

ACCENT: A Scrooge's tale of woe

VIEWPOINT: Myths about hunger problem

Hazy shade of winter

A 30 percent chance of light rain Tuesday with highs in the mid to upper 40s. A 60 percent chance of rain Tuesday night with lows in the upper 30s.



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Gorbachev: 1st time ever in U.S.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, setting foot for the first time on American soil Monday, said he hopes to hear "new words" about prospects for cutting long-range strategic weapons at his White House summit this week with President Reagan.

The Reagan administration rolled out the red carpet for Gorbachev and his wife Raisa, and in a welcoming statement the Soviet leader wished "peace and well being to all Americans."

"At the center of our discussions with the president of the United States will be the pivotal questions of Soviet-American relations, questions of reducing strategic offensive arms," Gorbachev said.

Reagan, presiding later at the lighting of the national Christmas tree, said he had in-

vited Gorbachev to Washington to "discuss ways in which we can reduce tensions between our two countries. He and I will meet in hopes of promoting peace for our peoples and all the people of the earth."

He said the star of peace atop the tree would remain lit day and night during the summit to "remind us why we've gathered and what we seek."

Asked by reporters if he had any new words for Gorbachev, Reagan said, "He'll hear them in the morning." Asked whether he wanted a strategic-arms agreement as a Christmas present, Reagan laughed and said, "I'll take what we're going to have."

The White House summit opens Tuesday, highlighted at 1:45 p.m. EST by the signing of a treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear

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SMC Boards announce '87 Christmas events

By MIMI TUOHY
Staff Reporter

The largest Saint Mary's Christmas Bazaar ever began Monday in LeMans Hall. This year the annual event features more than 80 booths, Smith Hashagen, vice president of student activities, told a joint meeting of the Programming

Board and the Board of Governance Monday night.

Hashagen commended Traditional Events Commissioner Mary Carol Cahill for coordinating the bazaar, which will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day this week.

"There are some really nice

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Victims or partners in crime? The Observer / Brian Mast

Seniors Dan Cahill and Terry Anne Wallmeyer find themselves under obligation to commit a little public display of affection. They are victims of the Christmas tradition of kissing when caught under a mistletoe.

Gunshots heard in air crash

Associated Press

HARMONY, Calif. - A Pacific Southwest Airlines commuter jet carrying 44 people crashed Monday after crew members reported hearing gunfire inside the plane, and all aboard were feared dead, federal officials said.

The four-engine jet en route from Los Angeles to San Francisco went down on a ranch near here at 4:14 p.m., the Federal Aviation Administration said.

"There's airplane parts and body parts and luggage all over a 15-mile area. I don't know how anyone could have survived," said cattleman Bill Hartzell, on whose property the jet crashed.

There were 39 passengers and a crew of five aboard the flight, said PSA spokesman Jeremy James.

FAA spokesman Fred Farfar in Washington, D.C., said it was believed no one survived the crash. He identified the plane as PSA flight 1771, a four-engine BAe-146 jet.

"Just west of Paso Robles, the crew reported gunshots in the back of the plane," said Drucella Andersen, a spokeswoman for the National Transportation Safety Board. "The plane crashed near Templeton."

Senate passes amendment on use of special fund

By GREG LUCAS
Senior Staff Reporter

The Student Senate passed an amendment to the fiscal policy that establishes definite procedures and usage criteria for the Contingency Fund Monday night.

Although the Contingency Fund has existed in the past, it

has never been properly described in the bylaws. The amendment, proposed by Student Senator Brian Holst and Student Body Treasurer Chris Grandpre, states that appropriations from the "Contingency Fund are designated for the purpose of financing unique and extraordinary opportunities which have been previ-

ously unbudgeted and unplanned for."

In other business, Sophomore Class President Dave Kinkopf said Daniel Winicur, dean of administration and registrar, presented the proposal of having plus grades as well as minus grades to the academic council last week.

"Most (members) did not ex-

press an opinion," Kinkopf said, adding that members who spoke did not seem to have a strong stance on it one way or the other.

"Certainly the the 80 percent student support was well-expressed and well-received at the meeting," Kinkopf said, referring to the overwhelming student support for a change in

the grading system that was expressed in the recent student survey.

The issue will go back before the Academic Council in the spring for a vote, said Kinkopf.

In other news, the Senate discussed the payment of the \$1,400 in damages incurred

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Pop star Madonna to divorce

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. - Rock diva Madonna ended months of speculation and filed for divorce from actor Sean Penn after 27 months of marriage, court records disclosed Monday.

In her Superior Court petition filed late Friday by attorney Michael Inglis, Madonna asked for restoration of her maiden name -Madonna Ciccone -and division of the couple's property according to a prenuptial agreement.

Details of the prenuptial agreement were not disclosed by Inglis, who referred all calls about the divorce petition to Madonna publicist Liz Rosenberg in New York. She did not return phone calls Monday.

The divorce petition cites irreconcilable differences.

Attorney Howard Weitzman, who represents Penn, was in court Monday and unavailable to confirm whether the actor was served with the divorce papers.

Madonna, 29, and Penn, 27,

were married Aug. 16, 1985 in a lavish, invitation-only ceremony on a Malibu bluff while news helicopters swarmed overhead.

The couple starred in the box office bomb "Shanghai Surprise."

Pugnacious Penn, star of "Fast Times at Ridgmont High," "Bad Boys," "At Close Range" and "The Falcon and the Snowman," has been involved in a series of legal wrangles involving fisticuffs with photographers and others.

Activists surround D.C. as summit set to start

Associated Press

WASHINGTON -The first Washington-based summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev served as a magnet Monday for demonstrations on subjects ranging from AIDS to Afghanistan to arms control.

"The fundamentalists are here, the Ukrainians are over there by the black balloons, the cure-AIDS people

are over there," said Lt. Jeffrey Davis of the National Park Police, surveying the potpourri of protests as he tried to keep the groups in their assigned corners of the one-block-square Lafayette Park across the street from the White House.

The colorful swirl of activism -with a few hundred people flowing through the park by midday -included

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In Brief

An accident on Juniper Road Monday was reported by students who said they saw an ambulance arriving to aid a person apparently hit by a car there. Students said the victim appeared to be a pedestrian. It was not known whether the victim is a student. Notre Dame Security declined to release information Monday night regarding the incident, but said it will issue a statement today. -*The Observer*

An IU prof will meet Gorbachev Wednesday at the State Department. The Indiana University professor, Soviet history scholar Robert Byrnes, will be among nearly 200 scientists, economists and researchers who will gather to honor the visiting Soviet leader. Byrnes and his wife, Eleanor, say they weren't expecting an invitation to the luncheon, which will come during a break in Gorbachev's summit talks with President Reagan. Byrnes and his wife both speak fluent Russian and hope to get to chat briefly with Gorbachev. -*Associated Press*

Reducing the federal budget by \$30 billion in a compromise plan represents "a substantial step in the right direction," Rep. Jim Jontz said Monday. The deficit compromise reached in late November by House, Senate and Reagan administration representatives calls for \$9 billion in new revenues during the 1988 fiscal year, \$5 billion in defense spending cuts, a \$4 billion reduction in entitlement programs such as Medicare and other savings from spending cuts and sale of some government assets, Jontz said. "I would say it is as painless as possible for the average citizen," said Jontz. "There shouldn't be anyone who is nicked too hard." -*Associated Press*

Two bulls attacked and killed a Greene County man at his dairy farm in Bloomfield, Ind., authorities said. County police said Marvin Quimby, 50, apparently was trying to break up a fight between two bulls when they attacked him Sunday morning. Quimby's body was found by his father. Quimby was pronounced dead at the scene. -*Associated Press*

Of Interest

Broomball Tournament Sign-ups will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the SUB office, 2nd floor LaFortune. Each team must have seven players. The tournament will be held during WINTERFEST at the beginning of next semester. -*The Observer*

A celebration of the expected signing of the nuclear weapons treaty will be held at the County-City Building in South Bend at 1:30 p.m. -*The Observer*

Sophomore ski trip sign-ups will be held this week from 2 to 4 p.m. each day in the sophomore class office. The trip will be to Boyne Mountain on the weekend of Jan. 22 to 24. -*The Observer*

The Juggler's fall issue will be delayed until January 1988 due to printing complications. -*The Observer*

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. by Father John Lahey, and at 5 p.m. by Father Thomas Gaughan. Music will be by the Notre Dame Glee Club. -*The Observer*

Applications for An Tostal '88 executive committee are available from the SUB secretary, 2nd floor LaFortune. All applications must be submitted by Wednesday. For more information, call David at 277-9237. -*The Observer*

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The unsung verses: The cheer's cheer

In the midst of all of this hoopla for Tim Brown's Heisman heist and Notre Dame's winning of the Cotton Bowl bid, I must confess to having committed sacrilege over the past several years.

You see, I was one of those blackguards who hummed the songs at the football games. I was pretty good with the key lines like "Notre Dame, our Mother" and "Love thee Notre Daaaame!" I just had trouble with everything in between.

I suppose I shouldn't admit this, but to be frank, I pretty much languished in apathy during the Faust years. But then two years ago the Irish's prospects started looking better. So, being the spineless conformist I am, I decided to jump on the bandwagon and memorize all those immortal University anthems. So now whenever I attend a game, I can shake down the thunder as if I had really been supporting the team all along.

But now after having repeated those lines as much as the Nicene creed, I must confess to a certain amount of bad faith: when I discovered the words of all those famous songs, I didn't rejoice or break into tongues. On the contrary, I suffered an awful let-down.

This is it? I asked myself. This is what everybody gets so excited about?

So now I ask you, has anyone ever paid attention to the words we sing at all those games and pep rallies? I mean seriously?

First, take an obvious example. In the first line of the Notre Dame Victory March we have "Rally sons of Notre Dame" followed by the chorus of "While her loyal sons go marching onward to victory."

My gosh! Sexism at Notre Dame! I am surprised that Ann Pettifer, *Common Sense*, *Playgirl* and the entire NOW haven't burned Knute Rockne in effigy for this one. ("It's a dastardly male conspiracy. And I bet the Pope is at the bottom of it, too!")

Or just think about the first three lines of the Victory March's chorus:
Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame, Wake up the echoes, cheering her name, Send a volley cheer on high.

Now before I confess my misgivings about these particular lines, let me make clear that in my mind the Notre Dame marching band is still the best in the country (though USC one isn't that bad). In fact, the very moment I heard the Fight Song being played, I knew I was at the right university, primarily because it sounds so militaristic.

Yet didn't the writer of the above lines think we'd get the point once he wrote "cheer" the second time? And another thing: isn't it kind of superfluous to be commanding ourselves to cheer when technically we already are?

Also, from the point of view of plain English

Chris Julka

Assistant News Editor



and logic there are other troubling areas. Admittedly, I am not an English major but it seems to me that something is clearly wrong about the last four lines of "Notre Dame, Our Mother."

Aside from the obviously exaggerated eternal nature of the pledge being made at a football game, is it really possible for our hearts to do anything but pump or maybe burn once in a while?

Now I realize there is such a thing as poetic license. But wouldn't it be a lot clearer to say, "And we students forever" or "And we alumni forever..." or something to that effect?

O.K. I'm not a poet. But if you aren't already totally outraged by these scandals, consider the opening line of the selfsame song.

I realize we have a lot of engineering, science and business majors here, but do we really have to translate the French? Insofar as we are to believe that the Virgin Mary is metaphorically or spiritually our mother, isn't this idea already contained in the expression "Our Lady?"

Someone might object that the song is not really rhapsodizing about the Virgin Mary at all, but rather the University. But then, what's this business about her being "proudly in the heavens." That would be outright blasphemy, wouldn't it?

Now after all this, didn't you like it better when I just hummed?

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Indiana's Moscow holds own version of 'glasnost'

Associated Press

MOSCOW, Ind. - Although they live halfway around the world from the Kremlin, the 75 or so residents of Moscow, Ind., have their own brand of glasnost, the Soviet Union's new openness.

The folks in this Rush County hamlet are proud of their town, especially this week as Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev meets with President Reagan.

On a gray December morning, Moscow looks like the setting of a black and white movie. The only color in the scene

comes from the U.S. flag on the post in front of Ruthie Spaulding's house and the bright red Coca-Cola machine in front of Earl Price's defunct store.

"That's the last business in town - that little Coke machine," Price said.

In the spirit of glasnost, however, Price sets the record straight. There's a Pepsi machine outside Jim Lawless' house.

"We've got an old saying here in Moscow," said Price. "Moscow isn't the end of the world, but you can sure see it from here."



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Some enchanted evening

Notre Dame students found themselves entranced by hypnotist Gary Conrad Monday night in Washington Hall. These students are 'drinking' during one

segment of his act. Conrad will be holding seminars today and tomorrow.

U.S. summit readies for treaty

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The brewing fight on Capitol Hill and across the country over the medium-range missile ban that President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev are set to sign may be only a warm-up for a bloodier struggle over

a treaty to slash long-range missile arsenals.

Many of the same issues are in both accords, but magnified in a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) because it involves more radical changes in the American nuclear arsenal.

The weapons that would be scrapped by START are much more important to the defense of the United States and allies in Western Europe and Asia than the rockets due for dismantling under an Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) pact.

Eliminating all U.S.

medium-range rockets will still leave 4,000 U.S. nuclear weapons in Europe. But a 50 percent reduction in strategic arms - the goal set by Reagan and Gorbachev - would make a vastly more substantial cut in American armaments.

Hard choices would have to be made by the Pentagon on which weapons to keep and which to scrap in order to stay under prescribed ceilings.

By contrast, the impact of the missile ban Reagan and Gorbachev are signing Tuesday afternoon is slight.

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weapons (INF), the first-ever agreement calling for the destruction of an entire category of atomic arms.

The shorter range weapons do not pose a threat to the United States, but are targeted on Soviet and Western Europe. Strategic arms can be fired across the world and are considered the most serious nuclear threat.

A strategic arms pact eluded Reagan and Gorbachev at their summit in Iceland last year be-

cause of differences over the U.S. Star Wars missile defense plan. While there are signs of a lessening of Soviet objections to Star Wars, American officials say there is a lot of negotiating ahead before the two leaders could sign a strategic weapons treaty at another summit in Moscow next year.

"On behalf of the people and the government of the Soviet Union, I wish to assure all Americans that we sincerely want better relations between our peoples and countries," Gorbachev said.

Secretary of State George Shultz, who greeted the Soviet leader and then went to tea with him at the Soviet Embassy near the White House, told Gorbachev, "We are ready." The Soviet leader replied, "We are ready, too."

Shultz then planned a meeting Monday night with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to make last-minute preparations for the face-to-face meetings between Reagan and Gorbachev.

A half-hour after Gorbachev's arrival, the treaty brought from Geneva by Maynard Glitman and Alexei Obukhov, the U.S. and Soviet negotiators, who put the finishing touches on the accord over the weekend.

It was to be inspected by chief U.S. negotiator Max Kampelman and other U.S. officials, sent to the National Security Council to be checked, and was to be printed late Monday at the State Department.

Accompanied by his wife, Raisa, Gorbachev arrived from London to suburban Andrews Air Force Base. A formal welcoming ceremony led by Reagan will be held on the White House South Lawn.

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Writing a wrong

Junior Theresa DeGerolamo gets involved in a worthy cause by looking into Amnesty International's letter-writing program. Coordinator Celeste Kolton was sig-

ning up writers to help put pressure on countries violating human rights.

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during the food fight earlier in the semester. Laurie Bink, student body vice president, said she would bring a proposal to the senate next week calling for a resolution to recommend some portion of a meal, such as dessert, be eliminated to cover the damages.

Bink said John Goldrick, associate vice president for residence life, "said that whatever (the senate does) is fine as long as we come up with a resolution." "I think the ad-

ministration would like to see students take responsibility for students," Kinkopf said.

The idea of eliminating desserts, "from what I can see, is the most viable solution and the one that will make the students the least unhappy," Bink said.

In other business, the senate discussed altering the current method of reviewing the board of trustees reports.

Pat Cooke, student body president, and Holst both said a generally poor initiative has been taken on the part of student leaders in the past to contribute to the board reports.

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things being sold this year. I hope that everyone will take the time to stop by and see what is available," Hashagen said.

In other business, Halane Young, student activities board commissioner, said the "Famous Vacationers" drawing was held last Friday night at the concert in Hagggar College Center.

The five winners, Julie Wagner; Anne Parks; Ann Eckoff; Patricia Boyle and Meg Carney will each be able to take three friends on a ski trip to Michigan

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props such as mock coffins, broken "nuclear umbrellas," and park regulars like the woman who screamed stream-of-consciousness style as she waved a sign reading "Legalize Sanity."

A man on a bicycle held a hand-drawn sign reading: "December 8th. John Lennon lived and died for this day."

in February, according to Young.

A Christmas movie night featuring "It's a Wonderful Life" and "A Christmas Carol" is scheduled for this Wednesday in Hagggar College Center, said Janel Hamann, student activities board commissioner.

Hamann also said that the SAB is currently working on scheduling joint activities with Notre Dame next semester. Eileen Hetterich, student body president, announced that the Student Academic Council will be sending a revised mission statement to random students next semester. Each statement will include an evaluation to be returned to the SAC.

Ed Wagner of Delaware explained that the anniversary of Lennon's death in 1980 coincides with the U.S.-Soviet treaty signing, and peace was what Lennon "was all about."



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Elizabeth Durkin

guest column

This column does not intend to lecture about the ethics involved in feeding your neighbor. If you choose to believe that the poor should help themselves,

that is fine with me. I merely aim to prevent Notre Dame from graduating students who think we can not end hunger. It is time to expose the myths.

MYTH: Everyone knows that there is not enough food to feed the world.

FACT: We have enough food. Experts have shown that we can harness the resources of this planet to supply every human being with the proper diet. In addition, we can continue doing this for future generations.

MYTH: The population explosion has caused people to go hungry.

FACT: Hunger contributes to the population problem. Families do not go hungry because they have too many children. They have too many children, because 18 children around the world die a minute of starvation. Poor parents need children to bring income in the family. When parents can feel secure that their first few children have enough nutrition to live past the age of five, that will contribute to a decline in childbirth.

MYTH: We do not have the knowledge to solve the hunger problem.

FACT: We know how to end hunger. The resources, know-how, technology, and money are available to end hunger as a basic issue. We merely need to rearrange the use of these tools, in order to stop people from dying.

MYTH: The United States does not have a hunger problem.

FACT: Americans die of malnutrition, too. Hunger as an issue in the U.S. grows greater every day. America's "new poor," the white male unemployed, experience hunger they never dreamed they would have to face. America's "old poor" fall deeper into poverty.

MYTH: Contributing to charitable hunger organizations does no good, because the money goes to food hand-outs that only treat the results of hunger, not the causes, or to corrupt government officials.

FACT: One cannot generalize about the work of all hunger agencies. Although these two objections have some truth to them, it is not fair to categorize all hunger organizations in this fashion. A large number of the groups working to end hunger concentrate not on the hand-outs, but on development projects that will help produce food or raise families out of poverty. In addition, many groups have no connections with the governments of the countries they help; they work only through the people.

MYTH: One person cannot do anything to help the hungry.

FACT: Yes, one person can help end hunger. Each and every one of us has

the ability to help stop hunger, without having to make it a lifelong career. Here at Notre Dame and St. Mary's, opportunities abound to address the problem. Groups like Notre Dame's and St. Mary's World Hunger Coalitions, Overseas Development Network, the Shelter for the Homeless, as well as dorm groups that serve at soup kitchens all address the issues of poverty and hunger. Committees for The Great Hunger Cleanup, a community improvement/hunger relief event which takes place next spring, are forming now and still need members. If you cannot devote enough time to committee work, this one day project is a good way to make a small, meaningful effort. As a college student working with Notre Dame St. Mary's Great Hunger Cleanup, you can participate in an activity that will, in conjunction with a host of similar small efforts, contribute to the drive to end hunger. More importantly, the Cleanup makes a statement that NDSMC students do see beyond the confines of their campus to the suffering in their community and their world.

Elizabeth Durkin is a senior communications major and chairperson of the Great Hunger Cleanup.

P.O. Box Q

Code burdens honest student

Dear Editor:

I am very sorry to learn that Notre Dame is about to adopt an honor system. Such a system, if it works, may well provide a more efficient mechanism for suppressing cheating, but it imposes an unwarranted burden on the honest student who becomes aware of a cheating incident.

Advocates of honor systems argue that all adults bear a responsibility to help police their environment, but they forget that we have built into our adult world a number of protections of the individual conscience that are not typically built into an honor system. For instance, we never require spouses to testify against each other, we never exact as great a penalty for failure to report a crime as for the crime itself, we have no penalty at all for failing to

report a minor crime, and our prosecutors and juries tend to be extremely lenient on those who fail to report major crimes because of extenuating circumstances like kinship to the criminal or sympathy for some personal hardship suffered by the criminal. None of these features is built into the typical honor system. Adult analogs of honor systems are found primarily in totalitarian regimes where the state, intending the system to be coercive (while invoking the same naively idealistic arguments which one hears in support of academic honor systems), augments its police capabilities with severe penalties for not reporting offenses.

My misgivings become particularly grave when the honor system is to be applied to Notre Dame where such a large fraction of the students are extremely conscientious. For a slightly scrupulous student who has been raised in the Catholic tradition of judging

one's self harshly and bending over backward to avoid unfairly judging one's neighbor, the burden of reporting a neighbor who is known to have other troubles will be too great. How will this new system cope with an idealistic young person who fails to report an infraction for reasons of conscience?

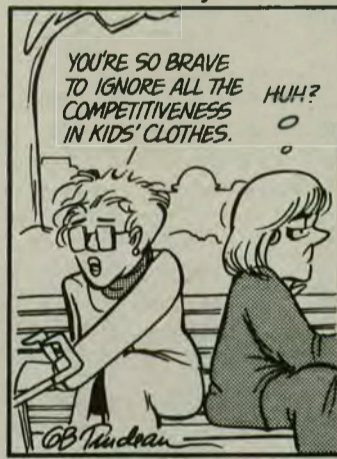
My final concern is less concrete but may be no less real. For a reasonably large number of students I have seen visit Notre Dame recently (and for many ancient alumni like myself), the most unusual feature of Notre Dame life is the exceptionally good treatment which the students accord one another.

This atmosphere of concern for one another is a strong selling point for prospective students who might otherwise choose other prestige universities, and the memory of such an atmosphere inspires the intense alumni loyalty which Notre Dame enjoys. The honor system is almost guaranteed to change the sociology of the residence halls, and as such may erode the University's greatest strength.

*James V. Maher
Professor of Physics
University of Pittsburgh
Nov. 30, 1987*

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Christmas stinks

"I hate Christmas. It reeks." Saying this usually elicits cries of "Scrooge!" or "Grinch!" but I say it anyway. I mean it too. Christmas ranks just below hernia surgery on my fun-things-to-do-list. It wasn't always this way though. No,

(My mother comes in the door of our house with a large, ugly, brown cardboard box.)

Twelve Year Old Me: "Hey Mom, what's in the large, ugly, brown cardboard box?"

Mom: "It's our new Christmas tree son."

caused her to drop-kick our cat across the living room where it landed on my Uncle Kurt who was drunk out of his mind on Mom's special brandy and rum Christmas punch. We never did get the blood off the carpet.

Now that I think of it maybe that's when Christmas turned into a bad scene for me. The sight of our family cat chewing on poor old drunk Uncle Kurt's face was just too much for my eleven-year-old mind to take.

ling about how he's Santa Claus and how his prices are unbeatable and how you should buy now because, "We're crazy here at Rex appliances. Crazy! When it's gone it's all gone! No payments till next year! Bring the kids to meet Rudolph!"

After the 'Christmas in July' Sale things are relatively quiet again until Halloween when all hell breaks loose. Christmas trees, tinsel, ornaments, giant plastic Santas, Christmas carols in elevators and exhortations to Buy! Buy! Buy! rule the next two months. One of the things that really sickens me is the constant stream of economists and major corporation heads predicting a good or bad Christmas solely on the terms of how much American consumers cough up for gifts. Shouldn't Christmas mean something more to most of us than money, money, money? As Woody Allen once said "If Jesus ever came back and saw what was being done in his name he'd never stop throwing up."

As far as the commercialization of Christmas I think I saw the pinnacle of it when I was in Chicago this weekend. On most of the train stops there was a poster of a relatively hot looking woman in white fur and red lipstick. The poster

said "Special Christmas Edition of Penthouse now on sale." Now be assured that I'm no enemy of a little tasteful erotica, but the first time someone says to me, "Have a Penthouse Christmas!" I'm going to deck them.

Oh, and another thing! If I hear "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer" one more time, just one more time, I'm going to join the ranks of all those folks who get lonely and depressed at Christmas time and kill themselves. I'll grab ahold of a string of Christmas lights and jump in a bowl of hot was-sail.

It may seem that I'm being to harsh but if you'd seen your uncle mauled by a Christmas-crazed cat and if you'd heard that song about the hit-and-run reindeer 35,000 times you'd be sick of the whole Christmas thing too. I'm sure there's someone, somewhere keeping the true spirit of Christmas (I think it exists but I don't have the vaguest idea of what it is by now) but I haven't met them yet. No, this year I'm not sending any gifts, I'm not trimming any trees and I'm not going to check out this month's Penthouse. Instead I'm going to watch the Grinch over and over and feed the cat pine needles.

Kris Murphy

Altered



Christmas used to be my favorite day of the year. When I was a kid I marked the twenty-fifth of each month on my calendar and counted the months 'til Christmas day every time I reached that date.

Twelve Year Old Me: "But Mom, that box is kind of small. How did you fit the whole tree in there?"

Mom: "I've raised an idiot for a son. Why me God? It's a fake tree you twit!"

Grandma took me in the kitchen and tried to comfort me with hot tea, and it was working until Uncle Kurt's wife Sasha ran through the kitchen chasing the cat with the baseball bat she'd given me for



When it finally came my whole family went to midnight Mass together and then we went home to open presents all night. Everyone was in a good mood, the tree smelled great and all those cool Christmas specials like "Frosty Gets Frostbite" and "Bob Hope's Christmas in Cleveland" were on television.

Somewhere between then and now something went wrong, and I think I know when it started. That was when my family got a fake Christmas tree. I remember the day it happened:

Twelve Year Old Me: (shocked, revolted, crestfallen, wounded) "A fake tree! Aaagh! How could you do this to me right in the middle of puberty? Why? Why'd you do it Mom?"

Mom: "I did it because last year the cat ate some of the pine needles and threw up in your Grandma's lap. Remember?"

I did remember. Grandma had a bad temper, and she was also very athletic. The combination of those two qualities

Christmas. My mind snapped at that moment, and I insisted on watching every single lame New Year's Eve special six nights later. I spent the next year in intensive psychological counseling.

That's only part of the reason I hate Christmas though. The thing I probably hate the most is the incredible commercialization of the whole thing. In my home town of Dayton, Ohio, one of the big appliance stores has a 'Christmas in July' Sale. It's so horrible to hear this guy on the radio wheezing and yel-

What ND women wear

DANE GALDEN
accent writer

With everyone on campus taking surveys about sex, drugs and the grading system, some industrious Notre Dame students have undertaken a survey of equal importance and greater interest: how do Notre Dame women dress? A survey of 60 women attempted to rate women's attitudes towards fashion by asking a series of questions and rating the responses on a scale of one to three to determine a fashion coefficient.

And the survey says -- 1.89. With a score of one representing a very conservative attitude towards fashion and accessories, a score of two being more progressive and a score of three indicating a flashy approach to dress, the women of ND seem to be progressive in their outlook with a slight bend towards conservatism.

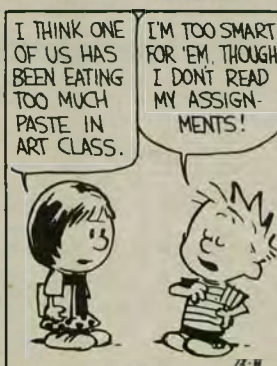
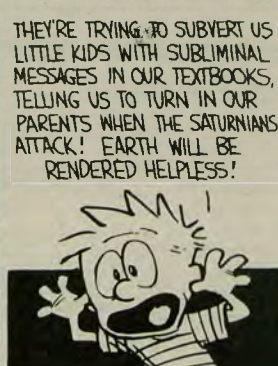
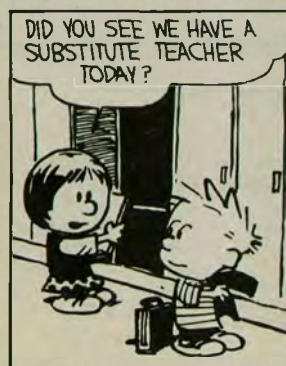
The women were asked questions ranging from an outright evaluation of their own fashion preference, to more subtle questions such as how often they wore various kinds of jewelry and how much money they spent in a typical month on jewelry and other fashion accessories.

Only 46.7 percent of those surveyed actually defined themselves as conservative, earning one point on the scale for this response. An overwhelming 92.8 percent, on the other hand, responded that they are open to wearing new fashions and accessories. This response earned them three points on the scale.

Other questions revealed that 21.4 percent often wear blouses alone (a response earning one point), while 67.2 percent said that they do sometimes (earning two points.) As for purchasing new fashion accessories on impulse, 32.8 percent said that they spend between five and eight dollars per month doing this (two points) and 49.2 percent said that they spend nine dollars or more (three points.)

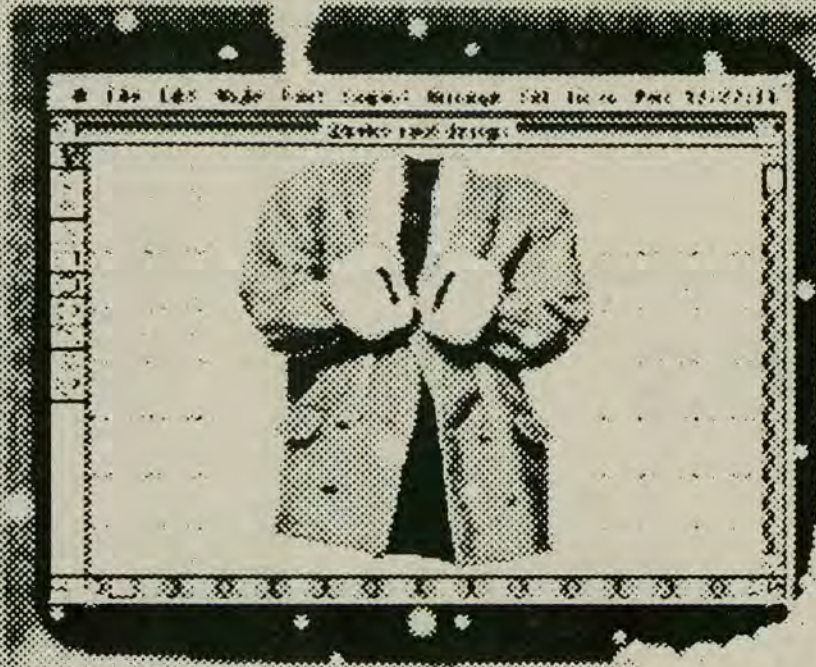
This survey seems to affirm what has been said about Notre Dame women for quite some time -- they do tend to dress somewhat conservatively. But a further analysis shows that they are more open-minded in their attitudes than they are often given 'credit' for. The progressive attitude that pervades the campus in music has filtered into the attitudes of women's fashion. Take note of the trends and get in line.

Calvin and Hobbes

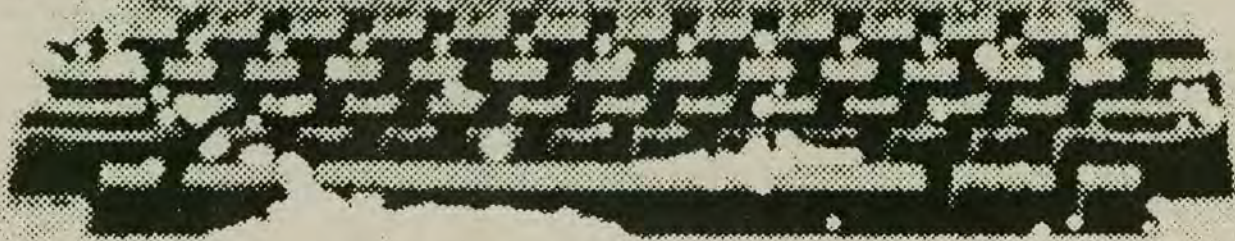


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Men's volleyball opens with setback in Canada

As semester break nears, the club sport schedule for the Irish remains light.

This week, one club makes its way into this column for the first time this season, while another appears for the first time in the history of Club Corner. The Men's Volleyball Club opened its campaign in Canada over Thanksgiving, and the recently-formed Equestrian Club began its program with competition at Purdue.

At the University of Guelth in Canada, the Irish spikers suffered an early-season setback, finishing eighth in an eight-team field. Ohio State, the fourth-ranked team in the United States, won the title in a predominantly Canadian field.

Notre Dame opened the tourney with a 11-15, 5-15, 10-15 loss to Guelth. After that, the squad fell to Wilfrid Laurier 9-15, 10-15, 15-10, 9-15, and to Queen's 10-15, 8-15, 16-14, 14-16. Irish mentor Bill Anderson thought the squad played well at times, but realized

several aspects of the game that need to be improved.

"The games were actually closer than they look," Anderson said. "There's just a lot of things that we need to work on, like passing and defense. Also, I

Greg Guffey

Club Corner



think inexperience will hurt us until the latter part of the season."

"We had the talent to play with the other teams," Club President Keola Chun said, "but we didn't have the mental toughness to stay together in tough situations so, we made some key errors."

The Irish will be back in action Jan. 19 as they host Hope College.

The Equestrian Club, meanwhile, recently traveled to Foxton Farms for its first competition, finishing second despite having only four team members taking part.

During the first day of action, Paul Kelly took first place in the flat and fence class in the open division. He finished fourth and third in those same categories the second day of competition. Kelly recieved a ribbon and a silver platter for the high point rider at the conclusion of the event.

Theresa Weithman, competing in the novice division, took first in the flat and third in the fences the first day, while finishing fifth in fences the second afternoon. Peggy Sullivan placed third in the intermediate fence class, and Danny Gordon showed in the Western Walk-Trot to round out the team's performance.

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Sabre

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finish supported the sabre team's overall match victory.

The epee division saw juniors Todd Griffee (6-1) and Ted Fay (5-0) pave the way for the Irish. Seniors Doug Dudinski (3-1) and Chris Reardon (3-2) rounded out the scoring.

Notre Dame men's fencing coach Mike DeCicco begins his 27th season with a 505-40 meet record with the men's team, and has 599 total wins including seven years coaching the women's squad. The men's team now has a 78-meet winning streak dating back to February 1984 when the Irish dropped a meet to Wayne State. The Irish women's 42-straight victories date back to the end of the 1985 season.

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Irish ready to face 3-1 Boston U. in home opener

By **BRIAN O'GARA**
Assistant Sports Editor

Coming off an impressive 69-54 victory over Louisville on Saturday, the Notre Dame basketball team faces Boston University at 7:30 tonight in the 1987-88 regular season home opener.

The Irish jumped into the No. 19 spot in this week's Associated Press poll, after being unranked in previous polls. They return to the Joyce ACC, traditionally an unfriendly place for opponents to visit, after facing two Top 20 teams on the road in four days.

"We're happy to be back at home," said Irish head coach Digger Phelps. "It's nice to be back here after two very difficult away games last week against Indiana and Louisville. We've got Boston and Prairie View A&M on Thursday before another tough away game at DePaul."

Though the opponent may not appear as formidable as Indiana or Louisville, Phelps has reason for concern with the recent play of the Terriers.

"We've got the advantage of a home opener," added Phelps on the first of 17 home games on the schedule this season. "But you've got to be concerned by the way Boston beat Southern Cal by 22 after Southern Cal only lost to North Carolina by five points."

Boston, in its chase to unseat Northeastern as champions of the ECAC North Atlantic Conference and receive an automatic NCAA Tournament invitation, is now 3-1 after defeating Indiana State, 81-67, last Thursday night. The Terriers lost their first game, 66-61, with host Richmond in the Richmond Classic, then bounced back to defeat the Trojans, 75-53, in the consolation game. Boston head coach Mike Jarvis' team also owns a 69-56 victory over ECAC-rival Massachusetts.

Pacing the Terrier attack so far this season has been 6'4" senior guard Drederick Irving, who led Boston in last winter's 18-12 campaign and has continued to play a leading roll early this year. Irving is averaging 22.5 points per outing, and will be a potent three-point threat against the Irish. He canned 37 trifectas last season, and has already hit 13-of-27 in four games this year.

Senior forward Larry Jones has turned in two consecutive "double-doubles" for Boston,

with a 19-point, 11-rebound performance against Massachusetts and a 16-point, 12-rebound outing against Indiana State. Jones, normally a slow starter, leads the Terriers with 9.8 rebounds a game and has contributed 15.8 points per contest as well.

Freshman Russell Jarvis, the coach's 6'9" nephew, entered the starting lineup in the season's second game and has

already made his presence felt. With Irving in foul trouble against Massachusetts, Jarvis scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half.

Junior point guards Tony DaCosta (101 assists last season) and Jeff Timberlake (178) return to give the Terriers' experience in the backcourt.

Coach Jarvis is in his third year at the helm for Boston

after leading several Cambridge, Rindge and Latin teams to prominence, including his 1977-81 teams led by New York Knick center Patrick Ewing. Jarvis has a 39-22 record with the Terriers.

The last time Notre Dame faced Boston, Ewing's present coach, Rick Pitino, was the Terriers' head coach. The Irish won that contest, the first meeting between the two schools, 89-63.

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ND grabs 19th spot

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Notre Dame's win over Louisville in the Big Four Classic helped the Irish move to 19th in this week's Associated Press Poll.

The Cardinals fell out of the Top 20.

Meanwhile, the Kentucky Wildcats took the top spot from North Carolina, who fell to Vanderbilt last week.

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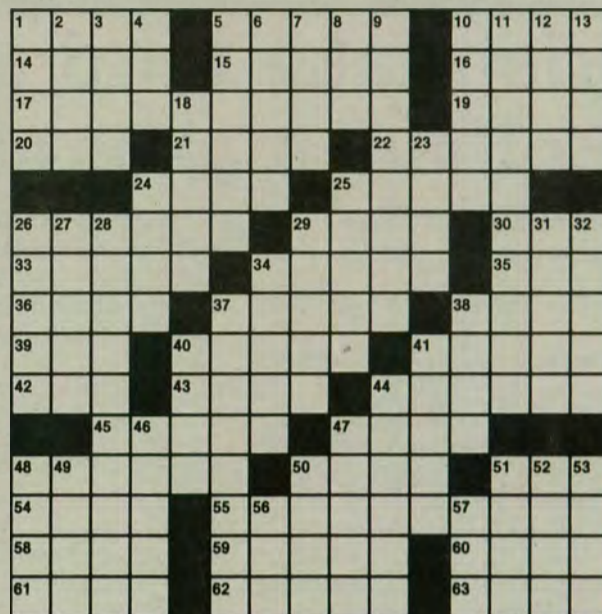
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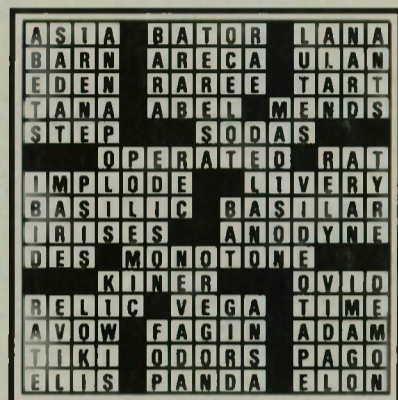
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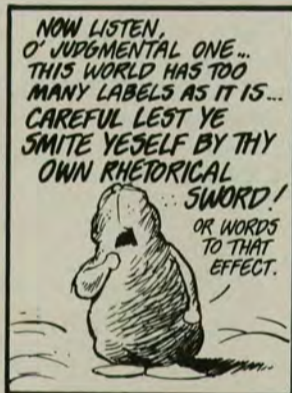
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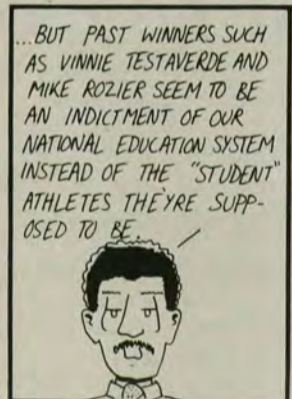
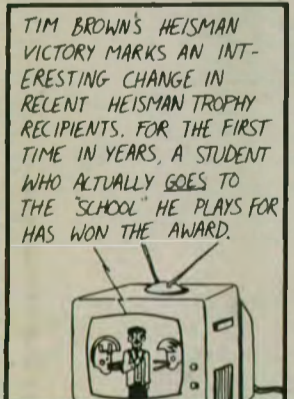


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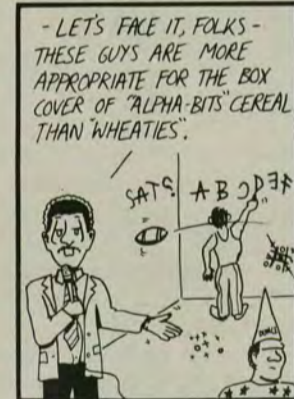
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Irish take third in Classic; Botham makes all-tourney team

By **THERESA KELLY**
Sports Writer

The Fighting Irish of Notre Dame had a battle with the Fighting Phoenix of Wisconsin-Green Bay Friday night, and the Phoenix got the best of the Irish in the women's basketball team's first game of the Phoenix Classic.

The Irish earned a victory in the consolation game on Saturday with a victory over Brigham Young University.

The opening contest was close throughout as the final score of 69-65 indicates. The Irish were down 41-34 at the half despite shooting an amazing .823 (14 of 17) from the field.

The Irish held the game close in the second half but were unable to put together a run. After tying the game at 63 with 1:42 remaining, Green Bay's Donna Gunville gunned a three-pointer and the Phoenix never looked back.

What were the factors contributing to the first loss of the season for Notre Dame?

"They worked harder than we did," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw of the Phoenix. "They outthrustled us, they beat us on the boards. They took the game more seriously than we did. They played with a lot of desire, we didn't."

Sandy Botham, who was named to the All-Classic team, led the Irish with 20 points, shooting 9 of 11 from the floor, and pulled down 11 rebounds.

The close game was a tough way to break an eight-game winning streak dating back to last season.

"It was really a letdown for all of us," McGraw said. "We knew we should have won the game."

The Irish bounced back on the second day of the Phoenix Classic with a consolation game victory over the Cougars of BYU, 81-69, and again the desire to win made the difference, according to McGraw.

"We wanted to win more than BYU did," she said. "We learned a good lesson from the Wisconsin-Green Bay game. We played a lot harder."

The Irish pulled out to a lead early and managed to keep the Cougars at bay throughout the game. Notre Dame again had a hot first half, shooting 19 of 29 (.655).

Karen Robinson led the Irish with 20 points, and Heidi Bunek added 16. Botham also tallied 16 points and led the way with 11 rebounds.

"Sandy Botham played really well," said McGraw. "She kept us in the first game. Heidi Bunek had some foul trouble, but did well in limited playing time. Mary Gavin (13 assists) had a good game against BYU."

Despite the loss, several positives came out of the trip to Green Bay.

"We shot the ball well," said McGraw. "We were better than 50 percent in both games. The press is working well, too."

"The fast break worked against BYU. We had opportunities against Green Bay but we didn't get the lay-ups in."

The Irish will try to up their record to 4-1 as they play host to Oakland Wednesday night at the Joyce ACC.



The Observer / John Studebaker

Heidi Bunek (shooting) and Sandy Botham (52) helped the women's basketball team to a third-place finish at the Phoenix Classic. Theresa Kelly runs down the weekend's action at left.

Wrestlers do 'respectable job' at Las Vegas Invite

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
Sports Writer

Even though the Notre Dame wrestling team accomplished its goal of placing in the top 10 in last weekend's Las Vegas Invitational, the Irish were far from satisfied.

Notre Dame finished 10th out of 45 teams participating in the two-day event, but just four more points would have put the Irish in eighth place. Individuals placing for Notre Dame included 134-pound junior Jerry Durso (fourth), 118-pound sophomore Andy Radenbaugh

(fifth) and 177-pound junior Chris Geneser (sixth).

"We did a respectable job, but we could have done better," said Irish coach Fran McCann. "We were one match away from placing another three guys."

Wrestlers who came one match away from placing included 142-pound senior Ron Wisniewski, who replaced the injured Pat Boyd, and freshmen Mark Gerardi and Todd Layton.

"We really missed Boyd," said McCann. "A kid Pat beat in the St. Louis Open was in the

finals of the Las Vegas Invitational. But Wisniewski did well. He was up, 7-1, in his last match and ended up pinning himself.

"Layton and Gerardi did well with a couple of mental lapses. They were not in awe of the competition at all."

McCann had good reason to be pleased with the wrestlers who placed at Las Vegas, with Durso wrestling particularly well. The junior Irish co-captain recorded a pin, a technical fall and another pin in his first three matches, then finally lost to defending national champion John Smith of Oklahoma State, 12-9.

"It was just a donnybrook," McCann said of the Durso-Smith match. "John had a difficult time with Jerry. That was the toughest John Smith had to wrestle in two years. Smith ended up winning like 10-1 in the finals, so this match was basically the final."

"Chris wrestled great at spots. He beat an All-American from Purdue, 10-0, then wrestled a national contender from Arizona State. He blew a good lead there and lost, 13-11."

The competition at Las Vegas gave the Irish an excellent preparation for their dual

meet schedule, which begins this Thursday at Miami of Ohio. The Invitational included 13 schools in the nation's Top 20, every school in the Big Eight and six schools from the Big Ten.

"It was probably the most competitive tournament in the country," said McCann. "As far as numbers, it was bigger than the NCAA's, and in quality it was just a tad below the NCAA's."

"In retrospect, you can say, 'Hey, we were right in there with the best teams in the country.'"



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The Notre Dame men's and women's fencing teams looked very impressive in their season openers. Chris Fillo has the details at right.

Fencing teams at it again, coast in season openers

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The Irish men's and women's fencing teams both cruised to easy victories in their first contests of the year held at Northwestern last weekend.

The Irish men under head coach Mike DiCicco polished off Stanford 21-6 and Cal-State Long Beach 24-3 after beating a tough Air Force team 16-11. The returning NCAA Champion women's team fielded both an A team and a B team in the absence of the Saint Mary's fencing squad. Head coach Yves Auriol directed the women to an overwhelming 48-0 win.

The victory by the women's team dispelled many concerns which DiCicco had over the possibility of complacency for last year's NCAA champions.

"They are definitely our strongest fencing group, as well they should be," said DiCicco.

The victories extend Yves

Auriol's perfect record to 45-0 as he enters his third season coaching the women's fencing team. Individually, women's captain and three-time all-America Molly Sullivan, juniors Janice Hynes and Kristin Kralicek, and sophomore Anne Barreda all finished the day with spotless 12-0 records in the foil division.

The women's second team of juniors Brenda Leiser and Kim Sollinger, and freshmen Margaret Connor and Lynn Kadri also had a relatively easy time.

Men's coach DeCicco sees the addition of assistant coach Michael Marks as critical to the future success of both teams.

"I can feel confident stepping back knowing that the program is in the hands of Yves and talented young people like Mike Marks," said DeCicco. "He will be a force in American fencing for the next 25 or so years."

DeCicco also noted the youth of the teams as key to returning

to championship form of years past. A mere six of the top twenty-seven fencers on the combined men's and women's squads are seniors, while the Irish boast eight juniors, five sophomores and eight freshmen.

Returning All-American and foil captain Yehuda Kovacs again dominated his division with a 6-0 finish. Sophomore Joel Clark continued his fine form of last year with a 5-1 mark.

Senior Gary Galeziewski (2-0), sophomore Colin Gumbs (2-2) and freshman Phil Leary (4-3) completed the foil division for the Irish men.

Junior Sabre captain Tim Collins set the pace in that division with a 4-2 finish while senior Jim Reilly and junior Steve Rawlings both had perfect 3-0 records.

Sophomore Danny Yu's 3-2 mark and freshman Lesek Nowosielski's surprising 5-0