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Busted... now what?

Consequences for parietal violations vary across campus

By **MARIBEL MOREY**
 Assistant News Editor

Many prospective students are awed by the crazed football fans, the Golden Dome or the sense of community that is sensed throughout campus, especially within residence halls. There might not be fraternities or sororities at Notre Dame, but the dorms are pretty close to that — except that Valentine's Day ends at midnight here.

According to DuLac, "visiting hours for

guests of the opposite sex are not to begin before 10 a.m. on any day and are not to extend beyond 2 a.m." What might have seemed as a small detail during spring visitation affects the lives of every student on campus.

"Yes, parietals have a larger effect on social life. I would have picked another school if I would have seen the effect it has on the social life," said Michelle Merlo, sophomore math and business major.

Michelle's life at Notre Dame took a turn last semester when the fire alarm went off in Carroll at 7:30 a.m. — while she was in her boyfriend's room. Their parietals case was taken directly to Residence Life.

"For the most part, less than an hour is up to their [rectors'] discretion. More than an hour they come to us," said Jeffrey Shoup, direc-

tor of residence life. "The longer the violation, the more intentional it becomes."

For the most part, 10-15 minute violations end with a warning while 30 minute violations or more go directly to ResLife, said Sister Adrienne Piennette, rector of Welsh Family Hall.

Both Michelle and her boyfriend were not allowed to return to their dorm for the remainder of the fall semester in response to ResLife's decision. She was forced to live off campus and may not enter her former residence, Howard Hall, without permission.

"I know I need to face the consequences. It was hard last fall, with the blizzard and having to live off campus," said Merlo.

Most people who break parietals make the same mistakes.

"They leave early when they think everyone is asleep. Six o'clock might be early for them, but not for the rector," said Shoup. "A couple of times a year, roommates turn parietal cases in. Ninety-nine percent of the time a hall staff hears them talking in the room."

Although Michelle's case did not involve alcohol, Shoup said most cases involve intoxicated friends.

After a party, "some students might be too drunk to make a decent decision and

drunk enough that they don't want to go back to their dorm-hall monitor," said Shoup. "When they're intoxicated, they're talking louder than they thought they were."

Some students, however, say they enjoy parietals and others disagree so strongly that they move off campus, said Shoup.

"Parietals quiet the dorm down for rest and study," said Piennette.

The administration sees parietals as a three-prong approach of safety, security and privacy, said Shoup.

"I know there's the issue of privacy and this school has to keep this tradition as a big Catholic school in keeping its dignity and high standard of name," said Merlo. However, she does not understand,

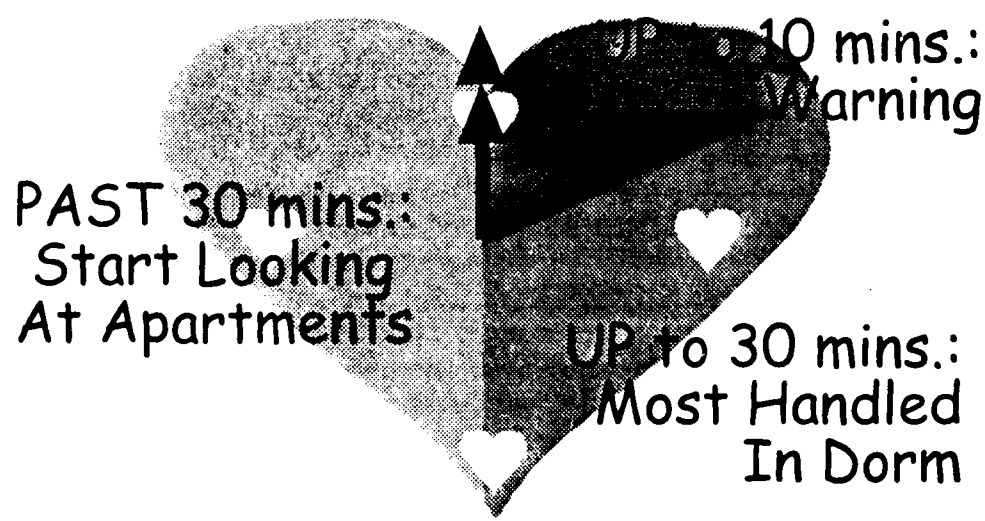
however, why her punishment continues past Residence Life.

The punishment finalized by ResLife included off-campus housing for the remainder of the fall semester and residence in a different dorm during the spring semester. She now lives in Walsh Hall. In May, her punishment from ResLife will be over, but she is still banned from Howard.

Since Merlo missed her friends, she tried talking to Howard's rector, Sister Anne Dougherty, to move back next fall.

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You just got caught breaking parietals...but at what time?



Outcomes vary depending on dorm

KATY HALL/The Observer

Commitment to service programs highlights run-off debate

By **FINN PRESSLY**
 Senior Staff Writer

With the race for student body president down to just two tickets, last night's candidate forum focused mainly on a close examination of each ticket's platform goals.

Ryan Becker and Nikki McCord faced opponents Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona in a two-hour debate with questions coming from a panel of guests, audience members and the candidates.

The debate came just one day after an election that saw service-oriented candidates Demetra Smith and Yogeld Andre come within 3 percent of passing Becker and McCord for the second runoff position. Smith/Andre received 20 percent while Becker/McCord garnered 23. Norton/Moscona gained 42 percent of the primary votes.

With those results in mind, many of the questions centered on each ticket's commitment to service.

"We want to serve students while allowing students to serve others," said Norton. "This election has shown that students are interested in social issues."

Both tickets expressed strong interest in Smith and Andre's Dinner with Seven

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AMANDA HUGHES/The Observer

Brian Becker (right) and Nikki McCord (center) debate with Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona Tuesday night in the Hesburgh Library.

INSIDE COLUMN

It's Valentine's Day

I am tired of the cookies, the chocolate covered strawberries ala Martha Stewart, and the dozens upon dozens of roses. It does not seem romantic at all. The holiday has become a race to determine who gives the biggest and most expensive gift. It is no longer about love but on how we can buy.

According to the History Channel, which means I did not watch it but had someone do it for me, St. Valentine was a dude who defied Emperor Claudius decree that no man could marry because it made him a bad soldier. St. Valentine would marry young couples in private. He may have been killed attempting to free Christians from the prisons where they were often tortured. Also, while he was in jail he fell in love with a young girl, might have been the jailer's daughter, and wrote her love letters that were addressed "From Your Valentine."

The holiday was meant to remember St. Valentine. It was definitely not meant to shower each other with decorated pieces of paper and dead flowers. St. Valentine acted out of love, not to empty his wallet on meaningless gifts of little or no sentimental value.

Yet every year, since Kindergarten, I was told to bring Valentine cards to school. The last Valentine's card I gave out was seven years ago to a girl that I liked. I was promptly rejected afterward.

It was not the rejection that made me this way. It was the constant reminder that on this one day, I am supposed to profess my love. But instead of finding love, I become aware of pain and of remorse the day after.

How many of us know people who broke off their relationship on Valentine's? I know a few who would rather forget about this day. Poor souls, they get reminded about this dreadful day everywhere they look.

The cost is another thing. This is a very expensive holiday. Between buying chocolates, roses (at a huge markup), and then dinner later that night. I am sure you can understand that some men would prefer to spend their money on something more useful or something that will really impress their girlfriend.

Here is an example: There is this guy, "Joe", he has a girlfriend, "Anne", but miles and miles of ocean separate both. Anne is in the U.S. and Joe is in Europe. Earlier this year, Anne, in Europe on business, surprised Joe by flying to see him on his birthday without him knowing.

Sounds nice, huh? This is not the end of the story. Joe, wanting revenge, decided to do the same to Anne. Without anyone knowing, not even his closest friends, he flew for 18 hours across the Atlantic. He surprised Anne outside her door and both embraced. The surprise was so strong that she was in tears. He spent his money to surprise her. That is romantic.

Guys, if you want to make your girl feel special on this day make something for her. Do something for her that is of good character and always to make her feel special. Cook for her, try it, it is not so hard. Make her a card. Grow a plant for her. Whatever the gift, it will be better than store-bought cards and teddy bears. It does not take long to make and she will love you more for it.

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THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Meeting: Rotary Club of South Bend, Century Center, 12 p.m.	◆ Event: Gridiron Legends Luncheon Series, College Football Hall of Fame, 11:30 a.m.	◆ Event: Junior Parents' Weekend	◆ Concert: South Bend Symphony: "The Sounds of New Orleans," Morris Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.
◆ Theater: "Can a Woman Make a Man Lose His Mind?," Morris Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.	◆ Fundraising: St. Joseph Tree Sales Program, the Soil and Conservation District Office, all day	◆ Movie: "The Eyes of Tammy Faye," Snite Museum of Art, 7:30 p.m.	◆ Movie: "The 6th Day," DeBartolo 101, 8 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Drug incidents skyrocket at U. Washington

SEATTLE

Arrests, citations and warnings for illegal drugs have increased by almost 900 percent since 1996 in the University of Washington residence halls.

Campus-wide, the combination of illegal drug arrests, citations and warnings has increased from 35 in 1996 to 200 in 2000. In the residence halls alone, the number has increased from five to 49 in the same five years.

Police records indicate most of the incidents involved marijuana rather than harder drugs, such as cocaine or LSD.

Despite the consistent increase in drug incidents, Sgt. David Girtz said illegal drugs do not overly plague the UW. He attributes most of the

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Sgt. David Girtz
police officer

incidents to non-students.

"We feel that approximately 80 percent of the incidents involve non-students. We are an urban campus and a lot of people from the surrounding area come onto campus. I don't believe UW has any

larger problem with illegal drugs than other universities in similar circumstances," said Girtz.

The UWPD has officers monitor the residence halls. Girtz found that some officers were not spending as much time in the halls as she felt was necessary.

"I have strongly encouraged officers assigned to the residence halls to spend time in the halls. I want the dorm officers to know what is going on inside the dorms," said Girtz.

Three or four years ago there was a policy change that may have contributed to the increased numbers. Resident advisors on each floor were instructed to call the police if they suspected drug use in the residence halls.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Biochemist makes AIDS discovery

CINCINNATI

Discovering a protein found within the AIDS infection process does not have a concrete structure came as a surprise to a University of Cincinnati biochemist last month. "The region of this protein appears to be structurally flexible. That has astounded a lot of people," said Pearl Tsang, an assistant professor of chemistry for 10 years at UC. According to Tsang, there are two proteins which combine to make the virus. By understanding the binding process, AIDS researchers could stop the interaction, thus block infection. However, one protein does not always bind the same way. The second protein changes its structure to fit many different proteins. The body of the second protein is not a concrete structure, which makes the infection process hard to pinpoint. These findings are crucial to the development of vaccines for AIDS. "We have to look elsewhere," said Tsang. "You can't design something to attack this."

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

McCain plugs finance reform plan

EVANSTON, ILL.

Continuing their six-year fight to pass bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation, Sens. John McCain and Russ Feingold brought their quest to Northwestern University on Monday, trying to drum up support from students and community members. About 375 people packed in for a question-and-answer session about the proposed McCain-Feingold bill. The bill is set to be heard before the Senate at the end of March. The bill would ban the soft money that corporations, special interest groups and wealthy individuals give political parties to finance campaigns. "We need to take government out of the hands of special interests and give it back to the people of this country," McCain said. "It's very difficult trying to do the Lord's work in the city of Satan, and we need your help." In past years, the bill has died on the Senate floor in a filibuster, which prolongs debate in an attempt to kill the legislation. But McCain said he is confident he has the required 60 Senate votes to block a filibuster this year.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

Day	High (H)	Low (L)
Thursday	33	33
Friday	38	19
Saturday	30	15
Sunday	31	19
Monday	37	23

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Atlanta	71	57	Las Vegas	52	40	Portland	47	31
Baltimore	52	42	Memphis	55	53	Sacramento	61	38
Boston	40	30	Milwaukee	37	30	St. Louis	45	40
Chicago	42	32	New York	47	37	Tampa	82	65
Houston	77	68	Philadelphia	49	38	Wash DC	52	43

NSA resigns from Board of Trustees

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

Serving the Notre Dame community has long been Condoleezza Rice's focus. Now the '75 grad will shift her focus away from the Golden Dome and look towards the Capitol's dome. She has stepped down from Notre Dame's Board of Trustees due to her new role as the national security advisor to President Bush.

"It's obvious that she is an excellent example," said government professor Daniel Lindley. "She's one of the more prominent graduates in our history."

Dennis Brown, associate director of Notre Dame public relations, said she has a strong commitment to both University and national politics.

"[Rice] has been a prominent individual both in government and higher education for the past 15 years. We've always been proud of her accomplishments and also happy that she's been willing to serve the University," Brown said.

As national security advisor, Rice's duties have yet to be clearly defined. Lindley cited several theories floating around political journals regarding the prominence of the National Security Council (NSC) during the Bush administration.

"The NSC staff appears to be shrinking as compared to the Clinton administration," Lindley said. "The national security ad-

visor could lose a lot of influence relative to staffers in the previous administration as Cheney aims to take an active role. He is just as bureaucratically savvy but with lots more political experience [than Rice]."

With the Bush administration still settling into the White House, Lindley said that potential infighting by staffers and political players could reduce Rice's role. However, he also pointed out that Bush made his decision based on a long and positive history with Rice.

"President Bush has surrounded himself with smart and powerful people. [Rice] has been friends with Bush for a while and he feels comfortable with her," Lindley said.

Since 1981, Rice has also been a member of Stanford University's political science faculty, serving as the university's provost from 1993-99.

Students at both schools can look to her as a positive example, Brown said.

"Dr. Rice is a delightful person and an incredibly bright individual. She has made several contributions to this country and will continue to do so. She is someone students can look to as a role model," Brown said.

She previously served from 1989-91 in the administration of Bush's father as director and senior director of Soviet and East European affairs in the National Security Council. Rice received an honorary doctorate of law from Notre Dame and delivered the 1995 commencement address.

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Daniel Lindley
government professor

Graduate to serve as clerk in D.C.

By JARED JODREY
News Writer

Brian Fitzpatrick, a graduate of Notre Dame and Harvard Law School, has been elected to serve as clerk in the United States Supreme Court for Associate Justice Antonin Scalia. Most justices of the Court have four clerks who each serve a one-year term. The duties of the clerk include helping justices prepare for arguments, research issues and assist in drafting the official justice's opinions.

"I always had public policy passions," Fitzpatrick said about his interest in law. "I was interested in trying something that had a broad impact."

Originally from Albuquerque, N. M., Fitzpatrick graduated from Notre Dame in 1997, with a degree in Chemical Engineering. After going through the graduate application process, Fitzpatrick finally decided upon a career in law.

Fitzpatrick graduated from Harvard Law School in 2000, having been awarded the prestigious Fay Diploma for achieving the highest grade-point-average in his class. In 1999, he was awarded the Sears Prize for achieving one of the

two-highest grade-point-averages in his class during his second year.

"Brian was the kind of student who makes it such a privilege to teach at Harvard Law School," said law professor Richard Fallon. "He is extremely smart, thoughtful, decent and challenging. He will make an excellent Supreme Court clerk."

Professor Elena Kagan, who teaches administrative law at Harvard, was also impressed with Fitzpatrick's abilities.

"It was rare pleasure to teach - and learn from - Brian Fitzpatrick. He combines a profound intellect with a genuine passion for the law," she said.

Fitzpatrick credits much of his success in Law School to his years at Notre Dame, especially his study in Chemical Engineering.

"I am very grateful to Notre Dame for helping me and preparing me for both law school and this opportunity," Fitzpatrick said.

Fitzpatrick will be starting his new position in July. The move to Washington D.C. is one he is looking forward to, having spent two summers while in Law School working there.

"I like the D.C. area and am looking forward to it," said Fitzpatrick, who hopes work to in a Washington law firm after his term as clerk.

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Elena Kagan
Harvard law professor

Kournikova virus hits Notre Dame computer system hard

◆ Saint Mary's unaffected by email virus

Observer Staff Report

The computer virus that overwhelmed Europe and North America Monday also had an impact on the Notre

Dame campus. An email that appeared to contain a picture of tennis star Anna Kournikova was instead a virus that spreads by sending itself to everyone in the address books of Microsoft Outlook email users.

"It hit pretty hard," said Greg Matz, consultant analyst for Notre Dame's Office of Information Technologies.

The rapidly spreading virus slowed the networks, but Notre Dame's email server did not crash as it did at many companies across the nation. The virus doesn't damage computers, but it causes problems because of the large volume of email that is generated as Microsoft Outlook spreads the virus. Other email programs do not automatically spread the virus.

Users who had updated virus scan software since October did not experience problems. Notre Dame holds a site license for McAfee antivirus software. Every Wednesday, McAfee releases

an updated version of the software. Matz recommends updating at least once a month.

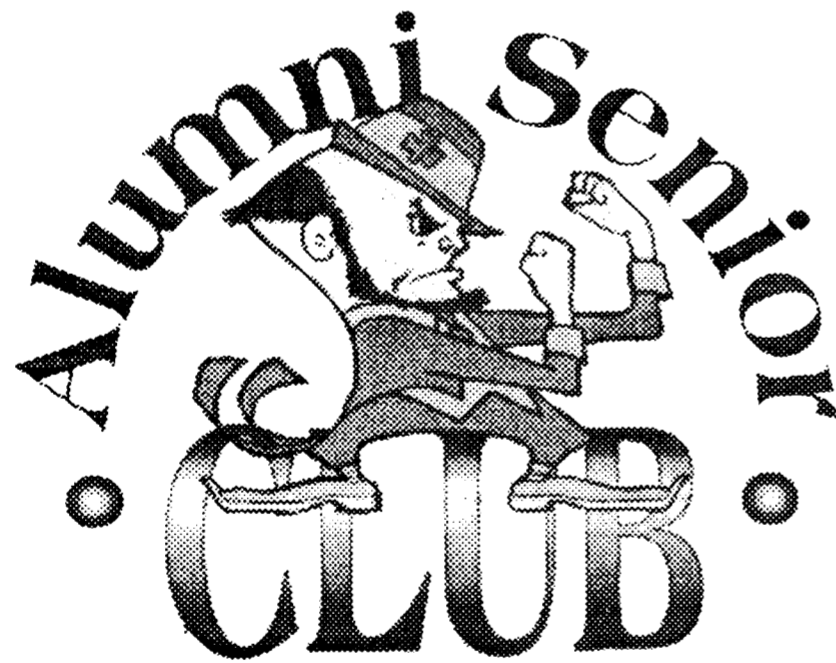
"Antivirus software works best as an inoculation," said Matz. "It's not like an antibiotic that you take after you're infected."

Saint Mary's was not troubled by the Kournikova virus.

"I don't know of anyone's machine who's actually gotten infected from it," said Sally Goldberg, Saint Mary's network and systems administrator.

According to Goldberg, Saint Mary's has installed a mail filter that will prevent the virus from getting on campus. All incoming and outgoing Saint Mary's email goes through a program called send mail. The program is configured to filter out specific subject lines, including that of the Kournikova virus.

"It shouldn't be able to get on campus any more," said Goldberg.



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Parietals

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"[Dougherty] understands I want to live with my friends, but she does not think I respect the authority in Howard," Merlo said.

As decided by ResLife, Merlo cannot enter Howard this year. According to Merlo, however, she cannot move back into the dorm next year nor can she visit without an appointment.

"What's ruining my experience is not being able to go back to my dorm and that has nothing to do with the University, but rather the rector," said Merlo.

Dougherty would not comment without speaking to Bill Kirk, assistant vice-president for residence life.

Parietals violations are an issue for every dorm.

"I would be naïve to think they don't [break parietals]. I'm not out to catch them. It's a policy of the University, and I'm hired to enforce the rules of the University," said Piennette.

Piennette said she had a situation where a student had repeated parietal violations. ResLife decided to move her off campus, but she recommended otherwise. The student was moved to another dorm.

When asked if she would let the student move back in, Piennette said, "I think I would because I think she learned from it. I think we learn from our mistakes. If she learned from her mistakes, then I would be willing to talk to the individual, but it's particular to the individual."

Shoup stresses that rectors have complete control whether students move hall to hall because rectors have to sign pull-in forms. When a student is forced out of his or her dorm, the rector decides whether to let him or her back in.

Merlo's best friend and former roommate, Maureen Doyle, is aware of each rector's discre-

tion and was hesitant to talk. "I'm trying to get into Walsh and I don't want to jeopardize that," she said.

Merlo moved out in the Fall, but now Doyle spends most of her time with Merlo in Walsh.

"Any time you lose a member of the community it hurts," Doyle said.

Before that morning in Carroll, Merlo lived in a quad on the fourth floor of Howard. Now she lives in a quint in Walsh with two other girls.

"I feel like our relationships [with friends] haven't changed, but something was taken away," Merlo said.

Each dorm has discretion on parietal issues. Although Sister Kathleen Beatty, rector of Badin Hall, has not encountered a case in her dorm where a resident is uprooted from campus.

"I'm tired of it, I just stick to the book. I've been here for 10 years," Beatty said.

Although Piennette understands that there must be students who break parietals in Welsh

Family, she has not seen a violation of more than 20 minutes.

University administrators are aware that there are repeatedly occurring parietal violations that they never hear about.

"In any given night there are hundreds of parietal violations, but it's like looking at the speed limit — it's a good guideline. A majority of students still follow it and are respectful of it. And for the overall good of the community, parietals are good guidelines," Shoup said.

Some however, feel parietal punishments cause a negative effect on the community.

"Notre Dame's big thing is about community. [Merlo] was taken away from that for a semester — extending the punishment is really extreme now," said Emilie Robb, Merlo's friend and sophomore Howard resident.

"Freshman year I loved this school and now I just think that rectors have too much control. There's no uniformity across the board, and it takes away from campus life," said Merlo. "It took away from my sophomore year."

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**Sister Adrienne Piennette
Welsh Family rector**

Debate

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Strangers, an event that is currently being tested as a pilot program by Multicultural Student Programs and Services.

Norton/Moscona voiced commitment to introducing service-based scholarships, as well as Pacem in Terris, a program designed to bring students from war-torn countries to Notre Dame for their education.

Becker, meanwhile, stated his ticket's plan to apply things learned in the classroom to the community through increased experiential learning projects.

This type of program would be ideal for Notre Dame, he said, based on students' "service orientation" and "academic drive."

Among the other issues discussed was the Norton/Moscona proposal for hosting a hip-hop conference at Notre Dame — a plan that they admit has met with criti-

cism. According to Moscona, he and Norton borrowed the idea from a successful event at Harvard, though they plan to expand the conference as an academic forum for discussions of race and diversity on campus.

McCord, however, was not as enthusiastic.

"I'd love to see someone call Nelly on the phone and tell him we want him to come to Notre Dame to speak about

"The problem is that we don't have enough [social] space on campus."

**Brooke Norton
presidential candidate**

addressing diversity issues by using existing programs, rather than creating new ones.

"What we need to do is work together with the programs we have in place," said McCord.

In terms of programming and scheduling events, Becker and McCord also pledged to create a board devoted solely to planning and promoting more non-

alcoholic events. Norton and Moscona, meanwhile, proposed adding more restaurant facilities to the Alumni-Senior Club to make it a place for students of all ages, while still serving alcohol to those of legal age.

"The problem is that we don't have enough [social] space on campus," Norton said.

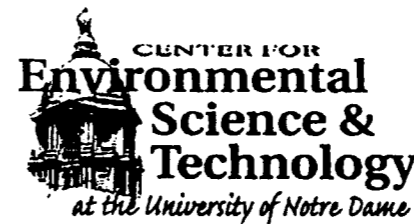
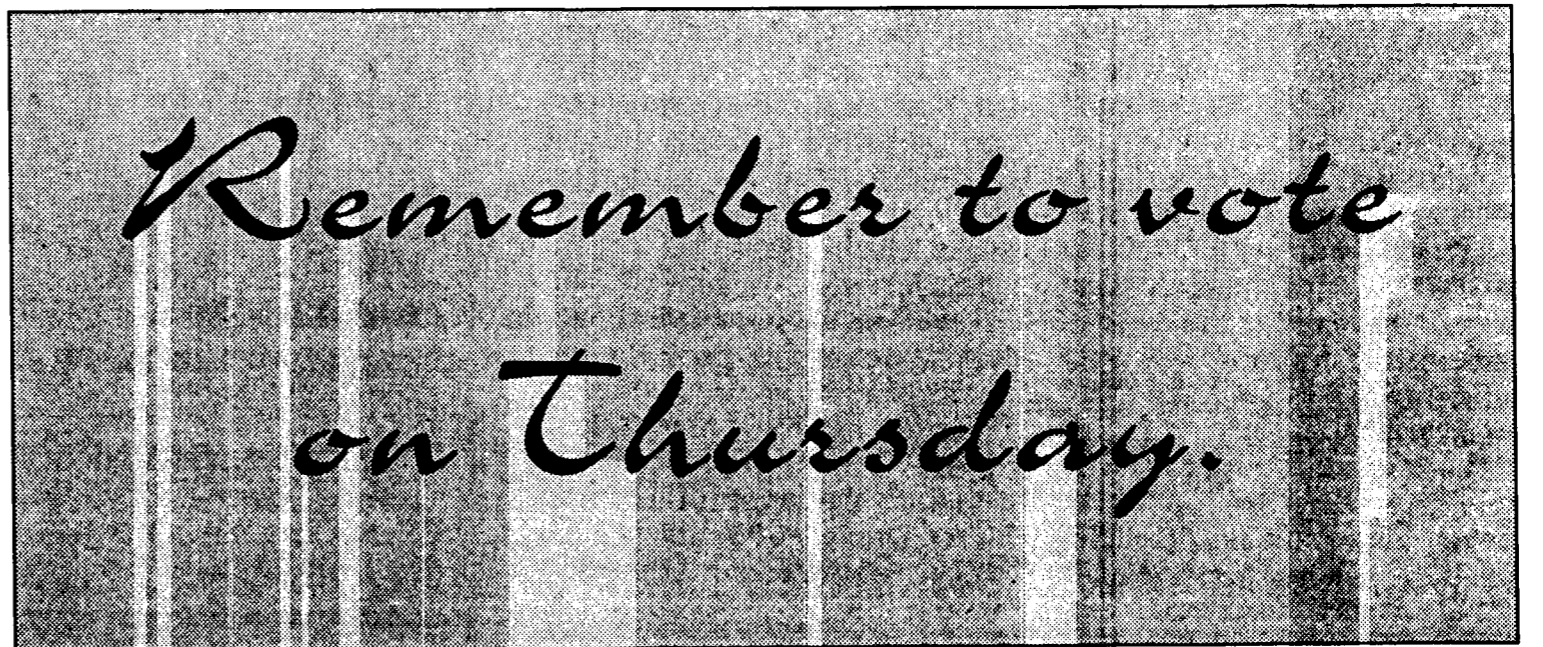
They also discussed an expansion of Founder's Day events, as well as a week to commemorate the 30th anniversary of co-education at Notre Dame.

Both tickets stressed the importance of getting students involved in student government and increasing the communication between their offices and student body.

Moscona suggested using emails to keep students informed, while McCord proposed sitting in on hall council meetings around campus to gather student input.

Becker and McCord highlighted the need for getting more students involved in student government and defended themselves against accusations of increasing student government bureaucracy from Norton/Moscona.

"It's not a bureaucracy if you get students who have never participated before," Becker said.



SEMINAR PRESENTATION:

Exploring the effectiveness of environmental impact assessment

Speaker: Dr. Angus Neil Morrison-Saunders
Guest Lecturer from Murdoch University
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2001

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: DeBartolo Hall, Room 217

ABSTRACT

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is a major tool promoted and used internationally for the protection and management of the environment. It was adopted in each of the conventions arising from the Rio Earth Summit in 1992. But how does the process operate in practice? Does EIA protect the environment? Is EIA based on good science? How do socio-economic and political factors affect the process? This seminar will present the major findings of research into the utility and effectiveness of environmental impact assessment conducted by Dr. Angus Morrison-Saunders over the last ten years.

Dr. Angus Morrison-Saunders is a Lecturer in Environmental Assessment, Division of Science and Engineering at Murdoch University, Western Australia. He completed a Ph.D. in EIA at Murdoch University in 1997. From 1995-1999 he was a lecturer in the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Notre Dame-Australia. He was coordinator of Environmental Studies during 1998/99 and Academic Coordinator of the Notre Dame Study Abroad Program in 1999. Before commencing his Ph.D. in 1992, he worked in various positions including Environmental Office with local government, environmental consultant (which predominantly involved preparation of EIA documents) and Graduate Research Assistant at Murdoch University.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

China prosecutes website owner:

Seeking to stamp its authority on cyberspace, China put the organizer of a Web site on trial Tuesday for publishing articles about democracy, the banned Falun Gong spiritual sect and other materials deemed subversive by prosecutors. Huang Qi is the first Chinese Webmaster known to have been prosecuted for publishing political materials.

11 killed in Kashmir:

Separatist militants attacked three army patrols in the disputed territory of Kashmir on Tuesday, killing two soldiers and injuring three others. Nine separatists died, the Indian military said. The three patrols were operating in Poonch district, about 130 miles northwest of Jammu, Kashmir's winter capital, following the massacre of 13 villagers in the area last week.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

New Jersey man confesses to machete killing:

A man suspected of killing two people with a machete during a four-state crime spree has confessed to one of the slayings, according to court documents released Tuesday. "I took his head off," Eric Fant allegedly told a New Jersey State Police investigator about slaying of a Pennsylvania gas station attendant over the weekend. Fant, 37, was ordered held in lieu of \$250,000 bail on New Jersey charges that include being a fugitive from justice and weapons possession.

Lt. Governor uses racial slur:

California Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante used a racial slur during a Black History Month speech in what he called an embarrassing slip of the tongue. Bustamante, a Hispanic Democrat who has focused on improving race relations, said he meant to use the word "Negro" but slipped and said another n-word during his speech about the black union movement.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Man steals wedding dress:

James Ray's fiancée fell in love with an Oleg Cassini wedding dress, but the \$1,000 price tag was too much. Ray got her the dress anyway — at gunpoint, according to police. "They went to the store, his fiancée had tried the dress on and fell in love with it and said she'd love to have it. Then they left," Hobart police Lt. Leo Finnerty said. When Ray went back on Thursday, he told his girlfriend he would see if he could talk the price down and would be alone. When a store employee caught him attempting to shoplift the dress, he pulled a gun and fled, police said.

EL SALVADOR



AFP Photo

People walk through the streets in the town of San Vicente, El Salvador, Feb. 13. San Vicente was hit by an earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale. The earthquake killed at least 92 people and injured 800.

El Salvador suffers from quake

Associated Press

EL SALVADOR

A powerful earthquake shook El Salvador Tuesday, toppling hundreds of buildings and killing at least 127 people in a country still mourning more than 800 who died in an even stronger quake exactly one month ago.

The quake flattened much of the heart of San Vicente, 35 miles east of San Salvador, and damaged most of the homes and buildings in four surrounding towns.

At least 127 people were killed and more than 1,200 were injured, said

Salvadoran Red Cross spokesman Carlos Lopez. He said there were numerous reports of landslides that could add to the death toll.

The earthquake struck at 8:25 a.m. and was centered halfway between San Vicente and San Salvador. The U.S. Geological Survey measured its magnitude at 6.6, a strong quake but not as devastating as the 7.6 magnitude temblor that killed at least 844 people last month.

"It is true that this is another blow for El Salvador, but I call for tranquility. We have to be calm," President Francisco

Flores told The Associated Press during a helicopter tour to assess the damage.

"There are dead here, and very many people have lost their houses," the president said during a stop in San Vicente. He said the brunt of the damage was in a corridor between Ilopango, just east of San Salvador, and San Vicente.

Flores said he was told the quake damaged or destroyed hundreds of houses in the provinces of San Vicente, La Paz and Cuscatlan. Lopez said at least 71 people were killed in Cuscatlan alone.

At least 12 adults and

three children were killed in San Vicente, the regional army commander Col. Juan Armando Reyes, told Flores. He said half its houses were damaged, along with 90 percent of the houses in the nearby towns of San Cayetano, Guadalupe, Verapaz and Texistepeque.

Landslides blocked several highways that were still being restored after the Jan. 13 quake, including the Panamerican Highway to Guatemala. Telephone service was patchy to much of the country, and San Salvador's airport also was briefly closed.

Helicopter collision claims lives

Associated Press

HONOLULU

Two Army Black Hawk helicopters crashed in a remote area during a nighttime exercise, killing six soldiers on one of the aircraft and injuring 11 others.

The aircraft "somehow came in contact" with each other, but it was still unclear whether they collided, Navy Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said Tuesday in a briefing at the Pentagon.

The pilots of both aircraft were wearing night vision goggles, he

said. Light rain was falling at the time.

The helicopters, carrying a total of 17 people, crashed about 200 yards apart, said Capt. Stephen Johnson, whose fire company came from the nearby Sunset Beach station.

Quigley said he had received conflicting reports and was not certain how the two Black Hawks touched each other. He said it appeared they were not both in the air at the time, but did not elaborate.

He said all six dead were aboard one helicopter.

The two UH60 helicopters went down late Monday while participating in an exercise over Kahuku on the island of Oahu, said Maj. Nancy Makowski, a spokeswoman for the 25th Infantry Division based at Schofield Barracks.

"I heard a big thud," said Perry Dane, who lives on Kamehameha Highway about a mile from the crash site. "It sounded like thunder. It shook, too, like a big rattle."

The accident came just three days after a Navy submarine crashed into a Japanese fishing trawler off the coast of Oahu.

Market Watch 2/13

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Mendoza's \$35 million donation ranks nationally

Special to the Observer

A \$35-million gift to the University of Notre Dame from Thomas and Kathy Mendoza has been ranked the 24th largest in the nation last year, according to the annual Slate 60 survey compiled by the online magazine Slate and the Chronicle of Philanthropy.



Mendoza

Bill and Melinda Gates, with a donation of \$5 billion to their foundation, topped the survey, which ranks the 60 leading donors in America. The survey began in 1996 at the suggestion of broadcasting entrepreneur Ted Turner, who hoped the publication of a prestigious list of donors would provide an incentive to giving.

Announced March 21, the Mendozas' gift is the largest single donation in Notre Dame's history and is in support of the University's business college, which has been named in the couple's honor. The Mendozas were among seven philanthropists in the Slate 60 who contributed directly to college or university business schools.

Thomas Mendoza, a 1973 Notre Dame graduate, is president of Network Appliance [NetApp], a Sunnyvale, Calif., company that is the leading provider of

network attached data access and management solutions. Kathy Mendoza, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, is president of worldwide strategic alliances for NetApp.

Founded in 1921, the Mendoza College of Business is ranked by Forbes magazine as one of the nation's top 20 in giving MBA students the best return on their investment, and Business Week has rated the college's business ethics curriculum the best in American higher education.

The college is Notre Dame's second largest with some 1,800 undergraduates, 780 advanced degree students (MBA, Executive MBA, master of accountancy, and master of science in administration) and 130 faculty.

The college is divided into four departments — accountancy, finance and business economics, management, and marketing — and also includes courses and concentrations in fields such as marketing and information systems, e-commerce, human resources, international business and management consulting.

In addition, the college has developed six centers for scholarly research and teaching: the Center for Research in Banking, the Center for Research in Business, the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, the Center for U.S.-Japanese Business Studies, the Eugene D. Fanning Center for Business Communication and the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

TAKING THE MIKE



AMANDA HUGHES/The Observer

Tuesday night, the Sophomore Literary Festival presented an opportunity for students to showcase their talent, at "Student Coffeehouse," an open microphone for fiction and poetry writers.

University presents service award to Italian religious

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame Award for international humanitarian service will be given to Andrea Riccardi, founder of the Community of Sant'Egidio. Riccardi will receive the award at a ceremony on campus March 27.

"Andrea Riccardi and his companions are truly evangelists of deed," said University president, Father Edward Malloy. "He and they preach the Gospel by living it, and by living it, they soften hearts the world had known to be hardened, resolve quarrels the world had known to be intractable, and win friends the world had known to be enemies. We are privileged to honor their witness."

Riccardi is a professor of contemporary history at the Third University of Studies in Rome, where he teaches courses in modern church history. He has also taught at the Sapienza University and the University of Bari. He specializes in relationships among the world's religions and has written or edited several books, including "French Catholicism, Neo-Gallicanism and Bourgeois Catholicism"; "Rome from the Conciliation to the Sturzo Operation"; "The Roman Party after World War II"; "The Power of the Pope from Pius XII to John Paul II"; "The Mediterranean of the 20th Century"; "The Mediterranean: Christianity and Islam Between Cohabitation and Conflict"; and "A Century of Blood and Faith: Christians in

the 20th Century."

Riccardi is internationally known as the founder of the Sant'Egidio Community, whose mediation was instrumental in the 1992 agreement which brought a fragile peace to Mozambique after 16 years of civil war. The community, begun in 1968 by Riccardi and a few of his classmates from Rome's Virgilio High School, today has 40,000 members in 60 countries on four continents.

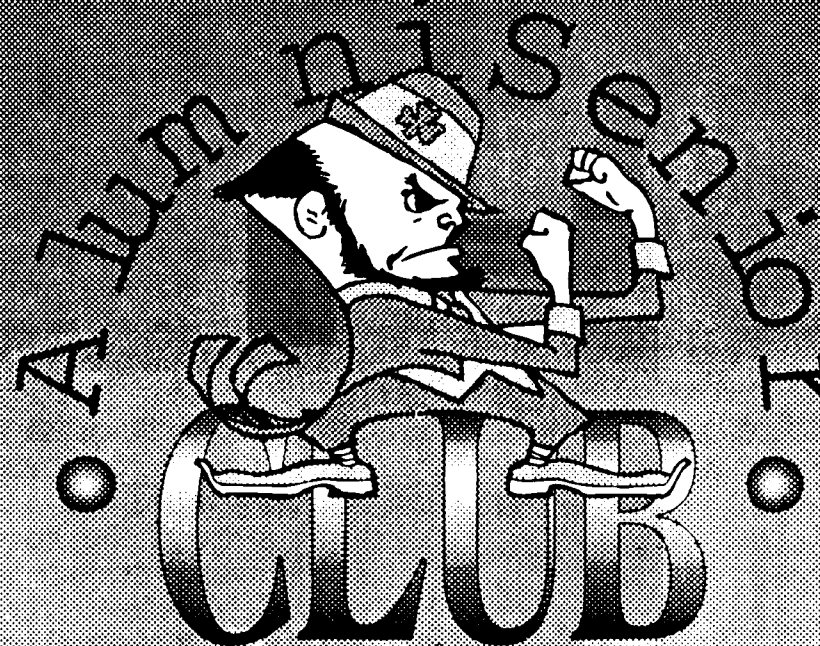
Opposed to all forms of violence, whether legal or illegal, Sant'Egidio members have attempted to mediate and resolve conflict in Albania, Angola, Guatemala, Kosovo, Lebanon, Somalia and, most recently, in Burundi. The community also has been active in recent international efforts to abolish capital punishment, gathering 2.7 million of the 3.2 million signatures on a petition to that end which recently was presented to Kofi

Annan, secretary general of the United Nations. The Sant'Egidio Community has received numerous awards for its witness and accomplishments and was a candidate for the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize.

The Sant'Egidio Community is named for the Carmelite convent in Rome's

Trastevere neighborhood where Riccardi and his friends first began to gather to pray, run a soup kitchen, and tutor children of the neighborhood's poor people. Among their inspirations was Pope John XXIII's insistence that the Catholic Church is "for everyone, especially the poor."

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Republicans expand Rich pardon investigation

◆ President Bush suggests 'It's time to move on'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republicans in Congress expanded their inquiry into former President Clinton's eleventh-hour pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, even as President Bush suggested Tuesday "it's time to move on."



Clinton

The House Government Reform Committee

asked the Secret Service for logs that would indicate how often Rich's supporters visited the White House before the pardon. The panel also issued its first subpoenas, including ones to Clinton's presidential library and for bank records of Rich's ex-wife Denise.

Ms. Rich contributed an estimated \$450,000 to the library, more than \$1.1 million to the Democratic Party and at least \$109,000 to Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign.

A Senate Judiciary Committee, meanwhile, planned to hold its first hearing Wednesday on Clinton's pardon. A senior member of the panel, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has suggested the pardons might warrant a new impeachment effort against the former president or amending

the Constitution to weaken the presidency's pardon authority.

Specter said Justice Department pardon guidelines were ignored in the case and questioned whether all of the documents that supplemented the pardon were signed before Clinton's term ended at noon on Jan. 20.

That perspective is supported by the Justice Department official in charge of reviewing pardon applications.

U.S. Pardon Attorney Roger C. Adams plans to tell the committee that "none of the regular procedures were followed," according to The Washington Post. In Adams' prepared testimony, which has been submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee, he says that the White House had virtually no

information on Rich in the final hours before the pardon. Adams said his staff had to perform an Internet search to gather more information.

President Bush indicated Tuesday that he has little enthusiasm for the investigations.

"I think it's time to move on," he told reporters aboard Air Force One while flying back from military exercises off the coast of Virginia. But he added that "Congress is going to do what it's going to do."

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle echoed Bush's first thought: "I think the time has come for us to move on."

But Senate GOP Whip Don Nickles, R-Okla., said, "With Mr. Rich I think the public is entitled to know what happened."

The phrase — "It's time to move on" — is Bush's stock phrase for when he wants to avoid wading into controversies involving Clinton. Senior White House advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said not too much should be made of Bush's remark.

Bush made his comments after Attorney General John Ashcroft said Monday he would be open to a proposal to grant Ms. Rich immunity in order to prod her to testify in the House investigation.

Rich has lived in Switzerland since just before he was indicted in New York on federal charges in 1983. When pardoned by Clinton, he was wanted by the Justice Department on charges of tax evasion, fraud and participation in illegal oil deals with Iran.

Ms. Rich has refused to answer questions from the House committee about her donations. Republicans have said she gave at least \$450,000 to the Clinton Presidential Library Fund and more than \$1 million to the Democratic Party and Mrs. Clinton's campaign.

The House panel sent a letter to the Secret Service asking for the Clinton White House entry logs for Ms. Rich and her family going back to 1993 and for Marc Rich's lawyer, former White House Counsel Jack Quinn, since January 1999.

CHILE

Pinochet's lawyers appeal indictments for kidnapping, homicide

Associated Press

SANTIAGO

Lawyers for former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet appealed his indictment on Tuesday, calling the homicide and kidnapping charges against him "arbitrary, illegal, and unconstitutional."

Pinochet lawyer Pablo Rodriguez argued that there is no clear evidence that Pinochet was responsible for dozens of political killings during his 17-year rule.

"I have analyzed 10 cases where he has been accused of participation but none of them clearly shows he was responsible for these crimes," he said.

In a hearing at the Santiago Court of Appeals, Rodriguez also argued that the 85-year-old Pinochet is not healthy enough to stand trial.

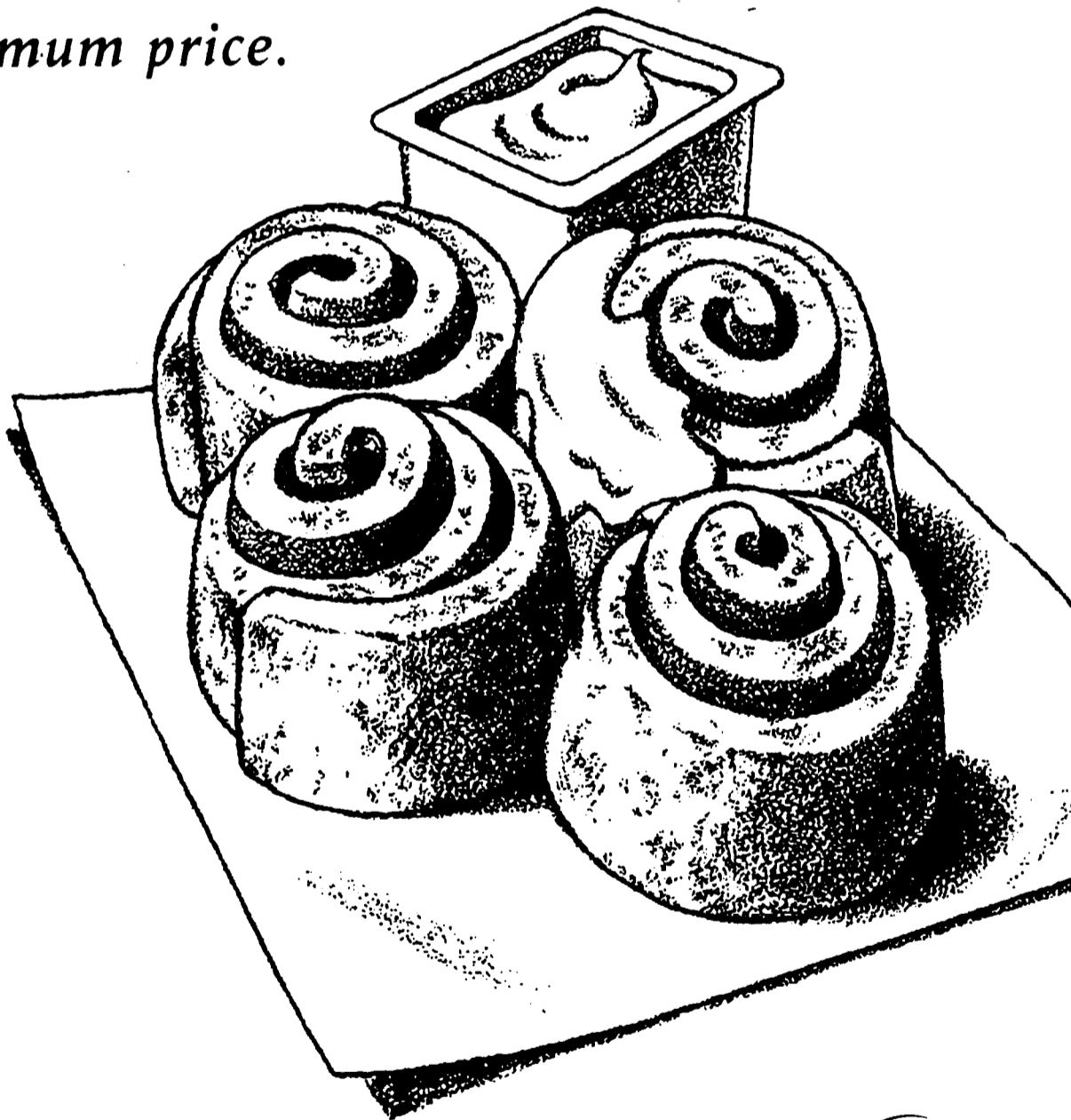
Doctors last month said Pinochet suffers from "moderate dementia" brought on by minor strokes. He also has diabetes and arthritis, and wears a pacemaker.

Speaking with reporters after the hearing, prosecuting attorney Eduardo Contreras challenged Rodriguez's assertion that a medical report had found Pinochet unfit to stand further questioning in the case. "It's a lie," he said.

Pinochet was placed under house arrest Jan. 29, after he was formally notified of the homicide and kidnapping charges filed two days earlier.

The charges stem from the "Caravan of Death," one of the most notorious cases of human rights abuses during Pinochet's 1973-90 dictatorship. The caravan was a military group that executed 75 political prisoners shortly after the 1973 coup led by Pinochet. The remains of 18 of the victims were never recovered.

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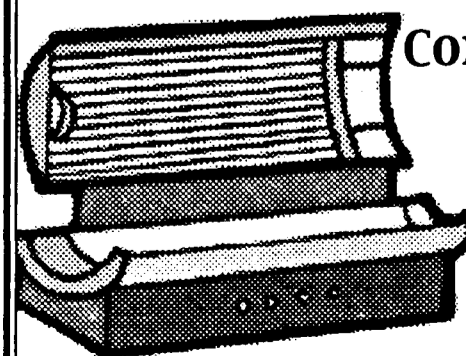
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Congress warned of farm income drop

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

As if low crop prices weren't tough enough, the nation's farm economy is now being battered by soaring costs for energy and fertilizer, Congress was told Tuesday.

Net farm income is likely to drop 20 percent, or \$9 billion, over the next two years unless there is a fresh outpouring of federal aid, according to the congressionally funded Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute, based at the University of Missouri.

The cost of fuel that farmers need for tractors, combines and irrigation equipment jumped 31 percent last year. Prices may drop slightly in coming months, but growers are expected to be hit this year with a 33 percent increase in fertilizer costs, the report said. Nitrogen fertilizer is made from natural gas.

"It's not only low prices, it's high production costs that are squeezing farmers," said Bruce Babcock, an Iowa State University economist.

Nebraska farmer Keith Dittrich said he expects to pay about \$67 an acre to irrigate his corn this year, compared to \$37 an acre in 2000. Fertilizer costs are running \$40 an acre, up from \$25 last year.

Meanwhile, the price of corn has averaged under \$2 a bushel without a significant increase for several years.

"You keep looking for ways to find better efficiencies in your operation, but there's a limit to that," Dittrich said. "It's to the point where there is no place to cut."

The financial squeeze isn't just in the Midwest. Cotton farms in California and Texas that rely heavily on irrigation are likely to be among the hardest hit over the next few years, according to an analysis by Texas A&M

University. Rice farms of all sizes are likely to lose money, too. Wheat and soybean farmers, whose fertilizer and fuel costs are generally lower, would do a little better.

A 2,000-acre cotton farm in California is expected to have \$1.05 in costs for every \$1 in income over the next five years.

Cattle producers are in the best shape, in part because of rising beef consumption and the low grain prices, which result in lower feed costs.

Crop prices plummeted in the late

1990s because of lagging exports and heavy worldwide production, and Congress responded by passing multibillion-dollar packages of supplemental assistance in each of the past three years. Last year, farmers received \$8 billion in emergency aid.

Lawmakers are virtually certain to pass another large bailout this year, and they're starting hearings this month on a long-term overhaul of farm policy that includes proposals for a new system for subsidizing growers when crop income is down.

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., warned recently that farmers faced a "economic and energy powder keg" because of the rising production costs. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman has endorsed the idea of another emergency aid package this year but hasn't said how much money will be needed.

The report released Tuesday estimates net farm income will drop from \$45.4 billion last year to \$39.6 billion in 2001 and \$36.3 billion in 2002 before starting to turn around in the following years as commodity prices rise.

Farm income peaked at \$55 billion in 1996.

Government payments have been soaring since then, topping \$22 billion last year, triple what they were in 1996.

"It's not only low prices, it's high production costs that are squeezing farmers."

Bruce Babcock
economist

Risk to global oil supply growing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Global energy demand will grow sharply over the next two decades with continued reliance on Persian Gulf oil producers and an increased risk of supply interruptions, a panel of energy and global security experts warn.

While there will be growing dependence between energy suppliers and consumers, "the risks posed by supply interruptions will be greater" between now and 2020 than they have been in recent years, the panel said in a study.

Despite recent price and supply shocks, world consumers of energy, including U.S. policy-makers, have been too complacent about "the fragility of reliable and timely (energy) supplies," the report said.

The result of a three-year world energy project by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the report was worked on by a task force of private and public-sector energy and global security experts headed by former Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia and James Schlesinger, former energy and defense secretary in the Carter, Nixon and Ford administrations.

The report, was being released Wednesday by Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, who has argued that global instability requires the United States to reduce its reliance on oil imports.

By 2020, half of all the petroleum used by the world "will be met from countries that pose a high risk of internal instability," the study said, predicting that a crisis, perhaps even military conflict, is "highly likely" in one or more of the world's key energy producing countries.

Furthermore, it said that Iran, Iraq and Libya, each of which are under sanctions by either the United States or United Nations, are likely to "play an increasingly important role in meeting growing global (energy) demand."

While not commenting specifically on any of the three countries, the task force urged U.S.

policy-makers to "avoid the indiscriminate use of sanctions," saying they are "not an effective policy tool" and hinder needed energy production.

The study, however, did not focus on the question of imports vs. domestic production, although it predicted in the coming years "U.S. net oil imports will continue their steady growth."

Instead, it urges a series of policy directions aimed at developing closer ties to leading global oil producers and warns that only the United States will be able to ensure the continued flow of energy supplies.

The study questioned whether the United States, with its current commitments in north-eastern Asia, will be able to respond militarily to an energy crisis in the Middle East, such as it did in the 1990 Gulf War.

Among other task force findings are that over the next 20 years:

- World energy demand will increase by 50 percent and at some point developing countries, led by China, will begin to consume more energy than the developed countries.

- ◆ The Persian Gulf will remain the key supplier of oil to world markets with its production expected to expand by 80 percent, but only with the help of foreign investment.

- ◆ Electricity will be the most rapidly growing sector with the greatest increase in Asia and Central and South America.

- ◆ Technologies must be found and developed to make use of fossil fuels environmentally friendly and still economical.

- ◆ There will be an increased threat of terrorist attacks on oil and gas pipelines.

"One of the ironies at the turn of the century," concludes the study, "is that in an age when the pace of technological change is almost overwhelming, the world will remain dependent, during 2000-2020 at least, essentially on the same sources of energy — fossil fuels — that prevailed in the 20th century."

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'Gladiator' leads Oscar field

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. Hollywood's resurrection of Rome marches on: "Gladiator," the glitzy successor to "Ben-Hur" and "Spartacus," led the Oscar field Tuesday with 12 nominations, including best picture, actor and director.

Another tale of ancient warriors, the Mandarin-language "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," was next with 10 — picture, director and foreign-language film among them.

Also receiving best picture nominations were the candy-shop romance "Chocolat," the legal drama "Erin Brockovich" and the drug-trade saga "Traffic."

Steven Soderbergh grabbed two of the five best-director slots, for "Erin Brockovich" and "Traffic" — which could hurt his chances of winning if the two films siphon votes from each other. The last time a director was nominated twice in the same year was Michael Curtiz in 1938, for "Angels with Dirty Faces" and "Four Daughters." (He lost.)

The other director nominees Tuesday were Stephen Daldry for "Billy Elliot," Ang Lee for "Crouching Tiger" and Ridley Scott for "Gladiator."

"Gladiator," the first Roman spectacle since the 1960s, also grabbed nominations for actor Russell Crowe, supporting actor Joaquin Phoenix and Hans Zimmer's score. The computer wizardry used to recreate

ancient Rome was named for visual effects.

"Those effects were crucial," said David Franzoni, a producer on "Gladiator" who also shared an original screenplay nomination for the film. "I'd never seen Rome rebuilt where it looked real. It always looked like a set. I was never convinced from those old movies that I was looking at ancient Rome. But we were able to show what Rome looked like. That Goodyear blimp shot of the Colosseum — you couldn't have done that any other way."

In their heyday, gladiator flicks fared well at the Oscars. "Ben-Hur" won best picture and 10 other Academy Awards in 1959. (Its total of 11 is tied with "Titanic" for the most ever.) A year later, Peter Ustinov took the supporting-actor statue for "Spartacus," which also won Oscars for costumes, sets and cinematography. "Cleopatra" had a best-picture nomination for 1963 and won four technical Oscars.

On top of its stunning visuals, "Gladiator" caught on because the frenzy of deadly spectator sports resonated with audiences, said Douglas Wick, another of its producers.

"There's much of Rome that feels very contemporary," Wick said. "A population distracted by entertainment from more serious issues. The idea of celebrity athletes. ... It always felt relevant."

It was the second year in a row that DreamWorks, the studio co-founded by Steven Spielberg, had the film with the most nominations. "Gladiator" was co-produced by Universal and DreamWorks, with the latter releasing the film domestically. A year ago, DreamWorks won best-picture honors with "American Beauty."

"Crouching Tiger" is only the third film to earn both best-picture and foreign-language film nominations. The others were "Life Is Beautiful" in 1998 and "Z" in 1969. Last weekend, "Crouching Tiger" hit \$60 million, passing "Life is Beautiful" as the domestic box-office champ among foreign-language films.

Top categories shaped up largely as expected, but there were a few surprises. Ed Harris was nominated for best actor and Marcia Gay Harden for supporting actress for "Pollock," a film biography of painter Jackson Pollock that generally had been overlooked for earlier movie honors.

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David Franzoni
"Gladiator" producer

Lieberman stresses peace between parties

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Sen. Joe Lieberman urged his fellow Democrats Tuesday night to put aside their anger over the 2000 presidential elections and reengage Republicans in "a great national ... debate about the future of our country."



Lieberman

"It would be easy to continue to be angry about the way last year's election was decided," said the Connecticut senator who was the Democratic vice presidential nominee last year. "But that would be an abdication of the values and programs in which we believe and a disservice to the millions of hard-working families for whom we waged that campaign."

Lieberman told those attending the winter dinner of the New Democrats Network that the centrist Democrats in their group will play a vital role in setting the national agenda because of the closely divided House and Senate.

The New Democrat Network honored Lieberman, one of the founders of the political action

group that raises money and recruits candidates to run on the centrist ideas of the New Democrat movement. The movement was founded in the mid-1980s to move the party toward the center and regain the White House. Former President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, the unsuccessful presidential candidate, used many of those ideas to run for the White House in 1992.

"Over the past decade, the New Democrat movement has grown from a rump faction to the mainstream of the Democratic Party," he told the crowd that included members of Congress, party activists and political consultants who attended the dinner and fundraiser, that raised \$1.2 million. "I need not remind you that the past three Democratic presidential tickets have been thoroughly New Democratic ones, and all three won the most votes."

Rep. Harold Ford of Tennessee said in the closely divided Congress "if any legislation is going to get done, New Democrats will have to help get it done."

Simon Rosenberg, president of the New Democrat Network, called Tuesday "a big night for New Democrats in Congress." The New Democrat Network was founded in 1996 by Lieberman, Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana and Rosenberg.



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Navy to use robots to examine fishing boat sinking

◆ Remotely-operated 'Deep Drone' may aid recovery operation

Associated Press

HONOLULU

The Navy will use a deep-sea robot to investigate the ocean floor where a Japanese fishing vessel sank after it was struck by a U.S. submarine, a Navy spokeswoman said Monday.

Lt. Col. Christy Samuels, spokeswoman for the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii, said no decision about a salvage operation had been made.

She did not say when the remote-controlled submersible would be dropped.

The remotely operated vehicle Scorpio II and the Klein 2000 Side Scan Sonar System were flown to Hawaii on Monday night from a Navy base in Coronado, Calif., the Navy said in a news release.

And being flown to Hawaii from the mainland is "Deep Drone," a remotely operated vehicle "designed to meet the needs for deep ocean recovery," the news release said, indicating the Navy may be preparing a recovery operation.

The possibility of a salvage

operation — which has been urged by the Japanese — was the subject of a meeting planned Monday between Adm. Dennis Blair, commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, and Yoshitaka Sakurada, Japan's parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs.

The Ehime Maru went down in 1,800 feet of water nine miles from Honolulu on Friday after it was hit by the surfacing USS Greeneville. Twenty-six people were rescued, but nine are missing and feared dead.

The Navy and Coast Guard have searched more than 5,000 square miles with no signs of the missing, who include four Japanese students, two instructors and three crewman.

Anguished relatives have urged the Navy to conduct a salvage operation and Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori has said rescuers should use "all available means" to raise the vessel.

The Ehime Maru is 180 feet long and 499 tons. Bringing it nearly one-third of a mile to the surface would be costly and risky, experts said.

"It's a salvage operation that I think is unrealistic," said Charles Vick of the Federation of American Scientists in

Sonar and Surfacing: How a submarine works

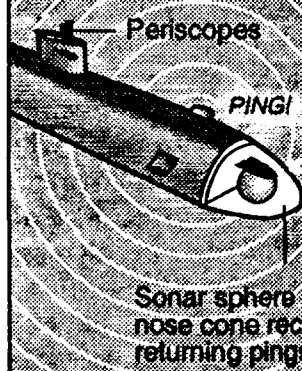
A submarine dives by filling its ballast tanks with water to make it heavier, causing it to submerge. To surface again, compressed air pushes water out of the tanks, making the vessel lighter so it rises.

Sonar

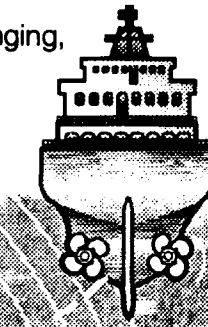
Sonar, which is sound navigation and ranging, is used to detect objects in the water.

Active sonar produces a ping, or sound wave, which travels to another object, bounces off it and returns to the source.

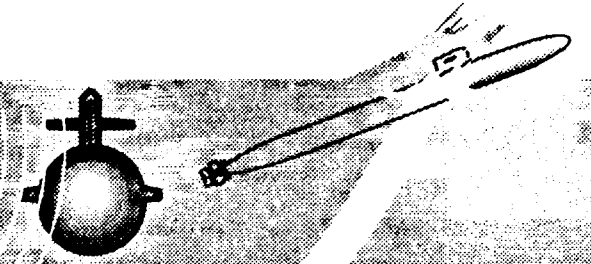
The returning echoes identify the direction and distance of other vessels. Unfortunately, this type of sonar also gives away the submarine's position.



Sonar sphere in a fiberglass nose cone receives the returning pings.



Passive sonar listens. It detects the sound of other vessels' propellers or engines by using microphones called hydrophones, and it does not reveal the submarine's position.



Emergency Surfacing Drill

In an emergency surfacing drill, the captain first uses sonar, then rises to periscope depth (about 50 feet below the surface) to check the surface to see if it's clear. The sub dives again, injects high pressure air into its ballast tanks that push hundreds of tons of water out in a matter of seconds, propelling the vessel out of the water.



Sources: U.S. Navy; U.S. Naval Institute; Globalsecurity.com

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Washington. "I know it's hard to say that to people."

Others said risks and expense will be weighed against a strong interest in avoiding damage to U.S. relations with Japan.

"The pressure is on us very, very strongly to do something along this line," said John Craven, a professor of ocean studies at the University of

Hawaii who helped develop the Navy's deep-submergence program.

Craven said he could not recall the raising of an entire boat the size of the Ehime Maru from a similar depth. He said the Navy must first determine whether the ocean floor at the site is sandy or muddy and whether the vessel has broken apart.

If it is relatively intact, Craven said, "lift bags" could be attached and inflated, raising the ship.

But the depth at the site would pose a huge challenge.

"Can divers operate freely in the water at 2,000 feet?" Craven asked. "The answer is probably not," meaning the Navy would have to rely on remotely controlled robots.

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GUEST COLUMN

Democracy needs party variety

OXFORD, Miss.

In a 1996 Halloween episode of The Simpsons, Homer discovers that Bill Clinton and Bob Dole have been replaced by shapeshifting aliens plotting to take over the world when whichever of them is elected. Homer reveals their sinister plan to the world just before the election so that no one will vote for them, but the aliens laugh it off, saying, "Puny Earthlings! What can you do? It's a two-party system! Bwaaahaha!"

Mark Rogers

Daily Mississippian

I'm sure Ross Perot and Ralph Nader thought it was hilarious. The truth is that for a country which prides itself on having fostered the modern notion of democracy, America has a funny way of showing it. Rarely, if ever, has a third-party candidate seriously threatened to win a national election, condemned instead to play the role of spoiler. Perot was a brash candidate whose unprecedented level of support challenged many notions of grass-roots efforts in modern politics, but as soon as the election was over he was forced to assume the mantle of "that guy who cost Bush the election."

Perhaps it was Perot's strong showing among otherwise conservative voters that cost Bush his lead. Perhaps it was Bush's inability to articulate a clear domestic agenda. Regardless, the fact remains that the role of spoiler continues to be the only achievement possible for candidates who do not wish to embrace the platforms of the two major parties.

This is or should be almost inconceivable for a country heralded as the world's defender of freedom. Many of the foreign nations whose governments have been remolded in America's image over the past century now reveal a freer,

more open political process than the one here that they are trying to mimic.

The idea of a two-party system is unthinkable in places like Japan, where their political spectrum has been fragmented into so many different flavors that more than a dozen different parties now fight for small percentages of representation like dogs at a butcher shop. In a land where the public's choices for political parties are widely varied, a clear majority is virtually impossible.

The result is a defacto system of compromise and coalition in which like-minded politicians from competing parties choose to ally themselves on particular issues or against particular foes and in which the slightest disagreement between partners can bring a shaky coalition government to its knees.

We could learn a thing or two here. A political system which has many competing choices becomes by default the governmental equivalent of Kroger, a buyer's market in which political parties must seriously sell their product, a platform of ideals and proposals, to a skeptical and flighty public.

Besides, the idea of a mini-mall political arena fits in snugly with one of the great unspoken truths about Americans: that for all of our vaunted progressive ideas we are often surprisingly conservative and slow-moving. It took a century to remove slavery from the last bit of American soil, another to bring about real changes in civil rights and may take yet another to erase the vestiges of prejudice still lingering in our national discourse.

Like the Roman Empire before it, America's progression from a forested land of "every man for himself" to a modernized nation with its large, heavily-taxing protective government has been more like a glacier than a rapid river. A multi-party system plays right into this innate hesitancy.

Don't like sudden swings in the tax brackets, in either direction? Try coordinating five competing coalition partners into a budget deal.

Tired of the influence of the so-called special-interest money on governmental decisions? Try a system in which no one party controls the majority and by extension the purse strings.

Upset at how close the 2000 election was or convinced that the party with slightly fewer votes in the key state won the whole state? Try a system in which no one is the president until a majority coalition is in place, in which the recent trend of plurality-takes-all would be halted.

Think about this cold reality: a majority of the American voting public did not vote for George W. Bush. A majority of the American voting public did not vote for Al Gore. In fact, no candidate since 1988 has received a majority of the popular vote.

What we have is two parties so closely tied among the vast political center that they cannot achieve a majority, but so locked in mortal combat with each other that they cannot see the serious damage being done to the government for which they claim to be servants.

In a country which forced the two top non-majority candidates to learn to work together (since a runoff system would simply perpetuate the mistakes of today), we would take the word "mandate" much more seriously. Then you would start to see some real change.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What are your clothes saying?

Skintight red tube top, short tight black miniskirt. Figure clearly revealed; little left to the imagination.

Who am I describing? A typical Notre Dame girl on her way to a bar or a dorm party? Yes and no.

Yes, this description fits many of my Notre Dame sisters on their way to a social event. Unfortunately it also describes one of the prostitutes among the crowd of "sinner" characters during this past weekend's performance of Guys and Dolls in Washington Hall. What does it say when everyone's favorite Friday night fashion is adopted as the costume for a prostitute?

Some may argue that it doesn't say anything, that the girls who go out in these tight clothes simply think they look "pretty" in them. But like it or not these clothes make a statement and that statement is not "Let's have an intelligent and enjoyable conversation possibly leading to a healthy friendship or romance." You can figure out for yourself what these clothes are saying — and I don't think the majority of my fellow Notre Dame girls want to be saying it.

I don't think they truly want a guy to talk to them just

because they look sexy. I don't think they want a relationship to start based on the allure of skintight clothes. I think deep down we all want a guy to be attracted to us because of our intelligence, humor, integrity, loyalty and kindness. Not because of our cleavage.

Girls, take a look in the mirror this weekend and ask yourself honestly what your outfit is saying. There's nothing wrong with looking attractive as long as you are still respecting your body instead of flaunting it. Do your clothes say "I respect myself and am proud to look so nice" or do they say "I want to seduce you"?

Do you really want to say that?
Do you think it's right to say that?
Are you prepared for the answer?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"To fall in love is to create a religion that has a fallible god."

Jorge Luis Borges
writer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students promote chaste lifestyle

This letter, like many of those printed in this newspaper, is aimed at raising student awareness to a topic that is of interest to the student body. Particularly, this letter is concerning the week of Feb. 12-16, which has been named National Chastity Week by many organizations around the country. Several students have been involved with a group called the National Chastity Taskforce. These students will be working to bring awareness of the topic to our campus during this week.

We feel that chastity is a topic that, as far as intelligent dialogue between students goes, has been very neglected. In today's society chaste relationships which attempt to use sexuality to promote unity and love among all people is very difficult. It necessarily follows that even talking about the topic has become very stigmatized. It seems that fifty years ago it would be unheard of to hear the word "sex" thrown around on every episode of a sitcom, yet in today's programming it is

almost impossible to find even a show that depicts single men and women keeping their bodies pure.

Here at Notre Dame many wish to look at our raw numbers of how many and how often people are having sex or doing other impure actions in reassurance that we as a university are doing great compared to the big state schools which have co-ed dorms and no parietals.

However, chastity is not just an action but an attitude and a way of life. It is true that there are many people on campus who are not sexually active, which is very good, but we all know there is room for improvement.

No one would seriously debate that to have a good relationship there should be true love. The debate often comes when defining both true love and how that love should be expressed.

Is having sex with many people before marriage a good way to love your future spouse? You could say "honey, they didn't mean anything to me," but then how

would she know that sex with her means anything? If they did mean something to you then how will you be truly united to her? It seems this can only lead to problems both with the marriage and within the unchaste person.

Now the high divorce rate surely cannot be totally blamed on the high "unchastity rates" in our nation, but anyone who has had sex could tell you that it is not just the physical feelings. From a theological viewpoint, sex was made for its uniting and procreative aspects not solely as a means to have good sensations. Sex without relationship is lacking so much in its potential, like a star athlete that decides to drop out of school and sell drugs as opposed to going to the pros. It is a waste and it is destructive.

As an attitude, chastity shouldn't even stop with marriage. Married couples still should be chaste both by refraining from extra-marital sex and by remembering to treat each other as people and not just objects of sexual pleasure.

This week, the nation's chastity organizations would love to change the world overnight to an Earth that respects all its inhabitants and all of their bodies. Realistically however, they wish only to stir dialogue and awareness, as do many other "National Weeks."

It is very important, however, that we at Notre Dame set an example for Catholic campuses and universities all over the world. If we are too closed minded to examine our own views of sex while images of the ultimately chaste us, Jesus and Mary, are all around us, then we are not saying much for the hope of the world.

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Practicing ideals without double standards

"What does it really mean to be human? What does it mean to practice democratic ideals?" These were just a couple questions that Dr. Cornel West asked his audience in DeBartolo Hall a few weeks ago.

In light of recent circumstances on campus, I think these are two questions that we as students and members of a larger human community need to ask ourselves.

On Friday I sat in the hallway of LeMans Hall and watched as many students signed and while some passed by and refused to sign a petition in support of free speech. Ask yourselves the two questions posed by Dr. West and then explain to me why people flatly refused to sign such a petition.

Granted this "sit-in" and petition were arranged in reaction to the prohibition of "The Vagina Monologues" on campus, but free speech is free speech and if we don't support that, what does that say about our definition of humanity or democracy?

The most disturbing part of the sit-in was watching the Saint Mary's student body vice-president elect pass by and hostilely refuse to sign this petition. The student body president elect also refrained from signing. That makes me worry about the future of Saint Mary's College.

A member of the Parent's Council, who allegedly played a role in censoring the monologues, also passed through. One man, the father of a Saint Mary's student, stopped and read the petition. He looked interested and seemed excited to see students taking action. He asked which theatrical presentation had been censored, and when he heard the word "vagina" he rudely shoved the petition back into the student's hand and walked away, arm in arm with his wife, who said nothing.

Anyone who has been in a minority group knows the importance of naming and defining oneself. If we don't define ourselves, someone else will. Instead of allowing the presentation of "The Vagina Monologues" and talking about our sexuality, women's sexuality, we are silenced and therefore remain passive.

Instead of holding this event to embrace the many beautiful aspects of women's sexuality, we let the Keenan Review take place on this very campus and in a way define our sexuality for us. In essence we let a group of post-adolescent males define our sexuality with age-old negative stereotypes. I went to the Keenan Review my freshman year and I laughed nervously at the jokes that stereotypically defined Saint Mary's women as sexual objects, Notre Dame women as ugly and therefore not important and Zahm Hall men as gay and therefore abnormal.

So in one event the men — or maybe I should say boys — of Keenan Hall define two sets of women and gay people according to their idea of sexuality as centered on the white male heterosexual. I remember the joke about BP and all the girls being fat. I also remember one of my dearest friends who lived in that dorm dealing with eating disorders. Someone please explain to me how perpetuating harmful stereotypes is contributing to the well being of humanity or democracy.

I know the response to my ideas presented here. People will tell me to lighten up because these are all just jokes. Well, in my opinion, these jokes are harmful.

However, being a proponent of free speech, I would never say the boys of Keenan Hall should not be allowed to perform their show but in my opinion it should not take place on the Saint Mary's College campus.

Sadly, I read in the paper today the article in which the Saint Mary's Board of Governance gave the following reasons to keep the Keenan Revue on campus: the Revue brings Notre Dame students to our campus; we should try to promote good campus relations; not allowing the Revue at Saint Mary's would make us look "bitchy," and we should keep it in the "spirit of goodwill."

I will not promote something in the "spirit of goodwill" which promotes stereotypes of me or any other Saint Mary's woman as stupid or slutty, which is exactly what the revue does. I am really disappointed in the students of Saint Mary's. Open your eyes and see what's really going on.

At the beginning of this academic school year I was in my boyfriend's dorm room. We heard banging on the wall and when we opened the door, the freshmen in his section had written on it the words, "Yeah, get some from the SMC chic." School had only been in session for less than a month and these poor little freshmen's minds had already been corrupted with these harmful stereotypes which are then reinforced a semester later in the Keenan Review. I was highly offended that a few freshmen thought they had the right and audacity to talk about my sexuality in that way, without so much as ever having met me. I am a senior at Saint Mary's and I am really tired of dealing with incidents such as these. These stereotypes are used quite often to divide the women of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

Perhaps it is time for the women of both campuses to unite and reject these male imposed labels. As for all the women and men of these two campuses who will dis-

agree will me, maybe you have bought into "the system." It's a shame that we internalize such repressive "traditions" to the degree that it is acceptable for men to talk about and make fun of women's sexuality, but it is considered "shocking" (to quote a Saint Mary's student) for women to talk about our own.

On Friday at the sit-in I sat next to a Notre Dame woman who decided to take the bus over by herself to unite with Saint Mary's students and stand up for free speech and the validity of "The Vagina Monologues." Across from me sat another Notre Dame woman who is a first year law student and also wished to exercise her freedom over the repression of freedom of speech. Three cheers for them.

The women of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame who attended the sit-in took the first step together. Let's all come together and ask questions about humanity and democracy so that we can make these campuses, this country and this world a better place, not a divided one where repressive stereotypes shape our view of the world, without us even being aware of it.

To me it seems clear that these issues are related and should be discussed in context of one another. I am just posing some questions because I think it is important to look at these events like the censorship of "The Vagina Monologues" and the thoughtless support for the Keenan Review in order to examine how they affect people in these communities.

I found Dr. West's ideas to be quite enlightening and I think we could all benefit from asking ourselves the two basic questions he proposed. "What does it really mean to be human?" "What does it mean to practice democratic ideals seriously?"

Focusing on answering these two questions, maybe we can put recent circumstances into a broader perspective and understand the deeper issues involved.

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To commit or not: holiday sparks the tough questions

It is upon us again. The candy, the carnations and the sentimental cards. Valentine's Day has arrived in South Bend — the perpetual holiday of loving, yearning and overall melancholy.

However, on this national day of affection and affliction, one question remains to be asked: has monogamy become the exception rather than the rule?

We are in college. We are supposed to date. A lot. We are supposed to be charming, articulate and potential mates to everyone we meet. Quite frankly, it's exhausting.

But in the hazy days of break-ups, make-ups and random hook-ups, people don't seem to be looking for commitment. We seem to be on the lookout for quite the opposite — something short, sweet and convenient.

Even while in relationships, we constantly second guess ourselves, wondering if we're doing the right thing, if we really want commitment.

We look over our shoulders, asking ourselves if there might be something better out there, something more. Basically, we're so busy seeking eligibility that we don't have the time for fidelity.

Can there possibly be one person out there with whom we can happily share the rest of our lives, or at least until spring break? Do we even want to?

With the possibilities brought on by dimly lit bar scenes and Natural Light at our fingertips, has monogamy become a rare and exceptional thing? Glancing in the door of a typical dorm party or two, it certainly seems to be the case — with the exception of one sugary, candy-coated day in February.

Welcome to Valentine's Day: the most celebrated, luminous and glossy promotion of commitment we have to offer. This is the day when we all want someone, anyone to adore us.

The once happily eligibles, the ones who scoffed at commitment, suddenly feel the need to have someone of the opposite sex in their life. Those already in committed relationships stop wondering if monogamy is worth it, and suddenly are perfectly happy to be in a relationship.

As a result, the holiday isn't only a skyrocketing day for Hallmark stock options, but the one day of the year when monogamy and commitment are commended.

However, once the chocolates are eaten, the flowers wilted and the cards recycled, are we any further along? It's almost as if we have to have our sexuality validated with a couple of Hershey Kisses.

This is hardly the case. The happily single shouldn't let a day change their perspective on the dating scene. It is, after all, just another holiday (like Arbor Day, but with candy.)

We complain that Valentine's Day makes us feel "more single," but so what? Being single is hardly a life-threatening condition — it's more of an opportunity than anything else.

You have the freedom to meet people, get to know them and, if you like, date them. It can be short, sweet and convenient, or something more. The beauty of the situation is that you can choose your own path with limited consequences.

For the committed, Valentine's Day shouldn't be the only day you're sure of your relationship. It is certainly easy to doubt yourself, questioning if you've chosen the right path, and if a relationship is right for you. However, if it's something that you both want, your hesitancy will all but disappear.

You don't need to rely on a holiday to verify your feelings. It's true that finding commitment may be an exceptional thing these days. But when you're with the right person, every day can be a holiday.

We can all celebrate Valentine's Day. Whether we're committed or single, the day will come and go relatively quickly. We'll continue down our respective paths, meeting and dating people along the way.

We will still have our own philosophies on love and dating — a holiday shouldn't change that. As long as we keep looking for more than what we have, maybe monogamy and commitment are too much to ask. However, if that something more, or someone right, comes along, they won't be.

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Jacqueline Browder

In Vogue

Valentine's lovers and ha

By LAURA KELLY
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For those lucky lovebirds who have someone special in their life, the question of how to spend this Valentine's Day looms large. New couples puzzle over how to surprise each other, while those in serious relationships rely on tried-and-true ways to express their love.

No matter how young or how weathered the relationship, there are always creative ways to spend the holiday, often without spending much money or doing extensive planning.

Thus, here are the top 10 ways to spend Valentine's Day when you have a significant other:

10. Go out to dinner. The classic romantic fall-back: soft candlelight, gentle music and the two of you slurping on spaghetti a la "Lady and the Tramp." Taking that special someone in your life out for an elegant meal is always a sure way to win brownie points and show off your good taste.

Try Italian or French cuisine for this holiday of love, as the Europeans are notorious Casanovas. Many area restaurants offer Valentine's Day specials, but be sure to call ahead for reservations as you don't want your plans of wining and dining to fall through at the last moment.

9. Cook dinner. For those who are a little low in the funds department and are looking for other creative ways to treat the ones they love, try cooking your own meal. No excuses here — you can flex many of the ingredients for a gourmet meal at the good ol' Huddle, and dorm kitchens are available everywhere.

Find a good cookbook, whip up something quick and easy and your love is sure to be impressed. This goes for both genders — food may be the way to a man's heart, but any woman will also be swept off her feet by her man's attempts to cook. If you don't have the time to devote to a full meal, go for the classic SYR batch of cookies or brownies. The thought is what counts.

8. Spend a night at the movies. Hollywood has once again attempted to provide some decent Valentine's fare for lovebirds across America. South Bend's own Showplace 16 and Movies 14 are offering several holiday-appropriate flicks. For those looking for a fun or romantic first date, try the awkwardness of first love in "Save the Last Dance" or the French seduction of "Chocolat."

If you are up for a good scare or just want your girl to leap into your arms with fright, check out the aptly named "Valentine" to see some holiday horror. And if your relationship is well along in years and you're looking to take it to the next level, "The Wedding Planner" may be a way to subtly broach the subject.

7. Play for a day. Everyone misses the care-free days of the playground, especially those of us buried under piles of homework and the stresses of school. Why not spend this Valentine's Day the way you would have in third grade? Take your boyfriend or girlfriend on a trip back in time.

Find a local playground, race on the monkey bars and try to swing the highest. Indulge your inner six year-old and visit Chuck E Cheese — play skee-ball and take a jump in the ball pit.

Lace up a pair of roller or ice skates and hold hands during the Snowball Skate. Laugh at how you would have teased each other if you had gone to grade school together.

6. Take a day trip. Two destinations within reasonable travel distance are Chicago and the Indiana or Michigan dunes.

The South Shore provides regular and affordable service to downtown Chicago, where you can see a show or just window shop down Michigan Avenue.

While Feb. 14 may not provide perfect beach weather, two lovebirds can still stroll down the beach or sit and watch the waves roll in. A quick romantic getaway might just be worth skipping a day of classes.

5. Surprise! Whether or not they will admit it, almost everyone loves to be surprised. And holidays like Valentine's provide perfect opportunities to catch that certain someone off guard. Several local companies provide singing telegrams, a public embarrassment perfect for the dining hall or a large Debartolo classroom. For those who like to splurge, the Aerial Ads



Matthew McConaughey and "Wedding Planner," a perfect Valentine's Day gift.

Banner Towing will fly your message of love over campus for a nominal fee.

A smaller-scale surprise is easy to scheme up if you or a good friend can sing or have any portable musical talent (pianos are difficult to push across the quad). The classic serenade to a bedroom window has melted many a heart, and is sure not to fail, even if the eager warbler is slightly tone-deaf.

4. Go for a walk. While

South Bend may be lacking sandy beaches to amble down, there's nothing simpler or more romantic than a long walk together. When was the last time you strolled around the lake and just talked (or maybe more importantly, listened)? For those who are itching to get off campus, borrow a car, pop in a good CD and go for a long drive. Indiana's endless stretches of cornfields are perfect to get lost in.

3. Indulge your laziness. Everyone needs a day off during the dreary winter months. Why not play hooky with your favorite partner in crime? Call in sick to work, e-mail your professors with lame excuses and spend a lazy day relaxing. Go to the dining hall in your pajamas and share a big breakfast.

Rent a stack of movies from Block-buster or Hollywood and curl up on the couch. Most of

Top Ten Movies to Watch if You Love Valentine's Day

10. "Ghost": You, the one you love and a potter's wheel — the night is covered (in clay at least.)
9. "Notting Hill": She's just a girl, standing in front of a boy, asking him to love her. And he probably won't say no because she's Julia Roberts.
8. "Sixteen Candles": Every girl deserves her own Jake Ryan.
7. "Shakespeare In Love": He wrote about it, he lived it, and despite recent attacks on his sexuality, the man knows about romance.
6. "Beauty and the Beast": You'll never complain about your boyfriend's personal hygiene again.
5. "Love Story": Love means never having to say you're sorry, at least if you're a wealthy Harvard Law grad.
4. "Untamed Heart": He gave her everything, even his heart. What did you get your heartthrob this year?
3. "Far and Away": If they can make it on the wild frontier, you can make it at Notre Dame.
2. "When Harry Met Sally": Yes, yes, yes!
1. "An Affair to Remember": You might not be able to meet your sweetheart at the top of the Empire State building, but at least consider Flanner Hall as a viable alternative. Remember to look both ways before crossing Juniper, though.

-compiled by Katie Malmquist

aters can both enjoy day



courtesy of International Movie Database.com
Jennifer Lopez star in "The Valentine's Day movie."

all, don't let yourself worry about anything school-related — just enjoy hanging out together.

2. Make the most of South Bend. Valentine's Day is the perfect time to explore the native culture of our corner of Indiana. Stroll around the University Park Mall together: nothing screams "townie" like wearing matching outfits or walking with your hands in each other's back pockets.

Get glamour shots taken for that special someone or have your names air-brushed on T-shirts. To top it all off, a romantic day in the Bend wouldn't be complete without a splash in one of the heart-shaped

jacuzzis advertised by motels on 31 — watch for Valentine's specials.

1. Just get it on. What better way to say you care? A full-blown make-out session is the perfect gift. It requires no planning, it's absolutely free and it's what you both wanted to do anything.

Plus, if you forget the big day, it's the perfect way to make up for it or pretend you did have a big surprise ready. So stop worrying about the perfect gift and just give a kiss. It's what this day is all about.

But what about the Valentine's Day haters? The vast majority of college students in particular are single, and many of these are vehemently opposed to the holiday.

These Valentine adversaries are quick to voice what they hate about Feb. 14.

It is a superficial Hallmark holiday. It singles out those without a significant other and makes them feel lacking.

And overall, Valentine's does nothing but deliver a blow to self-esteem or disappoint those whose expectations aren't met.

So for those without Valentines this year, do not despair. There are still many ways to enjoy the holiday, whether you choose to pamper yourself or take out your bitterness on the happy couples around you.

10. Treat yourself to a day at the spa. You don't need someone else to tell you you're worth it — go ahead and give yourself what you deserve. Massages, facials, manicures and pedicures are available at several area beauty salons and health clubs. Once someone else is kneading your back or rubbing your feet, all that pent-up Valentine's frustration will just melt away.

Top Ten Movies to Watch if You Hate Valentine's Day

10. "The Birds": There's nothing like seeing a pretty blond getting her eyes pecked out.
9. "Leaving Las Vegas": Guy hates life, guy decides to drink himself to death, guy meets prostitute who tries to change his mind — an instant classic.
8. "What Lies Beneath": Haunting, murder, infidelity — finally someone with more baggage than your last boyfriend or girlfriend.
7. "The Terminator": "I'll be back" — one of the many things you never want to hear your crazy ex say.
6. "American Pie": "Suck me beautiful!" It's comforting to know there are kids out there with worse pick-up lines than yours.
5. "Rocky": There's nothing more romantic than a guy bleeding out his eyes, screaming your name at the top of his lungs.
4. "Silence of the Lambs": A townie once tried to ask me out, I ate his liver with fava beans and a nice chianti sauce.
3. "Porky's": The other white meat.
2. "Sleeping with the Enemy": You can try and blame it on a drunken hookup, but we've all been there before.
1. "What About Bob?": Baby steps round the dorm room, baby steps to the dining hall, baby steps through DeBartolo, baby steps to the Boat Club.

-compiled by Katie Malmquist

floor doesn't cave in.

2. Break up couples. Head out to the quads and aim for couples that look to be happily involved. Blatantly hit on whichever half of the pair you prefer, acting as if they are a past hookup that you can't believe hasn't called.

Do not relent if they get flustered and pretend they don't recognize you — if you persist, you will surely cause see fireworks between the formerly happy pair. Some may call it cruel, but if you can't beat 'em, tear 'em apart.

1. When all else fails, realize it's only a day. Once 11:59 p.m. comes and goes, Valentine's Day will be over, and all the pent-up frustration with it. So grit your teeth and bear it — count down the hours and all the sappy talk will be done soon.

9. Count your blessings. Even if you don't technically have a girlfriend or boyfriend, you still have many things going for you on this holiday. Family, friends, a top-rate education, a sense of humor. Take some time to think about how much you really have. Flowers eventually die and chocolate gives you a stomach ache, anyway.

8. Redo something. Channel that Valentine's aggression into a creative outlet. Crank up some angry music, tear everything off your walls and redecorate the entire room. Give yourself a makeover. Vent through poetry or compose an angst-full song and send it off to Alanis.

7. Splurge. Don't wait around for someone to buy you dinner or diamonds. Throw caution to the wind and buy the new outfit you've been eyeing or the CD you can't live without. Or, for the less adventurous, go on a Reckers or BK shopping spree and treat yourself to all the wonders flex points can buy.

6. Volunteer. Spend the afternoon at a homeless shelter or soup kitchen and suddenly the lack of roses on your desk will seem less significant. Or if you really need something to cuddle, play with neglected animals at a shelter or the Humane Society. It's impossible to frown with a warm puppy in your lap.

5. Band together. Most Valentine's talk as of late has come from those embittered souls who can't wait for the 15th to arrive. So seek out these kindred spirits. Go out for coffee or pizza and share your stories about past V-Days.

Rent "Romeo and Juliet" and take comfort in not being one half of a pair of star-crossed numbers. Or watch "Will and Grace" and realize that nothing beats a good platonic relationship. There's strength in numbers.

4. Be obnoxious. When you've had it up to here with nauseating pink and red decorations, start stealing other people's Valentine fun — eat their chocolates without permission, snatch their flowers, hang up their greeting cards as if they were your own. Wear black and glare at

anyone who looks remotely happy. Reclaim the day for your own.

3. Hit the singles scene. Think of all the social opportunities that South Bend has to offer the happily-unattached — bars, clubs, parties, bingo halls. The possibilities are endless.

Those who are of age can get their groove on at Heartland or drink their sorrows away at the 'Backer. And everyone else can go to the Boat and pray the second

SCENE ASKS

What is the best Valentine's Day gift you have ever received?



"A ceramic monkey and a bottle of Colt 45 — no joke."

Rob Pazornik
junior, off-campus

"A diamond necklace."

Shana Blair
sophomore, McGlenn



"A pair of bikini underwear with a heart on it that said, 'Do me.'"

Terrance Howard
junior, Sorin



"The gift of life — I was born on Valentine's Day."

Rich Naponelli
sophomore, O'Neill



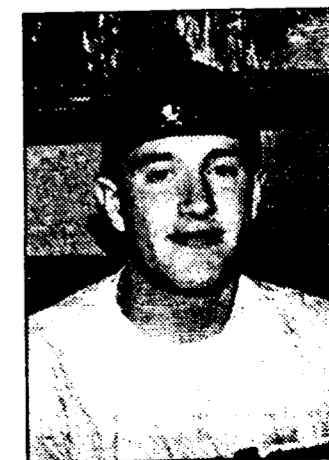
"I got flowers from a guy I didn't know."

Kristen Gehring
freshman, Lewis



"I got a dozen carnations from my secret admirer. I never found out who it was."

Michael Kelly
freshman, Keough



NBA

Shaq returns to Laker lineup, dominates in victory

Associated Press

Shaquille O'Neal returned to the Los Angeles Lakers' lineup on Tuesday night without showing any ill effects from a two-week layoff caused by a strained arch in his right foot.

O'Neal had 32 points, 14 rebounds, six assists and five blocks in 43 minutes in helping the Lakers to a 113-110 overtime victory over the New Jersey Nets on Tuesday night.

"I felt pretty good," O'Neal said after playing for the first time since Jan. 26. "I was anxious to get back and start the second half with a vengeance, and I believe I started on a pretty good note tonight."

O'Neal, who had missed six games, hit 10 of 18 shots from the field and 12 of 24 free throws. Last year's MVP also had a key block of Stephon Marbury's shot in the overtime that set up a game-tying basket by Tyrone Lue.

The block came with the Lakers trailing 110-108 with less than a minute to play.

"Stephon got around me, but I knew Shaq was there," Lue said. "Horace Grant got the rebound, kicked it out to me and there was only one person to beat."

Hornets 77, Pacers 66

Jamal Mashburn had 18 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Charlotte Hornets over Indiana.

Both teams shot poorly from the field, connecting on just 34 percent of their attempts. But the Hornets outrebounded Indiana 59-41, with P.J. Brown grabbing 13 rebounds.

Al Harrington led Indiana with 12 points and Reggie Miller had 11, just enough to move past George Gervin into 23rd place on the NBA's all-time scoring list.

Indiana's point total and its 28 second-half points were both season-lows.

Reserve Derrick Coleman contributed 14 points and 11 rebounds to the victory, while Baron Davis had 13. David Wesley scored 12.

Raptors 120, Cavaliers 105

Vince Carter scored 33 points but was sitting down when Toronto opened a big lead in the second quarter Tuesday night as the Raptors rolled to a win over the demoralized

Cleveland Cavaliers, who lost their seventh straight game.

Carter scored 16 points in the third quarter and sat out most of the fourth as the Raptors won their third in a row to move four games over .500 for the first time this season.

Suns 93, Warriors 83

Shawn Marion had a career-high 28 points and 13 rebounds, and Jason Kidd had 14 points and 10 assists as the Phoenix Suns beat the cold-shooting Golden State Warriors.

Marion scored most of his points on fast breaks, free throws or offensive rebounds as the Suns capitalized on the Warriors' poor shooting and league-worst defense for an easy win.

Marion scored seven straight points in the fourth quarter as Phoenix fed him the ball until he surpassed his career-high.

The Suns returned from the All-Star break to split the season series with Golden State and win for the third time in four games.

They didn't need to play very well to beat the Warriors, who shot 34 percent in the first half, scored 51 points in the first three quarters and got no closer than five points after the game's opening minutes.

Grizzlies 99, Celtics 98

Mike Bibby scored 11 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, helping the lame-duck Vancouver Grizzlies rally to beat the Boston Celtics.

The Celtics led 95-90 with 2:22 left but didn't score again until Chris Carr's 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Bryant Reeves was also a factor for Vancouver with 24 points and 12 rebounds.

Nuggets 96, Knicks 77

Nick Van Exel had 24 points and 12 assists as the Denver Nuggets returned to their home comfort zone, beating the New York Knicks.

Antonio McDyess added 17 points and 11 rebounds, and Raef LaFrentz scored 21 for the Nuggets, who had lost six of seven overall but improved to 21-6 at home.

Allan Houston had 15 points to lead four New York players in double figures. Larry Johnson had 14 and Latrell Sprewell had 10 on 3-for-14

shooting.

Spurs 104, Mavericks 92

Tim Duncan scored 28 points and reserve Antonio Daniels had 18 as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Dallas Mavericks.

Danny Ferry made four of the Spurs' nine 3-pointers and Avery Johnson tied his season-high of 14 points in his first game in two months for San Antonio.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 12 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter and Michael Finley had 11 of his 26 points in the final period, but the Mavericks couldn't overcome a 22-point deficit.

Rockets 99, Wizards 89

Steve Francis had 29 points and Hakeem Olajuwon added 15 points and a season-high 20 rebounds as the Houston Rockets beat the Washington Wizards.

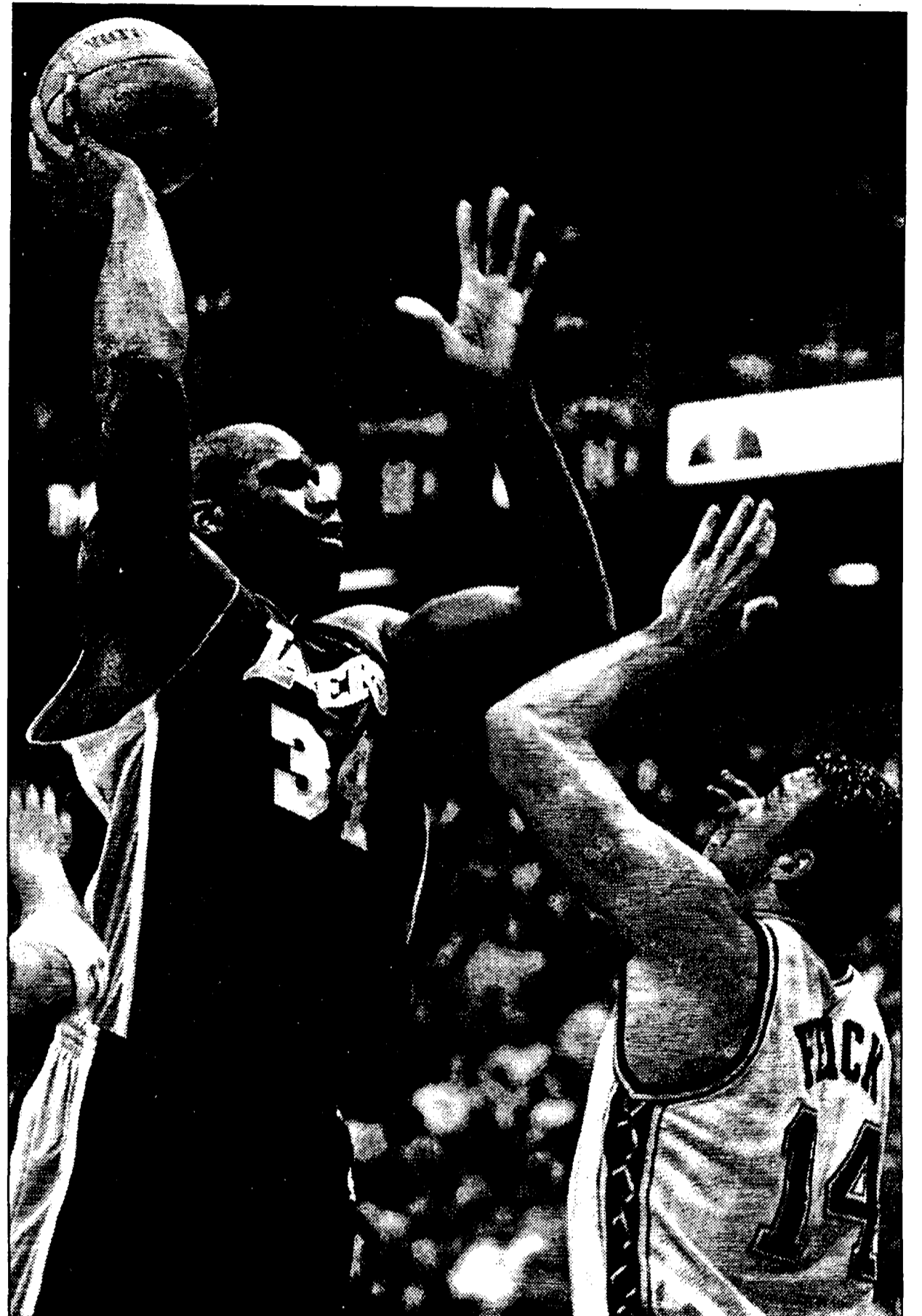
Shandon Anderson added 17 points and Cuttino Mobley and Maurice Taylor each had 16 as the Rockets won their fourth in a row.

It was Olajuwon's highest rebound total since he had 20 on Feb. 16, 1998, against the Clippers. Richard Hamilton scored 24, Juwan Howard added 15, Mitch Richmond 12 and Tyrone Nesby and Popeye Jones 10 each as the Wizards lost their fourth straight.

Bulls 96, Hawks 92

After one month, nine days and 16 losses, the Chicago Bulls' franchise-record losing streak is over.

Marcus Fizer and Ron



AFP Photo

Shaquille O' Neal had 32 points in his first game with the Lakers since his injury. O'Neal didn't play for two weeks due to a strained arch in his right foot. In his return game, the Lakers defeated the Nets 113-110.

Mercer scored 19 apiece as the Bulls blew a 17-point lead before rallying for a victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

It was Chicago's first victory since Jan. 4 — a stretch of 16 games that spanned two presidencies.

In the final minute, knowing a victory was finally close, the Bulls celebrated every made shot and every foul they took.

76ers 107, Bucks 104

Allen Iverson scored 49 points and the Philadelphia 76ers staged a furious come-

back to beat the Milwaukee Bucks in a matchup of the top two teams in the Eastern Conference.

The Bucks got 28 points from Glenn Robinson, 27 from Ray Allen and 20 from Sam Cassell and led 104-99 with 1:11 left.

But they had eight fourth-quarter turnovers, blew a nine-point fourth-quarter lead and failed to foul late in the game.

Iverson scored a second-chance basket with 56 seconds left and was fouled. The game ended in 76er victory.

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VALENTINES

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I am madly in love with Sarah Lesley. Happy Valentine's Day Sweetheart...I love you. —your guy

Vanessa, Well, Happy Valentine's Day! You know I'll be your valentine! I'll see YOU on Friday! Love, Matt

To my Ringo, Happy Valentine's Day!! (I love. I love.) Je t'aime, Your Muffin

Happy Valentine's Day to the Triforce - Noreen, Nell and Cassie - Love, the guy who is going to win the bet

Renee- will you be my valentine?

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Hey Noreen, Thanks for taking me to the ER and bringing me home again! You're fantastic.

To Erin, Christine and Colleen, Thanks so much for all you do. News would never function without you.

Hello out there to Ryan, Marie, Mini, Diane, Leah, Geeta, Connie, Amy and Cathryn: Happy Valentine's Day! Thanks for the Valentine's cards, Connie and Amy. You guys are the best. :0) Anne Marie

B-Two - I still love you, even with the boy.

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NHL

Canadiens honor Roy and end dispute

Associated Press

The Montreal Canadiens ended their five-year feud with Patrick Roy on Tuesday night, honoring their former goaltender in a pregame ceremony.

Former teammates Benoit Brunet, Patrice Brisebois and Guy Carbonneau handed Roy a painting by Quebec artist Andre Lapensee.

Astronaut Marc Garneau also was honored in the center-ice ceremony before the Canadiens' game against Roy's Colorado Avalanche.

The tribute to Roy, which drew a standing ovation from the Molson Centre crowd, was seen as a reconciliation of Roy's bitter departure from the team in December, 1995.

But on a day in which Roy was making peace with the Canadiens, he berated a local newspaper columnist.

Hockey's winningest goaltender brushed past a crowd of reporters in the Avalanche dressing room Tuesday morning to pull aside Le Journal de Montreal writer Bertrand Raymond for some harsh words.

Roy was upset at a front page headline over his picture that said: "To Forget is to Forgive — Patrick Roy." Just above was a smaller headline for an unrelated story that read "No Prison Term."

Apparently, Roy took the headlines as a reference to his being charged with domestic violence at his home in Denver earlier this season; his fright-

ened wife phoned 911, but charges later were dropped.

When Raymond, a longtime supporter of Roy and a member of the media section of the Hockey Hall of Fame, protested he doesn't write the headlines, Raymond said Roy shouted back: "It's your team. It's your newspaper. You should check."

During it all, Roy wore the same heated glare he had on Dec. 2, 1995, when coach Mario Tremblay left him in net for nine goals of an 11-1 trouncing by the Detroit Red Wings at the Montreal Forum.

After an earlier goal, Roy defiantly raised his arms to the booing crowd.

When Tremblay finally pulled him from the game, Roy leaned over to then team president Ronald Corey behind the bench and said he had played his last game for the Canadiens.

Four days later, Roy was traded to Colorado, along with team captain Mike Keane, for Martin Rucinsky, Andrei Kovalenko and goaltender Jocelyn Thibault. Only Rucinsky remains with the Canadiens, while Roy won a Stanley Cup in Colorado.

It is still considered one of the worst trades in Canadiens history.

Roy, 35, played his first 10 1/2 NHL seasons in Montreal, leading them to Stanley Cups in 1986 and 1993 — when he won a record 10 consecutive overtime games.

He was the most popular Canadien since scoring star Guy Lafleur in the 1970s.

Gretzky purchases Coyotes

Associated Press

Wayne Gretzky is a day away from returning to the NHL, this time as an owner.

Gretzky and partner Steve Ellman, a Phoenix developer, were expected to close on the purchase of the Phoenix Coyotes on Wednesday and finally take control of the team.



Gretzky

The purchase has been in the works for 13 months, and the price could reach \$91 million with adjustments after Gretzky's group originally agreed to buy the team from Richard Burke for \$87 million. The closing would come a day before the third deadline arrives.

The new owners will take over four weeks before the

March 13 trading deadline, an important period when they must decide whether to trade either Keith Tkachuk or Jeremy Roenick, the scoring leaders whose combined salaries make up one-third of the team's \$39 million payroll.

Even with Gretzky added as a partner on May 26, there wasn't enough investor interest. The buyers overshot the first deadline and a second one on Dec. 31, and it took the addition of Phoenix trucking magnate Jerry Moyes a few weeks ago to complete the package.

At that time, Ellman said he wanted to close the day before the Feb. 15 extension ended. Reached at his office on Tuesday, he declined to comment. Burke plans to close Wednesday.

"I haven't heard anything one way or the other, but I wouldn't construe that as negative at all," Burke said. "I've stayed out of it to make it less complicated. If there were any problems I probably would have heard, but I don't know of any."

He said he urged Ellman to give himself an extra day at closing.

"I also made it plain I'm not going to pull out if there's a hitch," Burke said.

Gretzky set nearly every scoring record in hockey before his last game in April 1999, and Ellman is banking on his popularity to help generate interest in the team.

Gretzky will be the Coyotes director of hockey operations, with control over every aspect of the team's play and training.

"It's exciting having the best player in the world owning your team and being in control," Roenick said. "It will be interesting to see what he does and see what kind of team he tries to build."

In addition to deciding which high-salaried players to keep, Gretzky likely will have to choose between All-Star goalie Sean Burke and free agent Nikolai Khabibulin, who was the team's franchise goalie until he began a 1 1/2-year holdout rather than accept \$3 million a year from the Coyotes.

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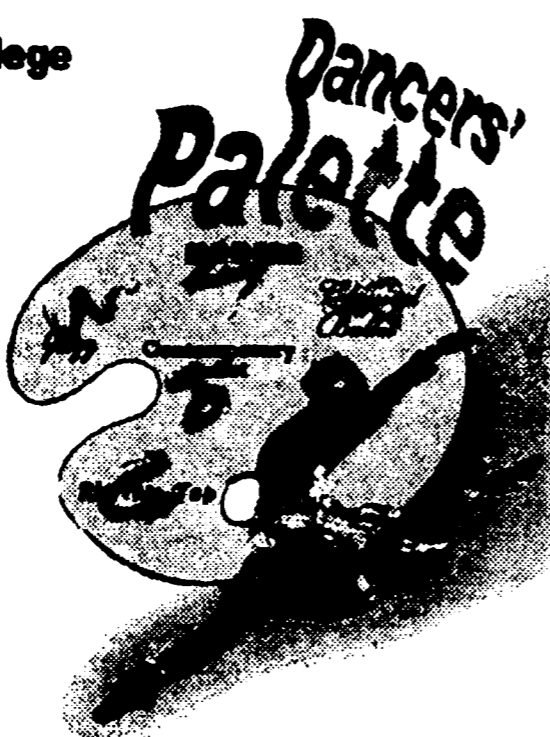
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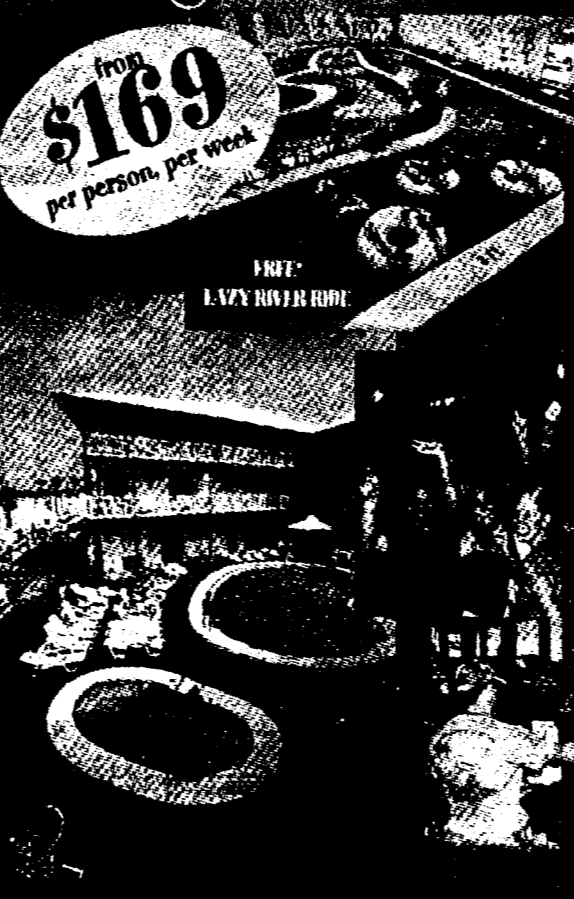


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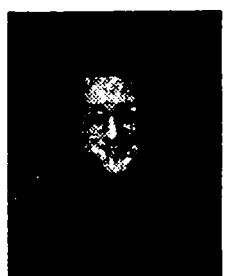
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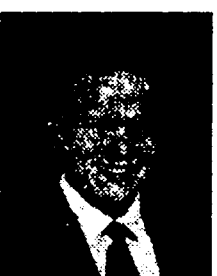
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

'01 may end era for Yankees

Associated Press

When the Yankees open spring training Wednesday, it could be the beginning of the end of an era.

Paul O'Neill says this will be his last season.

Tino Martinez and Scott Brosius are in the final years of their contracts, as is manager Joe Torre.

Still, there is another championship to be won, always the focus on the Yankees.

Last October, they became just the fourth team to win three straight World Series titles.

"I want to look back when I'm all done and say I played at the beginning of this spurt and played all the way through it," O'Neill said. "With the core of people coming back, this is still the team that won the championships. A couple years down the road, it might not be the same team anymore."

Only two teams put together longer streaks: the Yankees of 1936-39 and the Yankees of 1949-53.

The run for No. 4 — and the fifth in six seasons — begins Wednesday when pitchers and catchers report.

Many of the Yankees have been in Florida for weeks, working out at New York's minor league complex.

"You get excited about spring training because hopefully one or two of our young kids could make the big league club and help the New York Yankees win," vice president of player personnel Billy Connors said.

The most notable departure during the offseason was David Cone.

New York offered to bring him back following a 4-14 season, but he would have had to win the No. 5 starter's job in spring training.

Instead, he signed with Boston.

Mike Mussina, given an \$88.5 million, six-year contract, is the chief addition, joining Roger Clemens, Orlando Hernandez and Andy Pettitte in the rotation.

"It's unbelievable," left fielder Shane Spencer said of the Yankees' rotation. "(Other) teams will be like, 'Who are we going to put our No. 1 against?' We have potentially four No. 1s."

The fifth spot is open. Cuban defector Adrian "El Duque" Hernandez — not related to "El Duque" — has looked impressive in early workouts and lefty Randy Keisler also figures to get a chance.

While closer Mariano Rivera is back and left-hander Mike Stanton returns as a setup man, right-handed setup man Jeff Nelson returned to Seattle after five seasons with the Yankees.

Ramiro Mendoza, who missed most of last season because of shoulder problems, is throwing following surgery but the Yankees likely will limit his innings. Lefty Allen Watson, also coming back from an injury-marred season, is not expected to be ready for opening day.

New York has brought in a half-dozen pitchers to audition for the role, a group that includes Dwight Gooden, Brian Boehringer, Scott Kamieniecki, Darrell

Einertson and Ed Reynoso.

The everyday lineup is set, barring injuries.

The only questions are whether second baseman Chuck Knoblauch has solved his throwing problems and whether Spencer has healed following knee surgery.

"The elbow is good. No problems," said Knoblauch, who arrived at spring training a month early.

Spencer expects his surgically repaired knee to be ready for opening day.

"I'm doing pretty good," he said Tuesday. "I'm doing all the little things I need to do."

Hopefully by the second week of spring training I'll be playing some games."

With catcher Jorge Posada coming off his best season, and Derek Jeter and Bernie

Williams coming off typically strong seasons, the Yankees seem solid up the middle.

"The start of spring training is exciting," Yankees director of player development Rob Thomson said. "You've had the whole winter off. You kind of go through depression the first couple weeks after the season is over. You don't have that fill of intensity and competitiveness. It's nice to get back into it."



O'Neill

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Paul O'Neill
outfielder

Dodgers hope pitching brings play-off birth

Associated Press

Let the improvement continue.

That's the Los Angeles Dodgers' mantra, and if they improve another nine games this season, as they did last year, it might be enough for their first playoff berth since 1996.

With one of baseball's better starting rotations, there's cause for optimism as the Dodgers begin spring training. Pitchers and catchers are scheduled to report Wednesday to Vero Beach, Fla., with the first workout a day later.

General manager Kevin Malone has high hopes, but mindful of the past, he made it clear his optimism is guarded.

"A lot of people have misread my enthusiasm and excitement," Malone said.

Two years ago, in his first season with the Dodgers, he jokingly predicted a World Series appearance. Instead, the Dodgers went 77-85, one of baseball's biggest disappointments.

The Dodgers improved to 86-76 last year, but it wasn't good enough to make the playoffs or, as it turned out, for manager Davey Johnson to keep his job. He's been replaced by Jim Tracy, a first-time big league manager who has baseball's highest payroll at his disposal.

"We believe we've improved. I think we've got the talent and we're positioned to have a very good season," Malone said. "Now, we've got to go out and perform."

In Kevin Brown, Chan Ho Park Darren Dreifort and free-agent addition Andy Ashby, the Dodgers have four proven starters. Brown, Park and Dreifort were a combined 43-25 last season, while others who started for Los Angeles were 11-26.

The 33-year-old Ashby, who signed a \$22.5 million, three-year contract, was 12-13 with Philadelphia and Atlanta in 2000, but pitched in the 1998 and 1999 All-Star games.

"Our 1-2-3 starters were comparable to any other front-line guys," Malone said. "Our objective this offseason was to try and improve the pitching, and we tried to address that with the addition of Andy Ashby and bringing Ramon Martinez back."

The 32-year-old Martinez was 10-8 with a 6.13 ERA in 27 starts with the Boston Red Sox last season. He pitched for the Dodgers for nearly nine years before undergoing season-ending shoulder surgery in June 1998.

Martinez figures to compete with Eric Gagne, 4-6 with a 5.15 ERA last season, for the fifth starter's spot.

"I think we're improved there, we've got more depth," Malone said. "We're just trying to return to the Dodger tradition of success, and that's with pitching, and we're going to emphasize and focus on defense."




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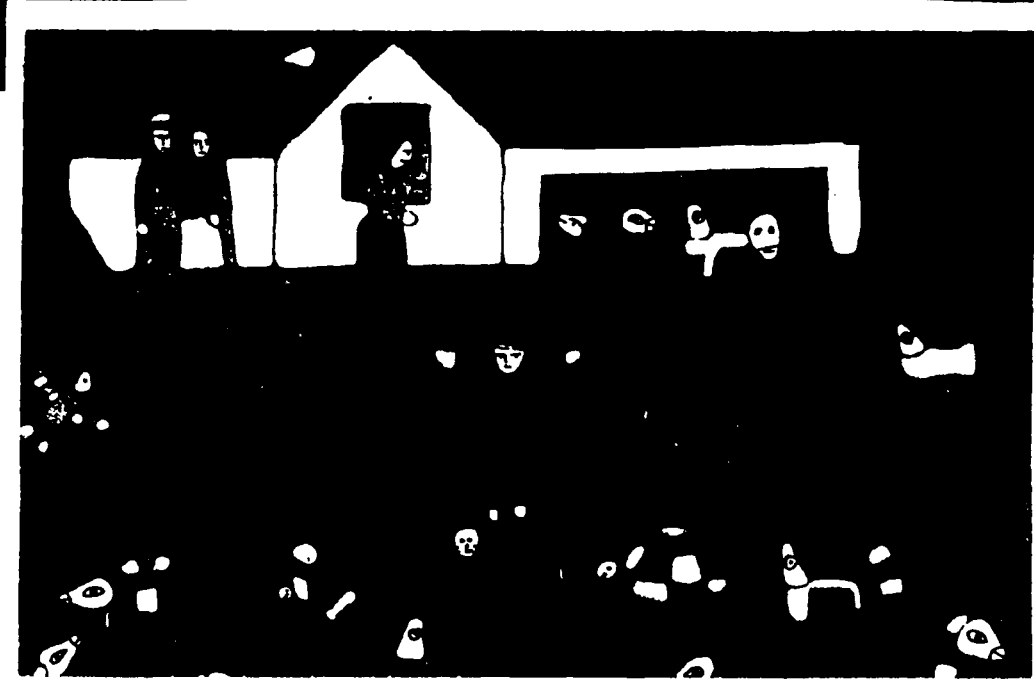
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 4 Illini rally from deficit to defeat No. 19 Badgers

Associated Press

Marcus Griffin scored off an inbounds pass from Sean Harrington with 0.8 seconds left as No. 4 Illinois beat No. 19 Wisconsin 68-67 Tuesday night. Griffin's shot came after Frank Williams rallied the Illini from a 13-point halftime deficit by scoring 18 of his 22 points in the second half.

Williams had collided with two defenders on a short jumper with 2 seconds left. Wisconsin grabbed Williams' miss, but lost control of the rebound.

The Illini kept the ball and Griffin barely had time to catch it five feet from the basket and toss an arching shot back in.

Williams then intercepted the Badgers' inbounds pass with 0.6 seconds left to seal the win for Illinois (20-5, 10-2 Big Ten).

Kirk Penney led Wisconsin (15-7, 6-5) with 18 points, including four 3-pointers. Penney made the two free throws that gave the Badgers a 67-66 lead with 9.5 seconds left.

Brian Cook opened the game with Illinois' only 3-pointer in the first half. The Illini missed six 3-pointers as Wisconsin went on a 15-3 run that lasted almost 10 minutes and ended with the Badgers leading 15-6.

The Badgers shot 61 percent, including 6-for-9 from 3-point range, in the first half. Roy Boone and Penney made 3-pointers to end the half with Wisconsin leading 35-22.

Fouls got the Badgers in trouble early in the first half, when centers Andy Kowske and Charlie Wills each got their third and sat down. Wisconsin's seventh foul came less than six minutes into the half, putting Illinois in the bonus early.

Illinois kept driving to the basket and the Badgers contested every shot. Kowske, Kelley and Wills picked up their fourth fouls and the Illini made six free throws to get within one basket, 51-48, with 7:09 remaining.

Penney slowed the momentum with a 3-pointer to push the lead back to six points with 6:11 left.

Linton made a layup and Boone stole a fumbled ball from Cory Bradford and dropped it in to put Wisconsin ahead 65-61 with 1:47 left. Cook tipped in an Illinois miss with 1 minute left.

Boone traveled at the other end and Griffin rebounded a Williams miss and banked it in for a 66-65 lead with 30 seconds left.

Penney drove the lane and Harrington fouled him on the layup with 9.5 seconds to go. Penney made both for a 67-66 lead.

Williams took the inbounds and drove down the middle, collided with two defenders and missed his shot with 2 seconds left. The ball bounced off a Badger on the rebound and Illinois retained possession to set up Griffin's winner.

Connecticut 82,

No. 9 Boston College 71

Freshman guard Taliek Brown had a career-high 21 points, including a huge 3-pointer with 5 1/2 minutes to play, helping Connecticut snap the Eagle's win streak.

The Huskies (16-8, 5-6 Big East) trailed 44-34 at halftime

after Boston College closed the first half with a 15-5 run.

Already in a situation where more than a loss or two would practically eliminate them from consideration for an at-large berth to the NCAA tournament, the Huskies responded with an 11-2 run to open the second half and were back within a point with 15:31 to play.

Freshman Caron Butler, who finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds, hit a floater along the baseline with 8:00 left to give the Huskies a 59-54 lead.

With the shot clock winding down, Brown hit a 3-pointer with 5:34 left that started a 12-1 run and gave the Huskies a 71-59 lead with 2:12 to play.

Brown made four free throws to close the run and the Huskies made six more in a row to keep the Eagles at bay and avenge the 85-68 loss on Jan. 3 that ended their 23-game winning streak in the series.

Singletary and freshman Ryan Sidney each had 18 points for the Eagles, while Troy Bell had 16. Bell finished 5-for-16 from the field, including 3-for-10 from 3-point range. The Eagles, who had won a school-record seven straight conference games, were 6-for-26 from beyond the arc, 2-for-13 in the second half

No. 12 Florida 81, LSU 74

Teddy Dupay scored 11 points in Florida's overtime win over LSU.

Dupay, who had surgery for a herniated disc on Jan. 10, had just six points in regulation, but scored all but eight of Florida's 19 points in overtime.

Udonis Haslem and Brett Nelson each scored 18 points for Florida (17-5, 7-4 Southeastern Conference). Matt Bonner added 17.

Ronald Dupree led LSU (11-11, 1-10) with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Collis Temple III had 14 points, Jermain Williams 12, and Bright 11.

The Gators struggled against LSU's defense and trailed most of the game. With 1:53 left in regulation, Haslem made his first free throw, pulling Florida within one point at 57-56. Haslem's second attempt bounced out and LSU's Ronald Dupree grabbed it.

A missed shot and a foul by LSU sent Major Parker to the line for the Gators. He made one of two free throws to tie it at 57 with 51 seconds remaining.

Torris Bright hit a 3-pointer to give the Tigers a 60-57 lead with 27 seconds left. Then Dupay hit a field goal and a free throw to tie it at 60.

Jason Wilson made two free throws with 3.2 seconds remaining to give LSU 62-60 lead. Florida's ensuing inbound pass sailed the length of the court to Haslem, who was fouled. He made both shots, tying it at 62 and forcing overtime.

LSU pulled within one point, 75-74, on a 3-point basket by Bright with 1:16 remaining. Dupay matched the 3-pointer and added a free throw as the Gators sealed the victory.

Florida had been averaging 83.3 points. LSU, the second-ranked scoring defense in the SEC, had limited opponents to 65.6 points.

The Tigers outscored Florida 8-5 over the first three minutes of the second half and stretched their lead to 10 points, 40-30. But LSU failed to score for the next 5:47 and the Gators cut the

lead to two points, 43-41, on a 3-pointer by Bonner.

Florida used a 7-5 run to tied the game at 48 with 9:09 left. The run was fueled by five points from Bonner.

Florida, battling for the SEC East title, had the lead only once in regulation — 11-10 at the 14:26 mark in the first half. LSU led 27-19 with 5:28 left in the first half.

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FOOTBALL

Irish lose Rosburg to Browns

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Although it appears Joker Phillips will be named an assistant, the Irish still must fill two other coaching vacancies. Former safeties coach Lou West is now the defensive coordinator at Toledo.

And on Monday, cornerbacks coach Jerry Rosburg bolted to the National Football League. Rosburg was named as the special teams coach for the Cleveland Browns.

During the 2000 season, Rosburg coached a punt return unit that ranked 12th in the nation and blocked six punts.

"He was a mastermind at the whole special teams thing," said cornerback Jason Beckstrom, who also played on the kickoff, punt and punt return teams. "That was really his big deal. He came in and just totally changed

the special teams and made everything more aggressive. Obviously it worked."

Rosburg arrived in 1999 after spending the two previous seasons as Boston College's secondary coach. He also coached at Northern Michigan, Western Michigan, Cincinnati and Minnesota.

In Cleveland, Rosburg will join the staff of head coach Butch Davis, the former University of Miami coach.

"I'm sad about him leaving," Beckstrom said. "I really got to know him and think highly of him as a coach. He helped me develop as a player as far as technique and he really knew the defense well. He was a big

part of our program."

Rosburg flew to Cleveland early last night and was unavailable for comment.

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Jason Beckstrom
special teams player

Notes:

Nine seniors will apply for a fifth year of eligibility.

They include: full-back Jason Murray, offensive linemen Kurt

Vollers, John Teasdale, Casey Robin and J.W. Jordan, defensive linemen Grant Irons and Andy Wisne, and defensive backs Justin Smith and Ron Israel.

◆ The first of 15 spring practices will be held on March 27. The annual Blue-Gold Game will take place on April 28.

Phillips

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assistant but sources at Minnesota confirmed that he has been offered the position.

"It's pretty much a done deal," an employee in Minnesota's media relations department said.

Officials in Notre Dame's sports information department declined comment.

Urban Meyer, Notre Dame's wide receivers coach for the past five years, left after the Fiesta Bowl to take over as head coach at Bowling Green. It is believed that Phillips will assume Meyer's duties.

Phillips, a four-year letter-winner at wide receiver, graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1986 and played sparingly for the Washington Redskins and the Canadian Football League's Toronto Argonauts.

He served as a graduate assistant at Kentucky in 1989 and 1990 and then became an assistant recruiting coordinator in 1990. He coached Kentucky's receivers from 1991-96 before heading to Cincinnati where he was wide receivers coach in 1997 and defensive backs coach in 1998.

"He's a real good receivers coach," Jones said. "He knows his stuff. That's for sure."

NFL

Tempe chosen as new stadium site

Associated Press

The new stadium for the Arizona Cardinals will be built in Tempe, just a mile from where the team now plays.

The Arizona Tourism and Sports Authority board voted 7-2 Tuesday to choose the Tempe site over an undeveloped tract of land in suburban west Phoenix.

The stadium, with a retractable roof and natural grass field that would slide out of the structure when not in use, is to open for the 2004 season.

The Cardinals, an original NFL member with a long history of mediocrity or worse, have played at Sun Devil Stadium on the Arizona State campus since moving from St. Louis 13 years ago.

Although no threats were made, there was a widespread belief the team would have left town if the stadium vote had failed last November.

An \$18 million pledge to Tempe by the Cardinals last Thursday may have been the deciding factor in the board's decision. The Fiesta Bowl also strongly endorsed the Tempe site.

"I think it was the financial package and the relationship we had with the Cardinals and the Fiesta Bowl to start with," Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano said.

The Cardinals' late pledge allowed Tempe to secure an 88-year lease of the land from the Salt River Project, one of two major electric utilities serving the Phoenix area. The west side proposal included a promise by 80-year-old developer John Long to donate 40 acres of land.

"The fact that it was from the Cardinals really wasn't relevant to me," Arizona board chairman Jim Grogan said. "The fact that Tempe found a financial partner was very rel-

evant to me.

"Prior to that time the west side had John Long as a financial partner and had a better financial package."

The Cardinals also signed a deal with Tempe on Monday that gives the team development rights on land near the stadium. The Fiesta Bowl also strongly endorsed the Tempe site.

"The Fiesta Bowl and the Cardinals have a long relationship with the city of Tempe and I think it's a great site," said Michael Bidwill, Cardinals vice president, general counsel and son of owner William Bidwill.

"It's right on the lakeside," he said. "It's going to be adjacent to the Mill Avenue entertainment, shopping and restaurant district. It's going to be on the light rail line. There are a lot of real positives to this site."

Backers cited Tempe's experience in handling big events and a location close to hotels, restaurants and resorts. Those amenities would make it easier to use the stadium for things other than football games.

"If it was just a football stadium I would definitely go for the west side," board member C.A. Howlett said. "But with the multipurpose factor I just couldn't get past those obstacles for the west side."

Board member Rod Williams, one of the two dissenters, detailed a long list of concerns about the Tempe site.

The stadium was authorized by county voters last November. Virtually all the public money will come from a hotel-motel tax and a surcharge of rental cars.

The stadium cost has risen from \$331 million to \$334 million with Tempe promising the extra \$3 million to cover costs associated with a bedrock problem at the site.

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BASKETBALL

Riley, Murphy receive honors in Big East, nationally

♦ Murphy, Riley among Naismith Awards finalists

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame All-Americans Troy Murphy and Ruth Riley are among the 15 male and female finalists for the Atlanta Tipoff Club Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Awards.

The Naismith Board of Selectors, which includes some of the country's leading basketball coaches, journalists, administrators, began the selection process in the fall. The winners of the Naismith Awards, the most prestigious awards in college basketball, will be honored in Atlanta in April.

Murphy was one of four Big East male players to the final list of 15 — Troy Bell of Boston College, Michael Bradley of Villanova and Eddie Griffin of Seton Hall were the other three. Riley was joined on the final ballot by two players from Connecticut — Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph.

Abrosimova, however, will miss the rest of the year with an injury.

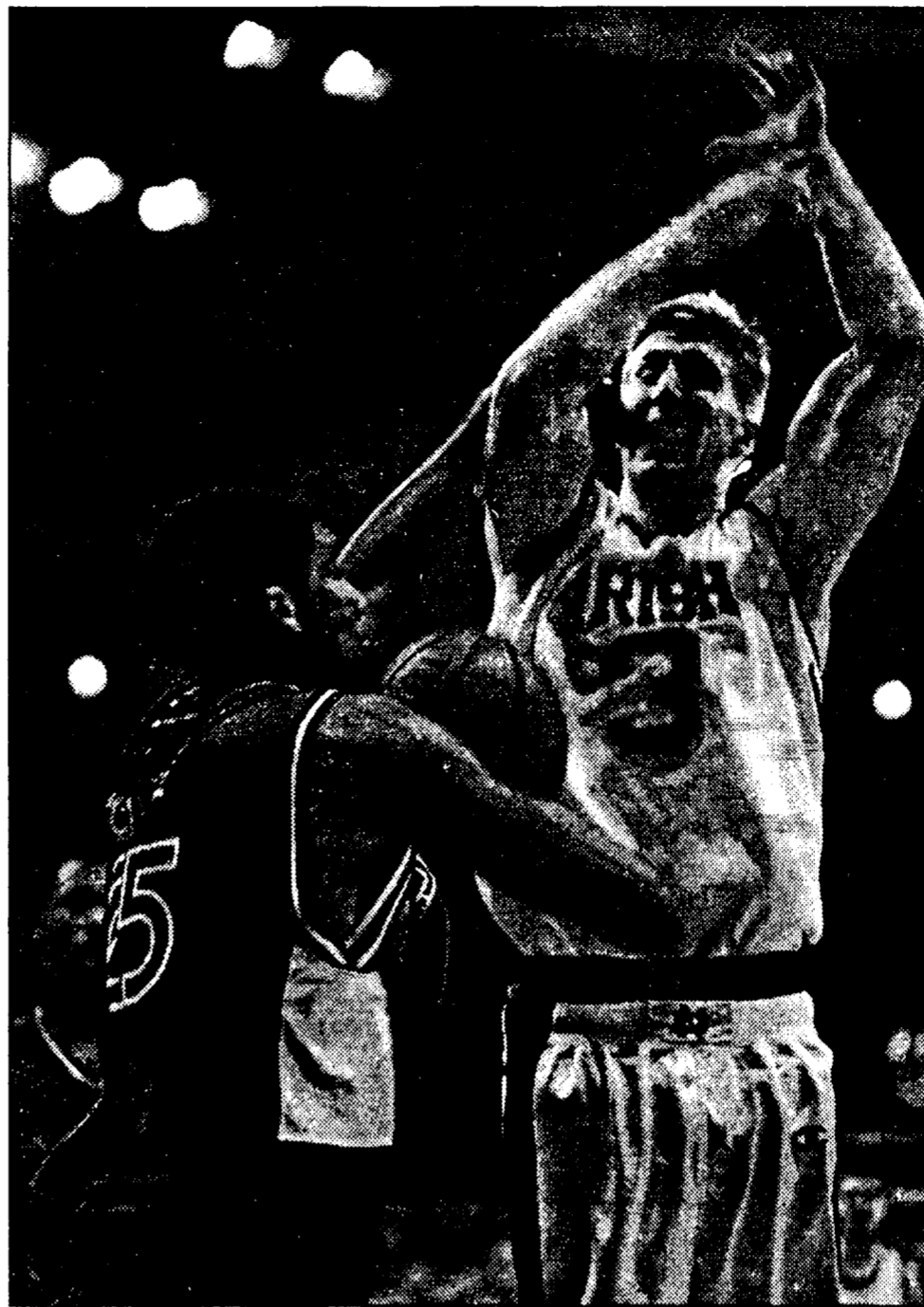
Murphy, a first-team consensus All-American as a sophomore, ranks third nationally in scoring, averaging a team-lead-

ing, career-best 23.2 points per game. He is second on the team in rebounding with a 9.3 rebounding average and leads the team with 10 double-doubles.

Murphy, who has scored in double figures in 84 of 85 games during his career, is one of only two players in the history of the Notre Dame men's basketball program to score more than 1,800 points and grab more than 800 rebounds 843.

Riley, also a first-team All-American as a senior, leads the top-ranked Irish in scoring and rebounding and has been named Big East player of the week on four occasions this season — more than any other Big East player. She has recorded double-doubles in three consecutive games and in seven games total this season. She has scored at least 20 points in eight of the last 12 games.

According to the most recent NCAA statistics, Riley is the only player in the country among the top 20 leaders in blocks and field-goal percentage. Riley enters the week two free throws from breaking the Notre Dame record for career free throws - 447, which is held by Beth Morgan — and needs just two rebounds to become the third Irish player to reach the 900-rebound milestone.



Troy Murphy, shown here against St. John's, was named a finalist in the Naismith Awards along with Ruth Riley.

♦ Murphy named Big-East player of the week for fourth time this season

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame forward Troy Murphy has been named the Big East Player of the Week.

This award is the fourth time this season that Murphy has received player of the week honors.

The 6-11 junior shares the honor this week with Rutgers sophomore guard Todd Billet.

Murphy averaged 24.3 points and 10.5 rebounds in leading the Irish to a 2-0 week with wins over St. John's (83-73) at home and West Virginia (69-66) on the road.

He posted double-doubles in both contests as he scored 34 points and grabbed 11 rebounds against the Red Storm.

Murphy then followed that performance with his 42nd career double-double as he tallied 15 points and hauled in 10 rebounds versus the Mountaineers.

Murphy has won the league's player-of-the-week honors 10 times in his career.

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counts." While a win tonight is certainly a goal for the 16-5 Irish, they may be able to accomplish that feat even without Humphrey's services. Although the 6-foot-8 junior scores 15 points and pulls down 9.4 rebounds per game, Rutgers is only 10-11 overall and 2-8 in the Big East, just the reverse of Notre Dame's 8-2 league record. So if Humphrey's ankle is tender, the Irish might decide to rest him up for the stretch run rather than risk aggravating the injury.

"I want to play," Humphrey said, "but I have to be smart about it, because it's a long season."

If Humphrey does not play, the starting lineup will include forwards Harold Swanagan and All-American Troy Murphy, guard/forward David Graves, guard Matt Carroll and point guard Martin Ingelsby.

With those five used to playing long minutes even with Humphrey in tow, Irish coach

Mike Brey will likely turn to sophomore Jere Macura and freshman Torrian Jones to pick up a few extra minutes so the starters can get a bit of rest.

"Depth can be very overrated," Brey said last week before Humphrey's injury. "There's something about getting a nucleus of guys to play with each other."

That's been true with a six-person nucleus, as the Irish are on a seven-game roll. Whether it works with five will become clear tonight.

Although Rutgers is at the bottom of the Big East West Division and Notre Dame perches in first place, the Scarlet Knights have won two in a row. They beat the Seton Hall Pirates on the road, a place the Irish lost, and defeated Pittsburgh by 20.

Guard Todd Billet shared Big East Player of the Week honors with Murphy this past week. Billet scored 26 in his team's win over Pittsburgh.

In the first Irish-Scarlet Knights matchup this season, the Irish won 87-80 for their first league win of the season. Since then, the Irish have won

seven of eight games within the conference to take a two-game lead for the division title.

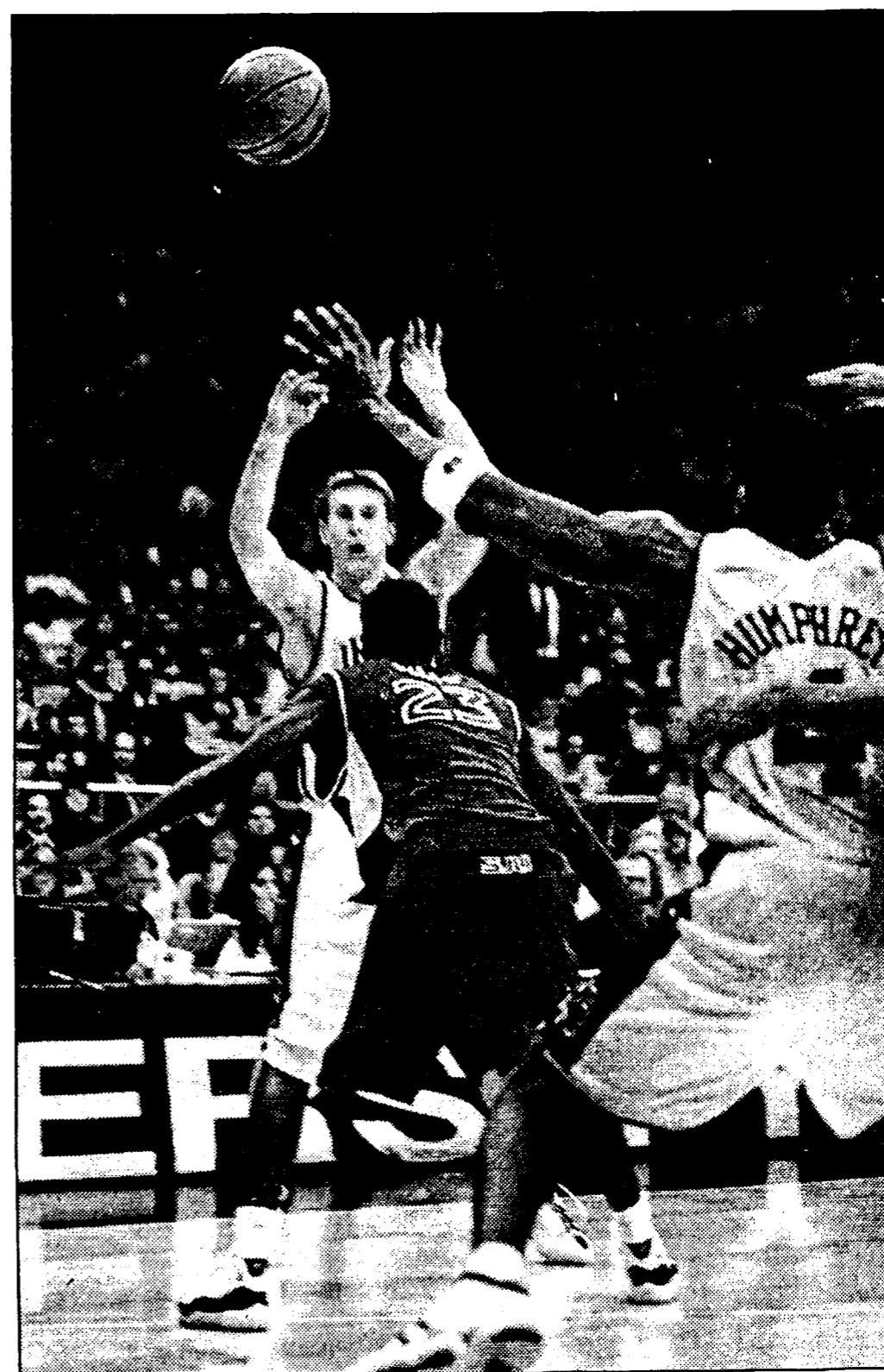
Facing Rutgers is always a challenge for Murphy, a New Jersey native. He exploded against his in-state rival for a career-high 37 points on Jan. 6, and a repeat performance would likely allow him and the Irish to go home with an eighth straight win. Murphy will have to overcome a hostile crowd to do that, however.

"[When people say things], he kind of laughs at them instead of saying, 'Let's answer it,'" Brey said last week. "He's a lightning rod for all of us."

Aside from Murphy, who leads the league in points per game, Ingelsby tops the Big East in assist-to-turnover ratio, with Carroll not far behind. Graves is the third-leading scorer, with Swanagan counted on to rebound.

For the Scarlet Knights, forwards Jeff Greer and Rashod Kent complement Billet's attack.

"You have to go in and fight," Ingelsby said, "or anyone can beat you on any given day."



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Humphrey reaches for a pass during an Irish victory over St. John's. Humphrey is questionable for play tonight.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles need win to advance in tournament standings

By **KATIE McVOY**
Assistant Sports Editor

With a playoff seed hanging in the balance, the Belles are looking to put out the Bulldogs of Adrian College. Saint Mary's is coming off a victory over Olivet College and a win tonight would move the team one step closer to a better MIAA playoff spot.

"We've put ourselves in a great opportunity now to move up in the tournament," head coach Suzanne Smith said. "We know we can

get this win and we played two great games last week."

Currently, the Belles (7-14, 2-10 in the MIAA) are tied with the Bulldogs (8-14, 2-10 in the MIAA) for last place in the MIAA. When playoffs begin late next week, the team in last place will have to take on No. 1 ranked Hope College. If Saint Mary's can get out of that last place slot, however, it will face Alma College instead.

"We won't know 100 percent until everything is done Saturday," Smith said. "Instead of playing Hope we could move up and play Alma who we've played two really tough games against and we would love that opportunity."

A win over Adrian is an important part of Saint Mary's move towards that matchup. Adrian took home the W the last time these two teams faced off at Angela Athletic Facility. On the road, however, Smith and her team are looking for success.

"I always think we play a little better on the road," Smith said.

As of Tuesday night's practice, post players Kelly Roberts and Anne Blair will be joining guards Julie Norman, Katie Christiansen and Mary Campione in the starting positions. Sophomore Kristen Matha will be sitting out again

after she aggravated a concussion during Saturday's contest. Besides Matha, however, the team is healthy.

"We're past the illnesses," Smith said. "Being the end of the season there are some nagging injuries, but, for the most part, everybody is pretty healthy."

The Belles offense will be playing hard again tonight following Saturday's aggressive win and looking for Adrian to mix it up on defense. The Bulldogs usually begin their defensive attack

with a 2-2-1 press and then fall back to a zone. The Belles are looking to break that defense by scoring first and scoring early.

"[We] want to look to score right away," Smith said. "[We'll] get them to come out of those defenses and make them come man-on-man, where we can really get into our half court offense."

The defense will have to keep its eye on Sarah Vincke, Adrian's leading scorer. Vincke currently holds the top four spots for most points in a game with 35, 34, 31 and 31. She also holds the MIAA record for most 3-pointers in a single game with nine.

"We'll definitely key on [Vincke] and keep someone in her face," Smith said. "We'll switch it up to keep someone fresh on her."

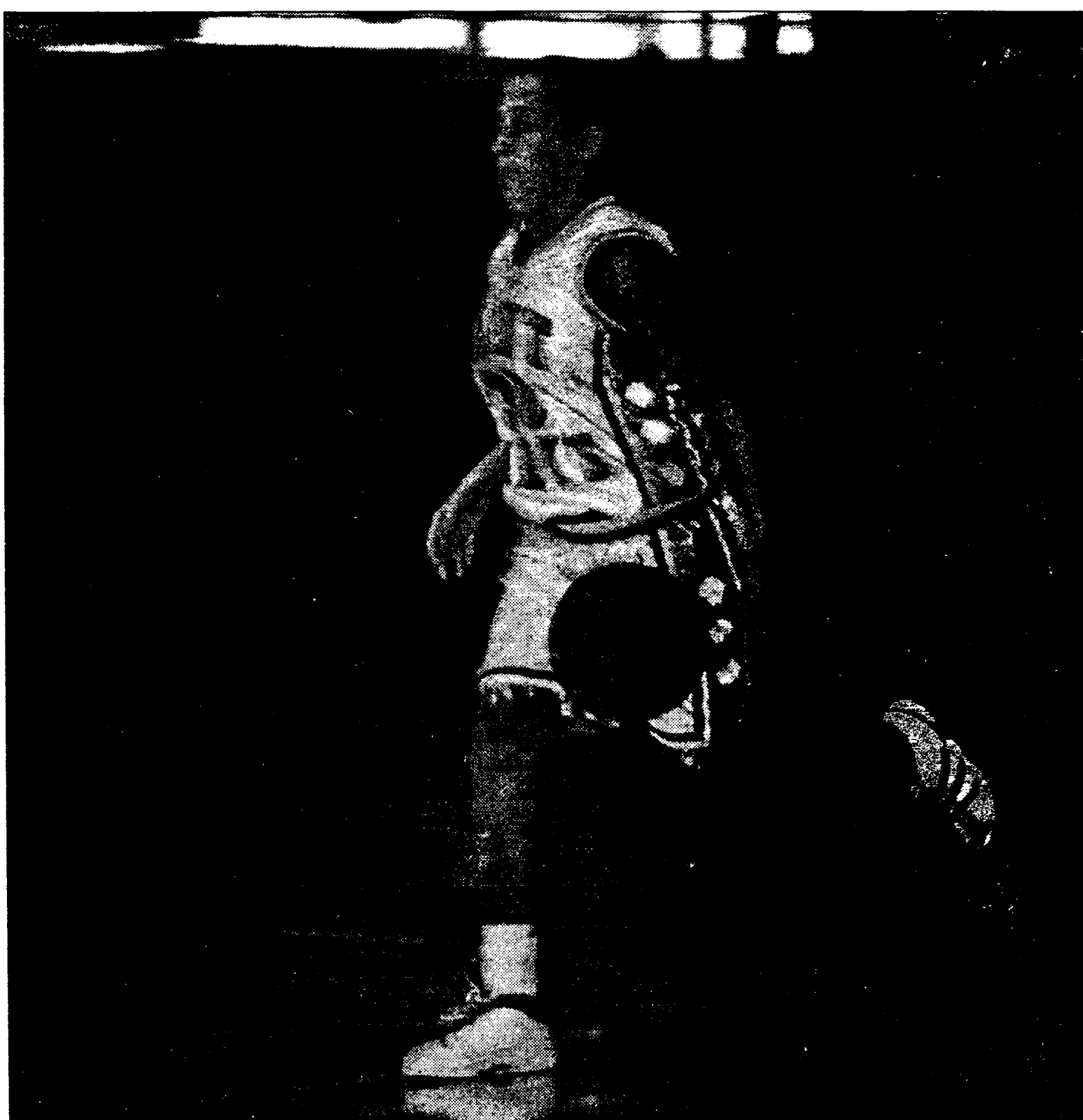
In addition to keeping an eye on Vincke, the Belles will have to control sophomore post player Allison Keebaugh and junior Annie Morton, who joined Vincke as leading scorers during the teams' last meeting. Smith is confident her team will keep control.

"Our post defense has really picked up," Smith said. "I think [the team] is ready again."

Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m. at the Merrillat Sport and Fitness Center at Adrian College.

"We've put ourselves in a great opportunity now to move up in the tournament."

Suzanne Smith
head coach



KRISTINE KAA/The Observer

Katie Miller, shown above, is one of the young players who will start in Saint Mary's game against Albion on Wednesday. The Belles need the win for a better spot in the MIAA playoffs.



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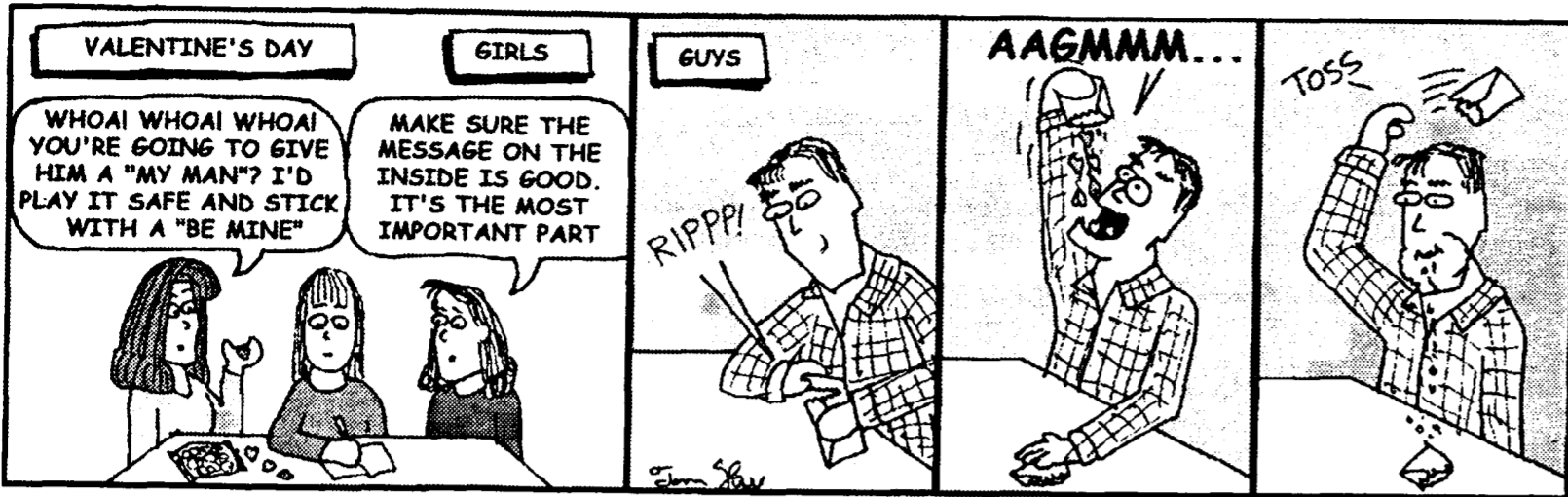
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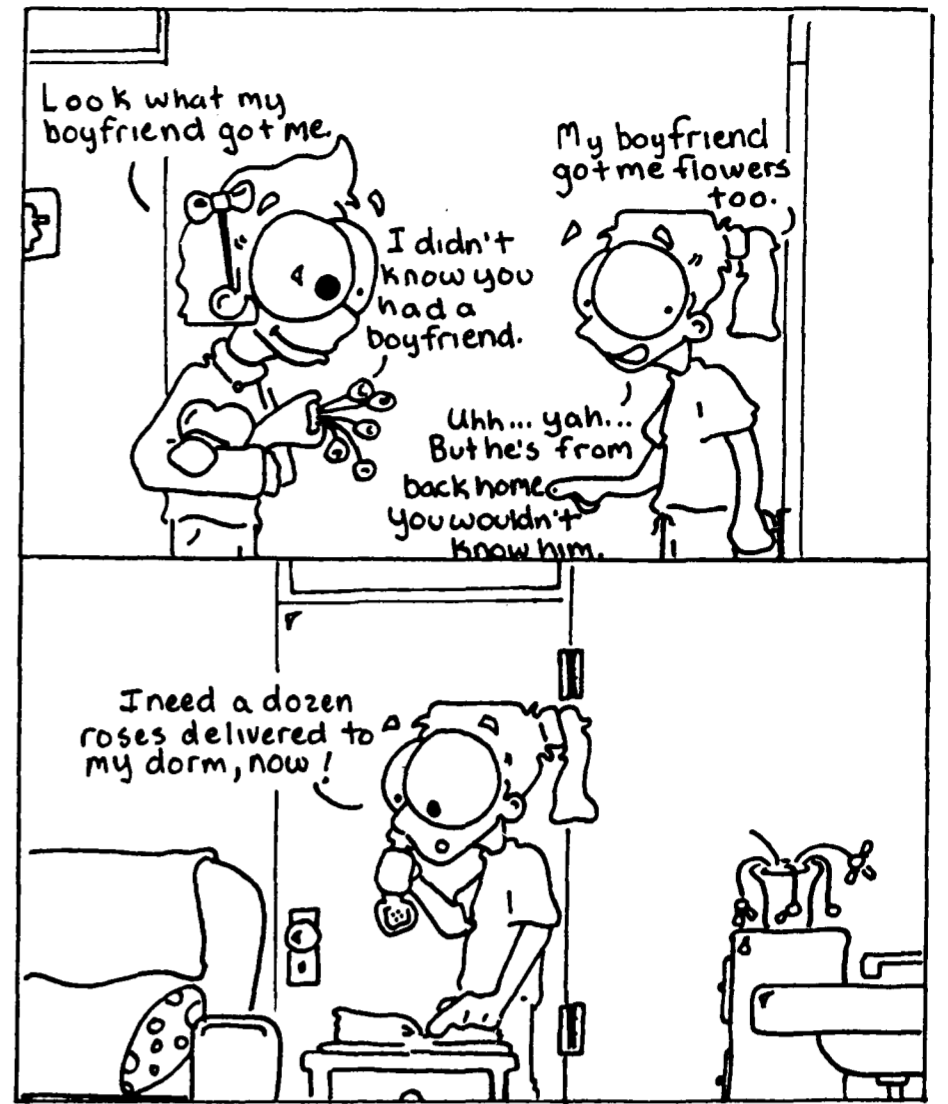
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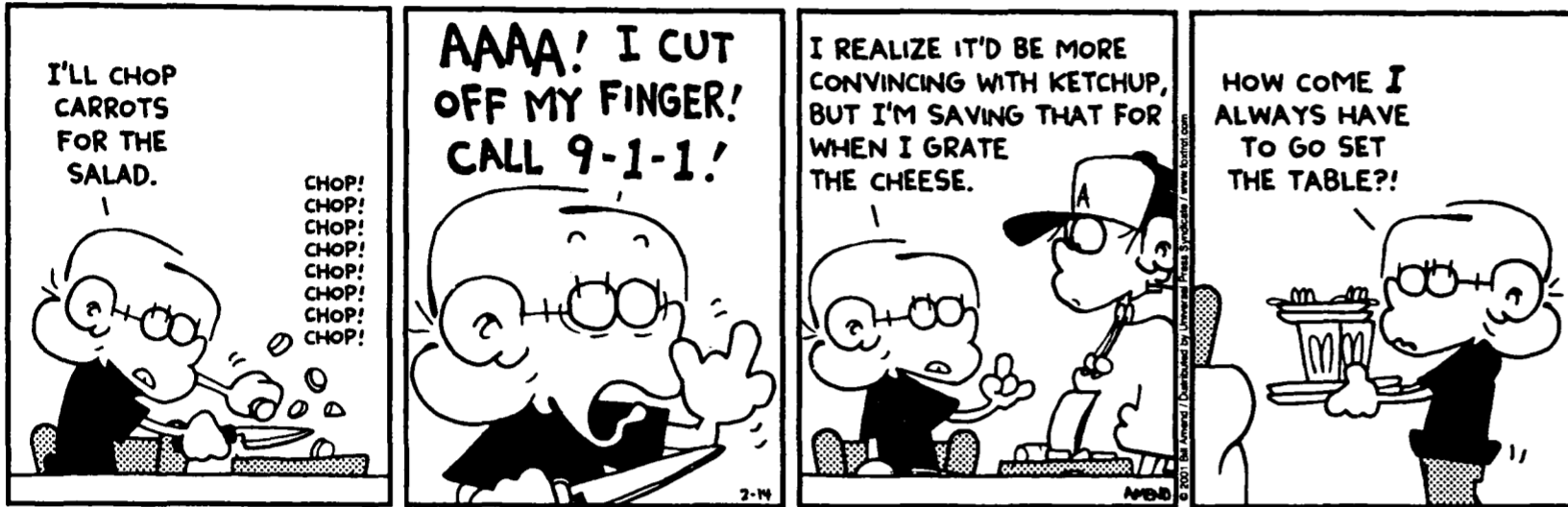
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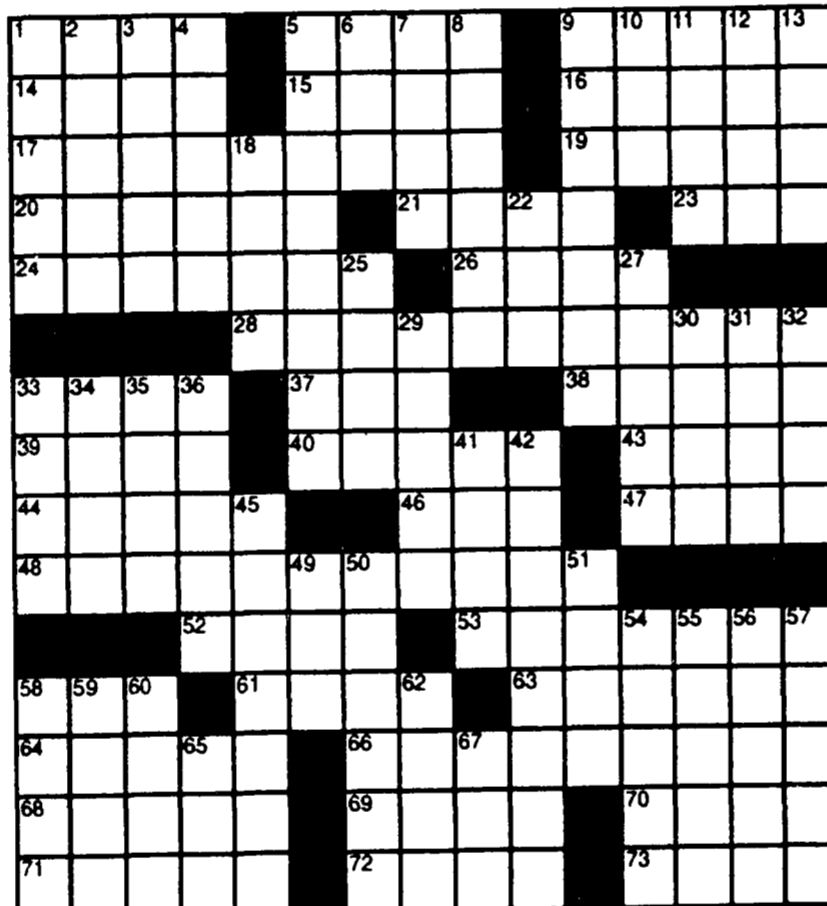
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- ACROSS
1 British sex symbol Diana
5 Tortilla, to a burrito
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15 Good sign?
16 "Up the creek," e.g.
17 Eskimo prospector?
19 1,000 kilograms
20 Like some coffee orders
21 Feeling of pain
23 Dark time for poets
24 Defatted, as a whale
26 Not quite yet
28 Eskimo hot dog topping?
33 Have hands-on experience?
37 Tram filler
38 Suppress
39 More than suggest
40 Waits on
43 Sight from the crow's-nest
44 Maggie's mate, in the comics
46 "Well, lah-di-"
47 Cows and sows
48 Eskimo words of enlightenment?
52 Attire worn with sandals
53 Was of use
58 Wanted-poster letters
61 Hang
63 Salad green
64 Remove errors from
66 Eskimo street?
68 Mississippi's State University
69 Vogue competitor
70 Designer Gucci
71 "The sweetest gift of heaven": Virgil
72 Critic Rex
73 Look of a wolf
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1 Joltless joe
2 Two-time batting champ Lefty
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4 Roomy vehicle
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7 Pub potables
8 Way in
9 Casino honcho
10 Swearing-in words
11 Fans' publication, for short
12 Defense type
13 "You said it!"
18 Junk drawer abbr.
22 "___ takers?"
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34 Grid great Dickerson
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36 Kosher
41 Andrews or Carvey
42 Cleared of snow
45 Temporary fix
49 Ripen
50 Cavalry member
51 Tinker Bell prop
54 Worth a ten
55 Fine cotton thread
56 Give the slip to
57 Furnishings
58 Throws in
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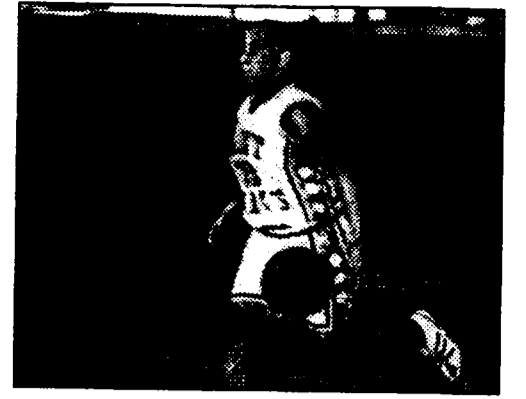
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish need to buckle down, win against Orangewomen

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Following a week of rest, the No. 1-ranked Irish women's basketball team heads into its toughest stretch of the season this weekend, starting tonight when they travel to Syracuse to take on the Orangewomen.

Notre Dame (22-0, 11-0 in the Big East) looks to improve its play with only five regular season games remaining. Last Wednesday, coach Muffet McGraw's team struggled both offensively and defensively in a 72-58 home victory over Pitt.

"We really need to buckle down and do what we need to do and not just go out there and play well enough to win," said power forward Kelley Siemon. "We need to go out there and play our game. It's February already, March is around the corner."

McGraw attributes her team's lackluster play against Pittsburgh to a shortage of practice time with all five of her starters on the floor.

"I think our problem has been that Kelley has missed a lot of time at practice," McGraw said. "We're trying to rest Ruth a little bit. We're trying to play different combinations."

"This is what most teams went through back in November and December. We're still trying to find those combinations. The last couple of days our goal has been to play the together starters a little bit longer."

Following difficult practices on Friday and Saturday and a weekend off, the team now feels that those combinations are back in the mode that led this team to No. 1.

"We had a great practice yesterday and I think we're really ready for this week," Siemon said. "Defense is what we have to start working on a little bit

more and we have been doing that."

The Orangewomen (10-11, 4-7 in the Big East) are coming off a 75-51 loss at conference rival Villanova on Saturday. Senior Leigh Aziz led Syracuse with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Forward Beth Record leads Syracuse in scoring with 13.1 points per game. Paula Moore and Julie McBride come off the bench to score 11 and 9 points per game, respectively.

"They've got a couple of good shooters," said Irish All-American center Ruth Riley. "Their post players are pretty accurate as well. We just have to go in there and play the whole game."

Despite their record, Syracuse has proven to be a tough opponent on their home court. The Orangewomen are 5-3 this season at Manley Field House, including a close 76-63 loss to No. 3 Connecticut.

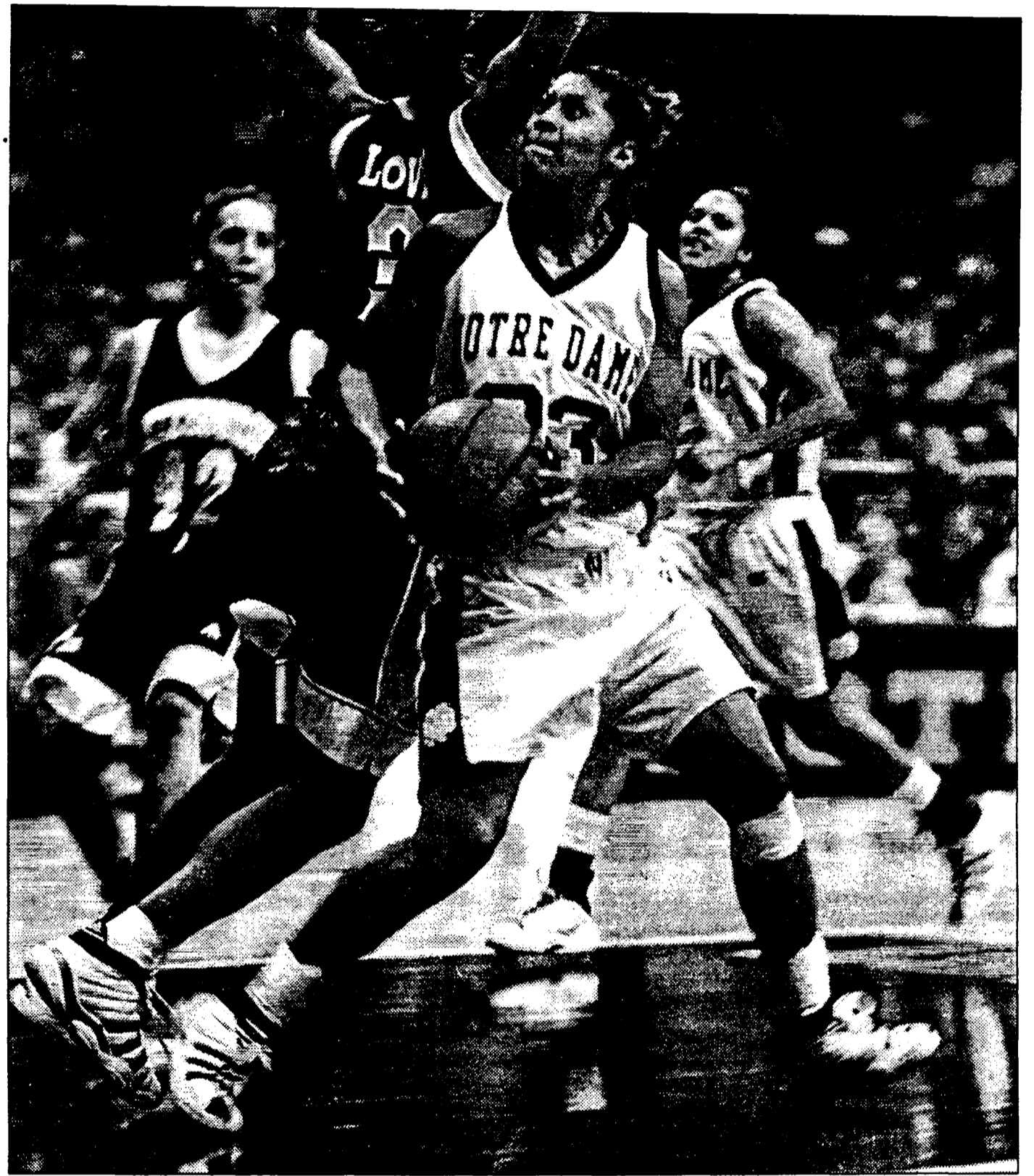
"Syracuse is a great team at home," McGraw said. "They gave Connecticut a great game. They're a very, very capable team and we really need to go in there ready to play."

Siemon, who has been playing with a fractured hand for a month now, feels that the injury is coming along nicely.

"It's just now really starting to get better," Siemon said. "We played last Wednesday and usually I'd have to take a day off because it's so sore. But now it's so much better I practiced on Thursday."

With Siemon spending more time on the practice floor with her fellow starters, the Irish have begun to recapture the offensive flair that has generated 11 consecutive road victories.

"I saw [Monday] sparks of what we had going for a while there," McGraw said. "I think that we'll be ready."



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Niele Ivey avoids a Pitt defender to put up a shot. The No. 1 ranked Irish start the toughest stretch of the season starting tonight.

FOOTBALL

Phillips heads for Notre Dame

By TIM CASETY
Assistant Sports Editor

Joker Phillips, the University of Minnesota's wide receivers coach for the past two seasons, will likely join the Irish staff sometime this week.

"He's on his way [to Notre Dame]," an employee in the Minnesota football office told The Observer on Tuesday. "He's not with us [Minnesota] anymore."

According to Elvin Jones,

a junior receiver at Minnesota, Phillips informed "around five" receivers on Sunday afternoon that he would be heading to Notre Dame. The receivers and their coach met in Ron Johnson's [Minnesota's top receiver in 2000] dorm room.

"He had trouble telling

us," Jones said. "He obviously wanted to tell us himself rather than to have us read about it or hear it from someone else. I respect him for that. A lot of coaches, the way they do it, they just pack up and leave and the players don't know about it until he's gone. It was nice to see that he took time out to let us know [that he was leaving]."

Phillips has not been officially announced as an

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish focused on win, not Humphrey's injury

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish will find out just how far a short bench can go tonight against the Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

The No. 14 Irish normally use a six-man rotation, one which may need a few adjustments with starting power forward Ryan Humphrey nursing a

sprained ankle. Humphrey sprained his ankle in the final minute of Sunday's win over West Virginia, and is questionable for tonight's conference road match.

"It's swollen and it's sore," Humphrey said Monday after visiting the doctor. "I'm going to play it by ear. We're in the stretch now where each win

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