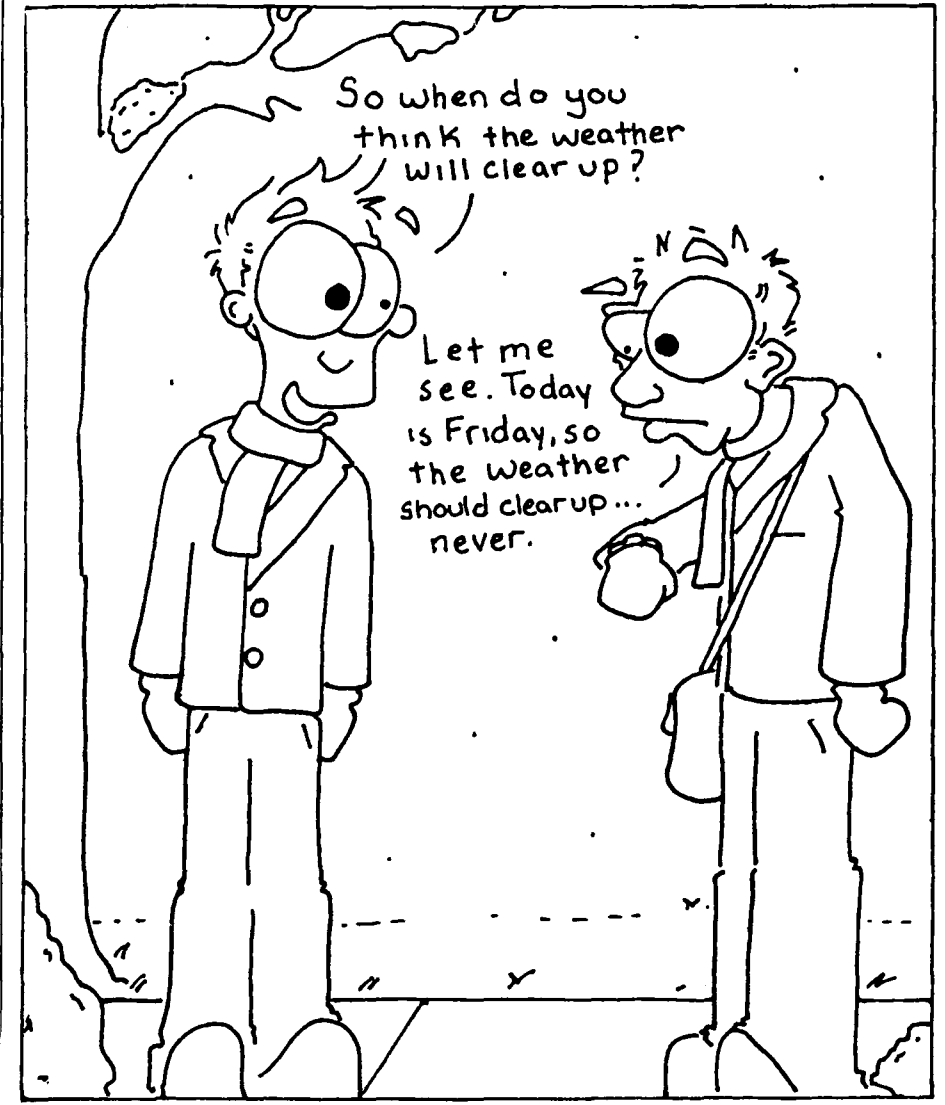
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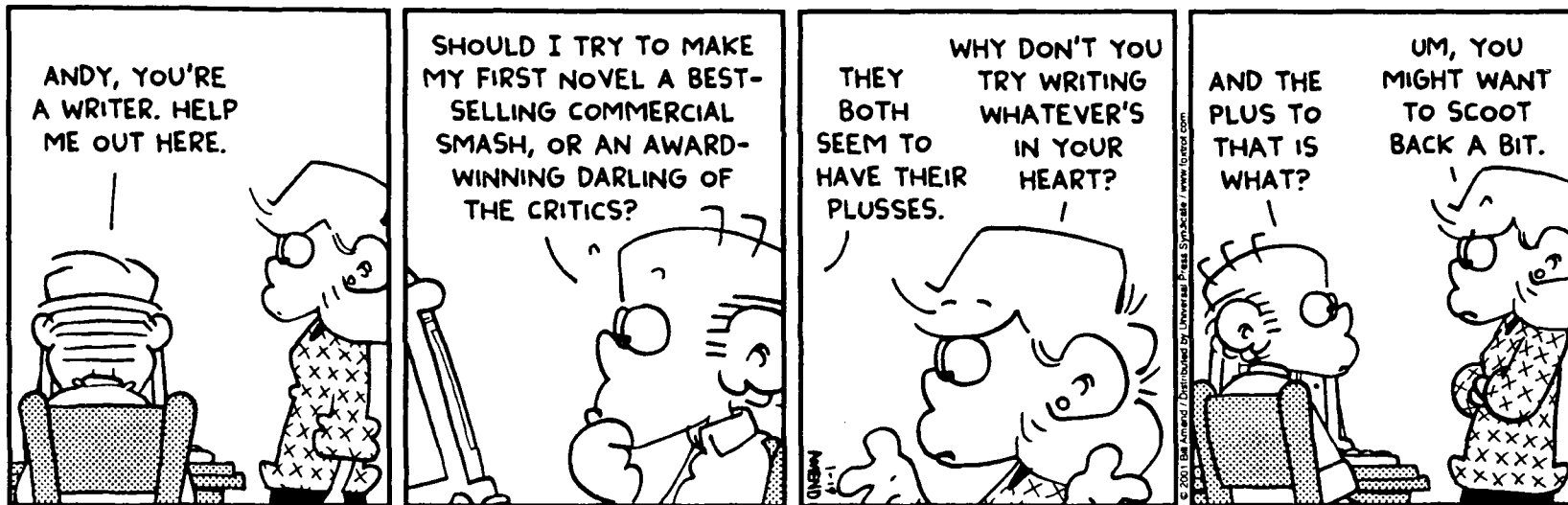
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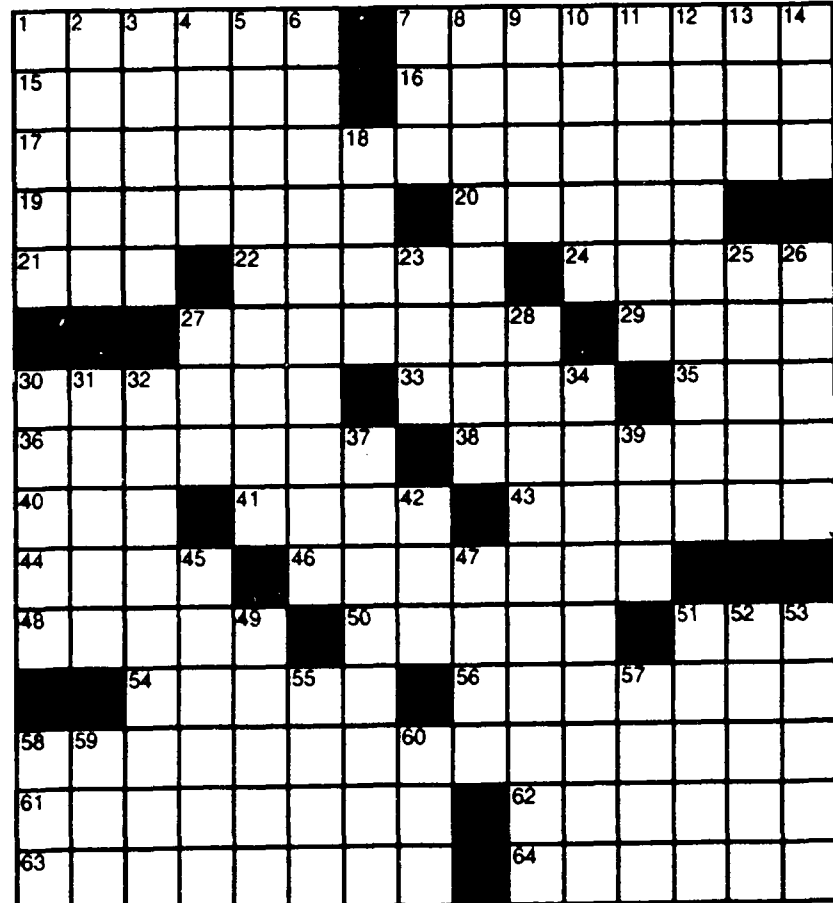
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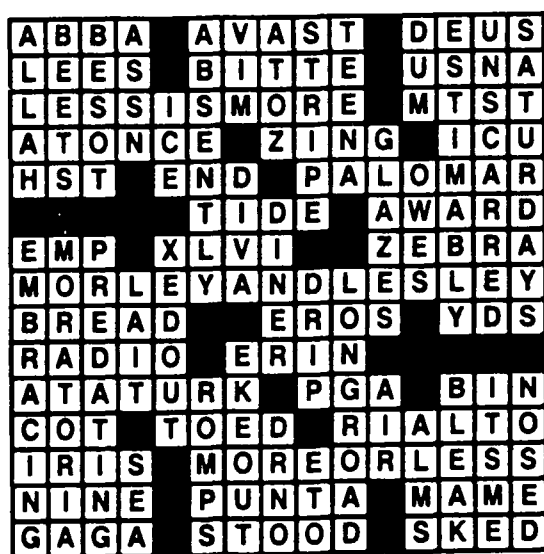
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 - 21 Litmus, for one
 - 22 Joint tenant?
 - 24 Fancy party site
 - 27 Bored by
 - 29 Cuisine that's big on noodles
 - 30 Make a comeback
 - 33 Losing proposition?
 - 35 Rock blaster
 - 36 One who's not fully in control
 - 38 Flowers named for a Swedish botanist
 - 40 Dance step
 - 41 Rice pad
 - 43 Diminutive
 - 44 Diana of stage and screen
 - 46 Continue in a parade
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 - 51 Back
 - 54 Alcohol burners
 - 56 1993 Tom Stoppard play
 - 58 Cause of some confusion
 - 61 P.O.W.
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- 1 Like thick smoke
 - 2 Frost lines?
 - 3 River of Orléans
 - 4 "Eugene Onegin" mezzo
 - 5 Dangerous situation
 - 6 Part of a steamship
 - 7 Put out, in a way
 - 8 Like many aliens on "Star Trek"
 - 9 "The Hermits" painter Schiele
 - 10 New Brunswick national park
 - 11 Boat's landing place
 - 12 Winter driving aid
 - 13 Intl. trade inits.
 - 14 Library sound: Var.
 - 18 Christie murder setting
 - 23 Curious
 - 25 P.L.O. rival
 - 26 Stewed
 - 27 Prefix with light
 - 28 It's a wrap
 - 30 West African capital
 - 31 Like a rare game
 - 62 Get situated
 - 63 Lecturers' equipment
 - 64 Lead



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- 32 Insulating tubing
 - 34 March time?
 - 37 Fake tattoo, usually
 - 39 Basketball's Elmore
 - 42 3-D exam
 - 45 Snagged
 - 47 Like some pots
 - 49 Cartoon canine
 - 51 "Damn Yankees" co-composer Richard
 - 52 "Brigadoon" heroine played by Cyd Charisse
 - 53 Shabby
 - 55 Composer Thomas
 - 57 Hit the ground
 - 58 Marceau's everyman
 - 59 Start for a Spanish count
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't speed. The highway is not a racetrack. You should join your lover in physical activities. Too much idle time and talk will lead to disagreements.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make professional changes, or consider starting your own small business. You will have no problems convincing others of your abilities. Go after your goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You need a change and now is the time for self-improvement. Mental stimulation will be important. Try to spend time with those who provide you with intellectual conversation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Try to make residential moves or changes that will benefit the whole family. Additional responsibilities may be difficult to handle if you try to take them on by yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Offer your home for group meetings or just friendly get-togethers. New friendships can lead to business partnerships and contacts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Greater self-awareness will develop through communication with your peers. You can change your lifestyle if you want. Take advantage of the opportunities offered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make the most of your time. Plan your activities wisely. Don't take on trivial work that should be delegated to someone with fewer qualifications.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be inclined to get involved in an unwise financial investment or gambling. Talk to someone you trust before deciding to take any chances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Self-awareness will be necessary. Re-evaluate your motives. Social activity will lead to romantic opportunities. Change whatever is necessary to make yourself happy. You must learn to love yourself before you love someone else.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be honest and direct today. Misunderstandings will cause problems with partners if you haven't explained your intentions precisely.

Birthdays: You are entertaining, sociable and charming. You have great ideas, and your creativity will not be overlooked. You like the limelight and will use any opportunity to present your ideas.

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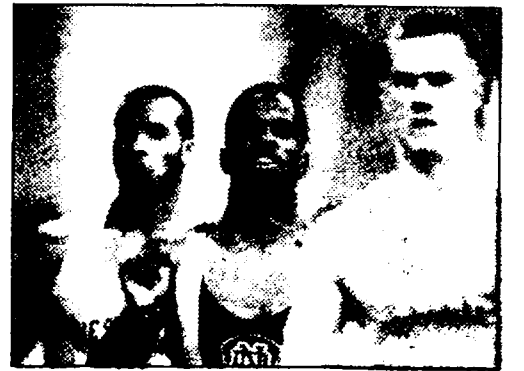
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SPORTS

Off and running
After four months of hard training, the men's and women's track teams begin their indoor season today against West Virginia and Ball State.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame set to take on West Virginia

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Starting out 4-0 in the Big East might have had the Irish men's basketball squad sleeping a little sounder, but at 2-2 in the league, they're far from out of contention for a conference championship.

Sunday's game with divisional foe West Virginia (10-4, 1-2 Big East) is the second of a three-game homestand. The Mountaineers will follow Pittsburgh in trying to trip up the Irish as they run towards a goal of going undefeated at home in the Big East.

"This [home stretch] is extremely important. It's a big stretch to put us right in contention for the top of the league," shooting guard Matt Carroll said. "This will separate the top from the bottom. The league is pretty close right now."

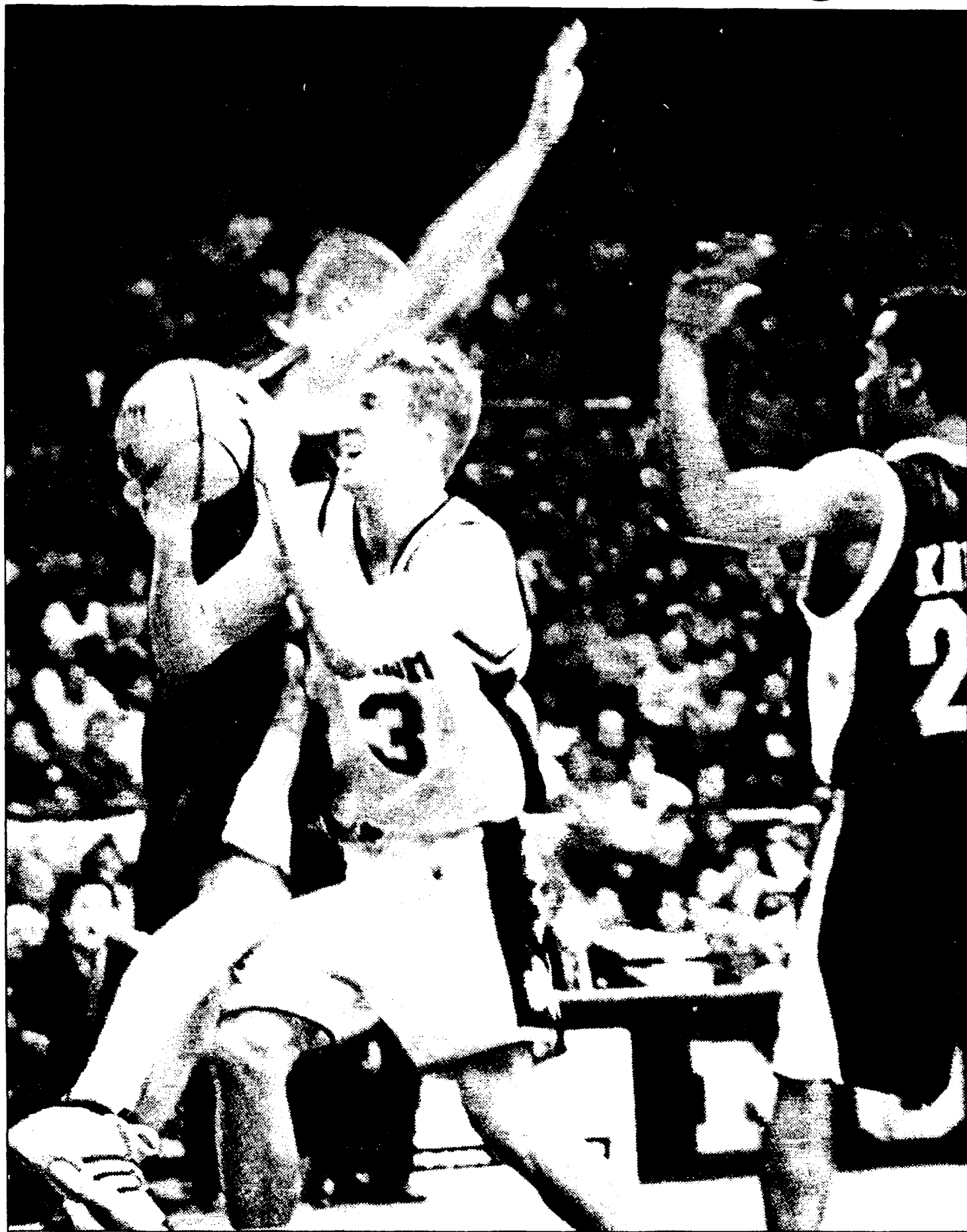
The Big East is shaping up as one of the most competitive conferences in the nation, with only Virginia Tech holding a losing record at 7-9. The Mountaineers may not be the team to beat in the league, but they're the team to beat for Notre Dame this weekend.

"Especially in the Big East, you can't really look past anyone," forward Ryan Humphrey said. "We have a good West Virginia team coming in here."

The Mountaineers' early season schedule wasn't as challenging as that of the Irish. West Virginia's strength of schedule ranks 83rd in the country, compared to Notre Dame's 55th ranked schedule.

Yet in the toughest test of the year for the Mountaineers, a Dec. 2 contest with now-No. 4 Tennessee, the Mountaineers lost by just a point. And in games against the same opponents, the Irish and the Mountaineers have pulled off similar results. Notre Dame lost at Syracuse 79-70, while West Virginia lost at

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ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Irish forward Troy Murphy splits two Pittsburgh defenders during Notre Dame's 72-58 win on Tuesday. Notre Dame faces West Virginia on Sunday in a crucial Big East matchup.

MEN'S SOCCER

Stanford's Clark to be new coach

By NOAH AMSTADER
Assistant Sports Editor

Stanford men's soccer coach Bobby Clark, who specializes in turning men's soccer teams around, will be named the next Irish men's soccer coach today.



Clark

The story was first reported on Soccer America Magazine's Web site Wednesday afternoon.

Clark explained his reasons for leaving Stanford to Soccer America.

"My reasons for leaving are not about Stanford Athletics. I have loved my five years here on the Farm," Clark told Soccer America.

"I will not miss the Bay Area cost of living. It will be nice to own a real house again, have a garden, and be able to have family visit without having everyone sleeping in the living room," Clark added.

Stanford Sports Information director Matt Hodson confirmed Thursday that Notre Dame has been granted permission to speak to Clark.

Notre Dame associate athletic director Jim Phillips, who headed up the search for a new coach following the early December decision not to bring back 2000 head coach Chris Apple, was unavailable for comment.

Stanford senior midfielder Sean Sylvis confirmed that Clark told his team that he is leaving Stanford for Notre Dame. Clark also expressed his desire to live in a less expensive area to his Stanford players.

"He has a place up here but it's kind of small," Sylvis said. "I think he wanted a bigger house. I think a lot of it was his family. It's too expensive to live here."

Clark wasted little time in turning around the Cardinal program after arriving in Palo Alto in 1996. Stanford was coming off consecutive 5-12 seasons and hadn't posted a winning record since 1991.

In his first season, the Cardinal finished 10-4-4. In 1997 the team made its first ever trip to the NCAA tournament.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish face dangerous foe in Big East matchup

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

One team's success has led to national recognition. The other squad's unexpected wins have gone virtually unnoticed.

But both the Notre Dame and Seton Hall women's programs have upstaged their more heralded men's counterparts.

Before the season, prognosticators predicted Notre Dame and Seton Hall's men's teams

as two of the top rising programs in the nation. With four returning starters for the Irish and three All-Everything freshmen coming in for the Pirates, the two schools received many preseason accolades.

Two months later, the women have closed the gap. Whereas the men's teams have struggled as of late, the women have been on a tear. Entering Sunday's contest in New Jersey, Notre Dame and Seton

Hall may be the two most surprising squads in the league.

The Irish's 17-0 record, and most noticeably the victory over Connecticut, has been well documented. But the lesser known Pirates have also had a solid beginning.








Seton Hall, which entered the season predicted to finish 13th out of 14 teams in the conference, has an overall record of 12-5, including a 5-1 Big East mark. The five wins in

six games give the Pirates a slight edge over Connecticut and Rutgers (both 4-1), in the battle for second place in the league. Last year, Seton Hall won just 11 of 27 games and had just five Big East victories.

However, the Pirates' fast start is a bit misleading. Their last three wins have been close, with victories against Pittsburgh (62-60 on Jan. 10), Georgetown (56-53 on Jan.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

 <p>Track and Field vs. Ball State and Western Michigan Today, 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>Men's Swimming at Bill Ritter Invitational Today, 10 a.m.</p>	 <p>at Wisconsin Sunday, 11 a.m.</p>	 <p>vs. West Virginia Sunday, noon</p>
 <p>vs. Ohio State Today and Saturday 7:05 p.m.</p>	 <p>SMC vs. West Virginia Sunday, noon</p>	 <p>at Seton Hall Sunday, noon</p>	