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## Pleas for peace arise in drug war

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia-- The father of three reputed drug barons appealed for the government to end its fierce war on drugs and negotiate a peace, but six more bombs exploded Tuesday in the cocaine trafficking center of Medellin.

"Let there be dialogue, let there be peace. Let's have forgiveness, let's carry out a kind of erasing and (start with a) clean slate," Fabio Ochoa Restrepo said in an open letter to President Virgilio Barco. The letter was published Tuesday in a Bogota newspaper.

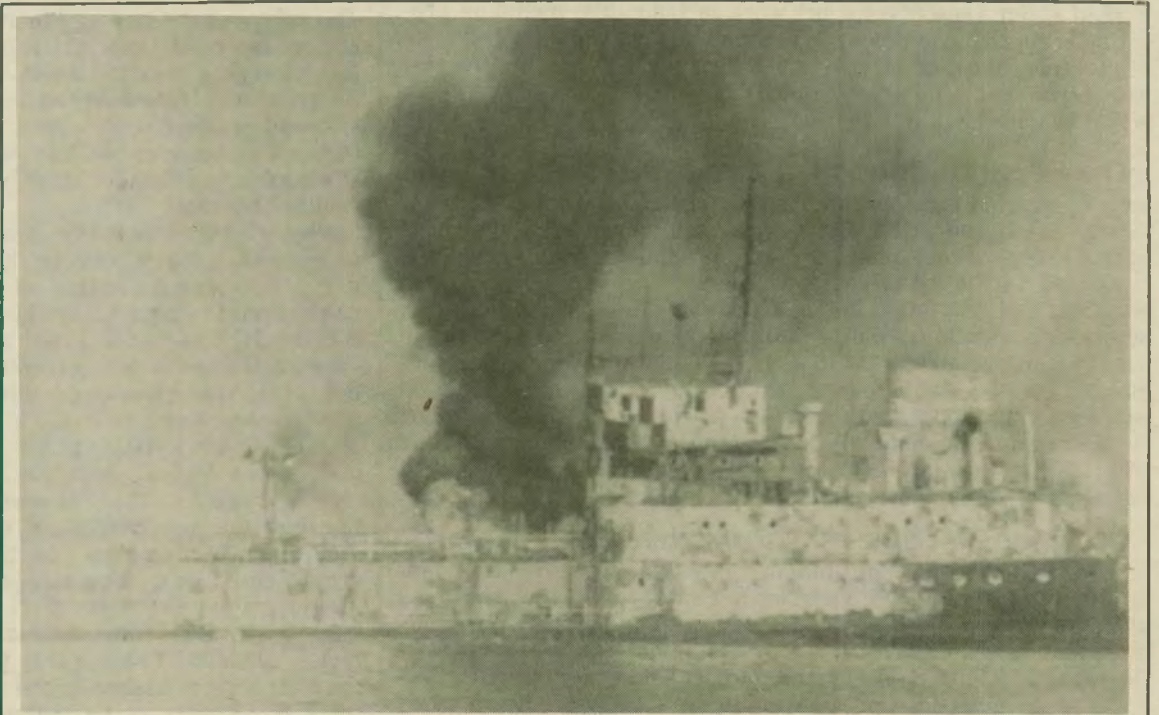
In Washington, Justice Minister Monica de Greiff reiterated the Barco government's refusal to negotiate

with drug traffickers; who are blamed for the assassination August 18 of Sen. Luis Carlos Galan, a leading presidential candidate. The slaying prompted an unprecedented crackdown on drug trafficking.

Colombia's police intelligence chief said Tuesday that Abraham Majuat, identified as a top financial man for drug dealers, was implicated in Galan's death. Gen. Manuel Maza Marquez would not elaborate, and no charges were filed against Majuat, who was arrested Monday at a ranch near Medellin. Authorities also seized 4 1/2 tons of cocaine there.

Bombs blew up at six state liquor stores Tuesday in Medellin. The shops are a

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### Tanker hit

Flames and smoke billow Tuesday from a tanker carrying 550,000 gallons of gasoline into the Christian enclave of Beirut. The Sunsheld, which was near the Lebanese coast, suffered at least one direct hit as Syrian troops shelled the sea. Story, page 4.

AP Photo

## Felonious fake federal narcotics agents nabbed by police

Associated Press

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. -- A Merrillville couple is accused of profiting on the war against drugs by posing as corrupt federal narcotics agents who accept bribes from the targets of their bogus investigations, officials said.

Frank Gonzalez, 43, and Lori Cruz, 28, were charged Monday and were being held at the

Metropolitan Correctional Center in Chicago pending a bond hearing Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Hammond.

Police arrested the pair Friday night on charges of impersonating U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) informants about to implicate a Merrillville man in drug charges. They allegedly extorted a \$1,500 bribe from the man's father to make the

bogus drug case disappear.

"It was a bold move on the defendants' part," said John Hoehner, assistant U.S. attorney. "Apparently it was rooted in their mistaken belief there are people, potential victims who wouldn't have the courage to report their illegal activity. In this particular circumstance, they made a mistake."

Merrillville Police Chief Jerry McCory said Monday that the

victim called him. "The individual felt it wasn't right for federal people to be taking money to fix cases. There are some good, honest people out there and this proves it," McCory said.

McCory said the defendants told the victim they needed \$2,000 to pay off the U.S. Attorney's office. The father paid \$1,500 to the defendants Friday night while police watched, McCory said.

Hoehner and McCory said neither defendant has any connection with federal drug investigators.

McCory said investigations by federal, county and local police indicate the defendants victimized at least two other families in Merrillville and Gary and tried to extort \$2,500 in one case.

"We are certain there are others," McCory said.

## Indiana Bell strikers reach tentative agreement on contract

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS-- Indiana Bell Telephone Co. and the union representing 4,200 striking workers announced a tentative agreement on a new, three-year contract Tuesday evening.

The contract includes basic wage increases, improved pensions, new family care features and profit sharing, a spokesman for the company said.

Frederic Hunn, vice president of human resources and corporate development for Indiana Bell, called the agreement fair, progressive and innovative.

"This agreement addresses the needs of our individual employees and helps position the company to compete vigorously over the next several years," he said.

The agreement also includes a training program to address the career needs of individual employees, Hunn said, adding that further details of the agreement would be released after the company and union have had a chance to share the information with employees.

Indiana Bell, which became the fourth of the five Ameritech telephone systems that went on strike Aug. 13, to reach

agreement with the CWA. Michigan Bell is the only Ameritech subsidiary without a tentative contract and CWA officials said all 37,000 union employees would remain off the job until a settlement is reached in all five states.

Michigan Bell and bargainers for its 12,800 striking telephone workers were holding informal talks Tuesday, spokespersons for the utility and CWA said.

"We will continue operating with management and supervisory personnel until our regular employees return and we anticipate that will be soon," said Estel Gibson, media information manager for Indiana Bell.

The agreement came hours after Bell officials announced that talks had been suspended while the union prepared its response to the company's latest contract proposal.

Both sides had talked until late Sunday night and were quoted as saying a settlement appeared near. But, on Monday, Indiana Bell claimed the union called their chief negotiator with heightened demands that took negotiations in a new direction.

Meanwhile, Indiana Bell managers are struggling to keep up with a high volume of

telephone trouble calls due to heavy rains during the past week.

Bell was planning to recruit retired managers with installation and maintenance experience to supplement the management force doing repair work now, Gibson said.

More than 400 managers worked both Saturday and Sunday to clear more than 3,400 cases of telephone trouble before Monday morning, Gibson said.

"In order to not get hopelessly behind on repair volume, we feel the need to take some steps to take care of the problem," he said.

"It looked on Monday and over the weekend like sometime this week we'd have our regular folks on the job, but now we're not so sure," he said.

Illinois Bell agreed to a tentative contract with strikers Monday, following tentative settlements during the weekend at Ameritech's systems in Ohio and Wisconsin.

Strikes began Aug. 6 at three other "Baby Bell" regional telephone companies formed after the 1984 breakup of AT&T. Nationally, the strikes affected 200,000 workers in 20 states.



### Anti-U.S. Demonstration

AP Photo

Members of the the militant League of Filipino Students (LFS) stage a lightning rally Tuesday in front of the Senate building in Manila to protest the presence of U.S. military installations in the country. They urged members of the senate to confirm their stand for the early termination of the bases agreement.

WORLD BRIEFS

An Israeli reserve officer linked to fighter training programs for hirelings of Colombian drug lords was warned by Israeli government officials six months ago to stop his activities, Israeli radio said Tuesday.

The Security Council of the United Nations unanimously adopted a resolution Tuesday criticizing South Africa for failing to fully cooperate with U.N. monitors overseeing the world body's independence plan for Namibia.

Declaring that Bulgaria's Turkish minority was trapped in a "tragic situation" of human rights violations, the Bush administration announced Tuesday it had recalled the American ambassador to the East European country and joined NATO allies in condemning Bulgaria.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Voters streamed to the polls to fill the late Claud Pepper's Congressional seat from Miami in an ethnically divisive race between a Brooklyn-born Democrat and a Republican hoping to become the first Cuban-American elected to Congress.

American Airlines will add two new commuter flights from its Nashville hub -- to South Bend, Ind., and Montgomery, Ala. -- with the addition of two airplanes to its American Eagle fleet, the company announced Tuesday.

Despite the scandal enveloping the generic drug industry, consumer advocates and physicians on Tuesday reaffirmed their confidence in lower-priced clones of brand-name medicines.

INDIANA BRIEFS

A charge of attempted rape against an Anderson man was dropped Tuesday after his attorney motioned for a physical examination to determine the sex of the victim. Jeffery Bernard Jones, 29, has been held in the Madison County jail on \$100,000 bond on multiple charges.

WEATHER



Partly sunny

Partly sunny and mild today, with a high around 81.

Information compiled from Observer wires and Observer staff reports.

Nostalgia craze could become ugly

This summer marked the return of many of the most successful rock stars of the past 25 years. Ringo Starr and his all-Starr band are touring, as well as such mega-groups as The Who and the Rolling Stones.

Why are there so many comebacks? I've finally decided that it must be the nostalgia craze that is sweeping the nation. It seems as if every commercial jingle has been lifted from Billboards Top 20 of 1968, and a lot of TV shows and movies are geared towards the baby boomers who blossomed during the age of flower power and free love.

Since we are a nation in love with our past, it only seems logical that '60s nostalgia of the '80s will turn into the '70s nostalgia of the '90s. Consider the possibilities-- if The Who and the Stones are touring now, just think about what groups could be coming to a stadium near you in the next five to ten years:

BAY CITY ROLLERS: Remember S-A-T-U-R-D-A-Y NIGHT? These lovely lads were one of the '70s biggest flashes in the pan. Their eight-track cassettes may be the stuff garage sales are made of, but they are sure to be collector's items once the band regains its long-lost popularity.

THE CASSIDY BROTHERS: David ("The Partridge Family") and Shaun ("The Hardy Boys") might pair up for a reunion tour. Having read my fair share of "Hardy Boys" books as a kid, I never came across any passages in which Joe Hardy had to wear a white polyester leisure suit and sing "Da Doo Ron Ron" in order to catch a diamond thief, but I admire the artistic license the producers of the show exercised.



'My own Village People album was lost, tragically, in a flood a couple of years ago.'

Robyn Simmons Assistant Accent Editor

brother reunion tour.

JOHN DENVER: I believe John's last public appearance was on "A Muppets' Christmas" a few years ago, so he'd probably be more than happy to accept any offer to be on the road again as opposed to talking to some guy's hand with a frog puppet attached to it.

VILLAGE PEOPLE: I saved the best for last. My own Village People album was lost, tragically, in a flood a couple of years ago along with my Shaun Cassidy album. None of the Village People albums are out on CD (to my shock) but a reunion tour could spark a renewed interest in the group and have a new generation of pre-teens bopping to "Macho Man," "YMCA" and "In the Navy."

I really don't mind the fact that there are so many comeback concerts this year; I got tickets for the Paul McCartney concert myself. But I hope that the aging baby boomers aren't disappointed when they find out that no one-- rock stars included-- can remain frozen in time, and sometimes the best way to preserve memories is to have them remain memories, instead of constantly trying to recreate the past.

However, I don't think my speculations are completely implausible. Just consider this: last year, one of the performers who appeared at the JACC was BARRY MANILOW.

OF INTEREST

The Notre Dame Cycling Club is looking for members. Call Darren Buck, 283-3472, for more info.

The N.D. Martial Arts Institute will meet Friday, Sept. 1 in Room 219 of the Rockne Memorial. All returning members should attend.

WVFI shift picks will be today at 5 p.m. in the studios. All returning DJ's must attend or call Tim at 283-1204.

Sign up for Senior Portrait sittings will be in either dining hall all this week or in the Dome office this Thursday and Friday from 3-5 p.m. Sittings will begin Monday, Sept. 4, in Room 108, LaFortune.

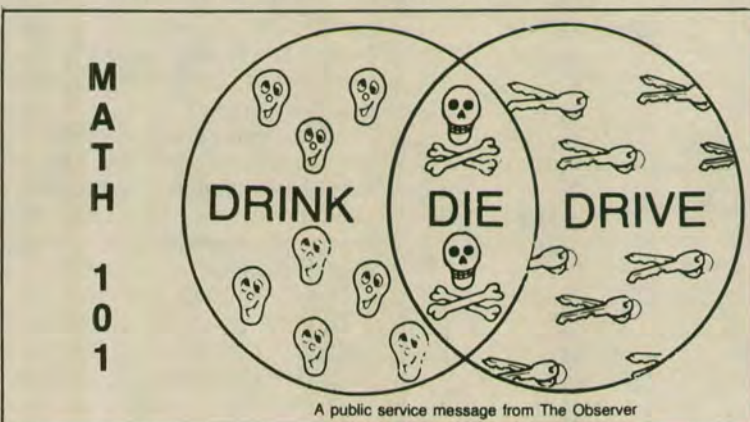
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**Pachyderm Protest**

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One elephant and one hundred protestors wearing elephant masks march on New Delhi's Town Hall Monday to protest alleged municipal corruption. According to the protestors, the city administration wastes over \$10 million dollars of taxpayers' money.

# Construction causing parking adjustments

By **KELLEY TUTHILL**  
Senior Staff Reporter

Campus construction on Juniper Road and Green Field has caused some changes in parking at Notre Dame.

The construction of the new band and ROTC buildings has caused some changes in the D2, C2 and B2 lots on Juniper Road, said Phillip Johnson, assistant director of Security. C2 and B2 lots will now be used exclusively for faculty and staff. Students will now park in the D2 lot, said Johnson.

Security distributed a memo to students who park in D2 stating that the D2 lot will be

expanded this fall. The D2 lot will extend to the White Field area, north of D2, said Johnson.

White Field can be used for overflow parking from D2, said Johnson. The area should be paved and fenced by November. Presently the area does have lighting and more lighting will be added soon, according to Johnson.

Additional overflow parking for D2 is available in the O'Hara-Grace Guest Lot off of Bulla Road, said Johnson. Students may also park in the D1 lot south of the stadium.

Construction on the Green Field area near Notre Dame Avenue has made overflow parking on the Field an impossibility. Johnson said student parking is now in the C1 and D1 lots south of the stadium.

The Physical Plant department has hired a private consultant to help with the long range planning of campus parking as construction constantly alters the campus, said Donald Dedrick, director of Physical Plant. For the last month this consultant has been studying parking and circulation of cars at Notre Dame.

Dedrick said eventually the consultant will make a recommendation based on the impact that construction has on parking and circulation.



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## Conservative Iranian government approved

Associated Press

NICOSIA, CYPRUS-- Iran's Parliament approved all 22 members of President Hashemi Rafsanjani's new government Tuesday, opening the way for economic reform and gradual restoration of ties with the West.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency said the 270-member Majlis took the "unprecedented" step of endorsing the entire cabinet. In past ballots, deputies reflected several nominees. Earlier reports suggested three cabinet

candidates would be turned down.

Iran's state TV showed deputies chanting "Death to America! Death to Israel! Death to Britain!" After the results of the secret ballot were read out by Speaker Mehdi Karrubi.

However, the new cabinet contains more technocrats, many of them Western-educated, than revolutionary ideologues.

The appointments reflect Rafsanjani's pledge to focus on raising living standards and boost private enterprise after a decade of strict state controls on the economy.

Rafsanjani had come under fire from radicals for dumping their leaders from his Cabinet. They included outgoing interior minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, who was has been closely linked with Shiite Moslem militants holding most of the Western hostages in Lebanon.

The endorsements came after Karrubi, a member of the radical faction opposed to Rafsanjani's pragmatists, gave the Cabinet list his personal backing at the last minute.

"I see Mr. Rafsanjani's Cabinet as a successful one and one that supports the deprived... and whose members have worked for the (1979 Islamic) Revolution," Karrubi said.

Karrubi's support was seen as critical for Rafsanjani, who was elected president July 28 and handed broadened executive powers.

The Cabinet approval indicated the radicals were prepared to follow spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's call for an end to political bickering.

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# Tanker bombed by Syrians; 10 dead in Lebanese conflict

Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon-- Syrian gunners shelled an oil tanker bound for a Christian port Tuesday and set it ablaze, killing seven crewmen and starting an artillery duel that took three more lives, police reported.

They said the Maltese-Flag Sunshield was hit at 2:30 a.m. seven miles off the Christian-held Mameltein area 11 miles north of Beirut while trying to run the Syrian artillery blockade under cover of darkness. It carried 555,000 gallons of gasoline.

Johannes Garabedian, the Lebanese captain, was among the dead. Coast guard vessels rescued two wounded crew members, two others were missing and feared dead, the police reported. They said the seven badly burned bodies washed ashore several hours later after the tanker was hit.

Police reported three people killed and 16 wounded in the evening five-hour artillery exchange between Syrian army gunners and Christian army units led by Gen. Michael Aoun. Three of the two wounded were Moslem firemen hit when an 82mm mortar round exploded in the parking lot of a West Beirut fire station.

At least 802 people have been killed and 2,268 wounded, nearly all of them civilians, since fighting began March 8 between Aoun's men and a Moslem alliance led by the

40,000 Syrian soldiers in Lebanon.

A police spokesman said the Sunshield was hit by at least one shell from radar-controlled Syrian Howitzers deployed along the seafront in Moslem West Beirut.

Hanna Saddiq, 24, said at a hospital in Christian east Beirut the tanker was set ablaze by missiles from a Syrian gunboat that intercepted it.

"The Syrian Captain ordered us through a bullhorn to identify ourselves and our cargo. Our captain did not reply," said Saddiq, who was being treated for severe burns.

"All our crew were hiding behind sandbags placed on the bridge to protect us from Syrian shelling. The Syrian gunboat sailed away and then fired several missiles that hit the bridge, starting the fire,"

If Saddiq's report is correct, it would be the first time a Syrian warship fired on a cargo vessel since the fighting began nearly six months ago. They usually order intercepted ships to fight back.

Police insisted the Sunshield was hit by artillery fire from West Beirut directed by Syrian radars in mountains overlooking the coast.

"What probably happened is that the gunboat pulled away, as they usually do, leaving it to be hit by shellfire," said the police spokesman, who cannot be identified under standing rules.

# Iran

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June 3 of revolutionary patriarch Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

But Karrubi, who succeeded Rafsanjani as speaker, also said the new ministers would face tough scrutiny in the chamber, where radical factions have dominated since parliamentary elections last

year. "Our hands will not be tied if a minister gets the vote," he said.

Rafsanjani, speaking before the vote, called for more government efficiency, noting that in the past "only 50 or 60 percent of programs passed in Parliament had actually been implemented."

Iran is seeking to rebuild industry after an eight-year war with Iraq. It also hopes to boost productivity after years

of economic mismanagement by revolutionary radicals.

Rafsanjani also is expected to gradually revive links with the West to end Iran's isolation and attract foreign investment.

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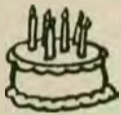
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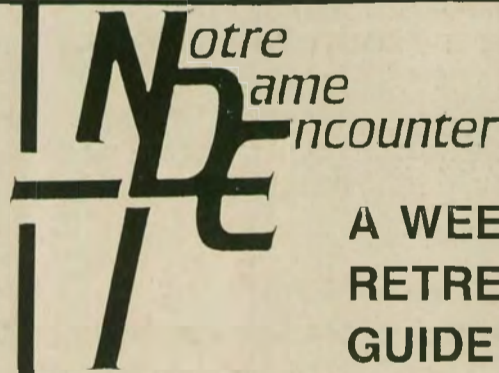
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# Mine heist nets \$200,000 worth of silver

Associated Press

RENO, Nev.-- Investigators frustrated by a bold heist of more than a ton of silver shaped like Hershey's Kisses from a mine are hoping the thieves brag and are watching smelters capable of melting down the \$200,000-plus cache.

"We didn't have any leads. But they have to melt it down," Undersheriff Bill Davis said Tuesday. "And I'm confident we'll get a tip from somebody who'll hear about the heist. All good crooks brag about the jobs they pulled."

Officials are investigating past and present employees of the Trinity Silver Mine, about

20 miles from Lovelock, a town more than 90 miles northeast of Reno.

"We're fairly sure it was an inside job," Davis said. "They knew something about the mine."

Gene Smith, spokesman for the U.S. Borax Corp., which owns part of the mine, said a shotgun-toting man in a red ski mask tied up two mine employees with duct tape Saturday night, and, with an accomplice who was either a woman or a small man, used a wheelbarrow to haul 1.25 tons of silver buttons to a pickup.

They then left spikes in the road to flatten tires of any pursuers.

The robbery was discovered

when the next shift came in Sunday morning, police said. The bound employees weren't injured.

It took the robbers more than one hour to haul the silver from a locked vault to the pickup, said Smith. He said the thieves apparently broke the lock.

The buttons are made when silver removed from the mine's ore is melted and poured into molds.

Smith said the mine normally waits until it has about 50,000 ounces -- more than 1.5 tons -- of ore, or impure silver, before it ships a load to a smelter for refining.

The mine was expected to produce about \$4 million worth of silver this year.

Pershing County authorities notified the precious metals dealers. But Smith and smelter operators said the crooks would probably melt the silver themselves through an arrangement with a smelter or try to ship it out of the country.

"They seem to have thought out everything beforehand, so I'm sure they've thought this through, too," Smith said.

Bob Horton, associate dean of the Mackay School of Mines at the University of Nevada-Reno, said authorities could trace the silver by examining its makeup. Every precious metal sample has its own unique mix of impurities.



Looting aftermath

AP Photo

Kenneth Steel tapes up the smashed storefront window of the Pep Boys store in Vineland, N.J. Tuesday morning. About 200 people ran rampant in Vineland streets early Tuesday morning after a protest over the shooting death of a black youth by police.

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No one was hurt in the early morning blasts, according to national police spokesmen in Medellin. They estimated damages at \$100,000.

They were the latest in a wave of terror attacks in Medellin since the cartels declared war on the government. The city had been hit by 17 bombings, killing two people. Three prominent citizens' homes have been doused with gasoline and set afire by pre-dawn attackers.

A seventh bomb went off outside a tourist agency office in Bogota, but it was not clear if the attack was related to drug trafficking.

A person who identified himself as a spokesman for

drug traffickers claimed responsibility for the seven bombings Tuesday and nine bombs that exploded in Medellin on Sunday. The claim came in phone calls to Medellin radio stations.

In his emotional appeal, which was dated Saturday and appeared in the Bogota daily El Tiempo, Ochoa Restrepo called on Barco to "stop the bloodshed in our poor and dear Colombia."

"Nobody in the world ever won a war, all that is left are orphans, widows and pained mothers," said Ochoa Restrepo, 65. He said traffickers should be called on "to stop dead" their activities, "No more drug trafficking, no more war, no more killings, no more bombs, no more fire."

Neither U.S. nor Colombian authorities have accused Ochoa Restrepo of trafficking. But his three sons, Jorge Ochoa Vasquez, Juan Ochoa Vasquez and Fabio Ochoa Vasquez, are alleged to be among the kingpins of the Medellin cocaine cartel and are wanted, along with several other reputed drug barons, by the United States.

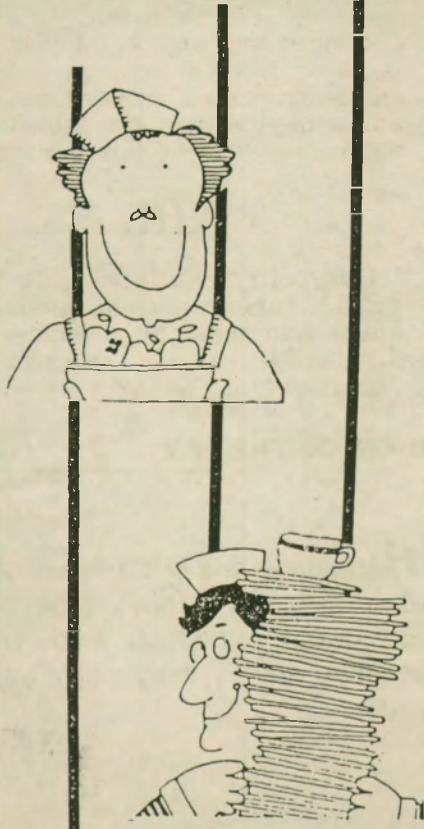
Drug agents believe the cartel is responsible for 80 percent of the cocaine distributed in the United States.

Ochoa Restrepo asked Barco in the letter to forgive the traffickers who "have made mistakes, they have mothers, fathers, children, brothers, relatives and friends. We're all human."

He said any negotiated concessions by the traffickers would also require concessions by the leftist Guerrillas.

The traffickers allegedly have equipped and financed right wing paramilitary death squads that have killed hundreds of suspected leftists and provided security and assassination services for the traffickers.

In Washington, Mrs. de Greiff pledged Tuesday to continue to fight her country's drug lords despite death threats, and she appealed for more U.S. aid to protect judges.



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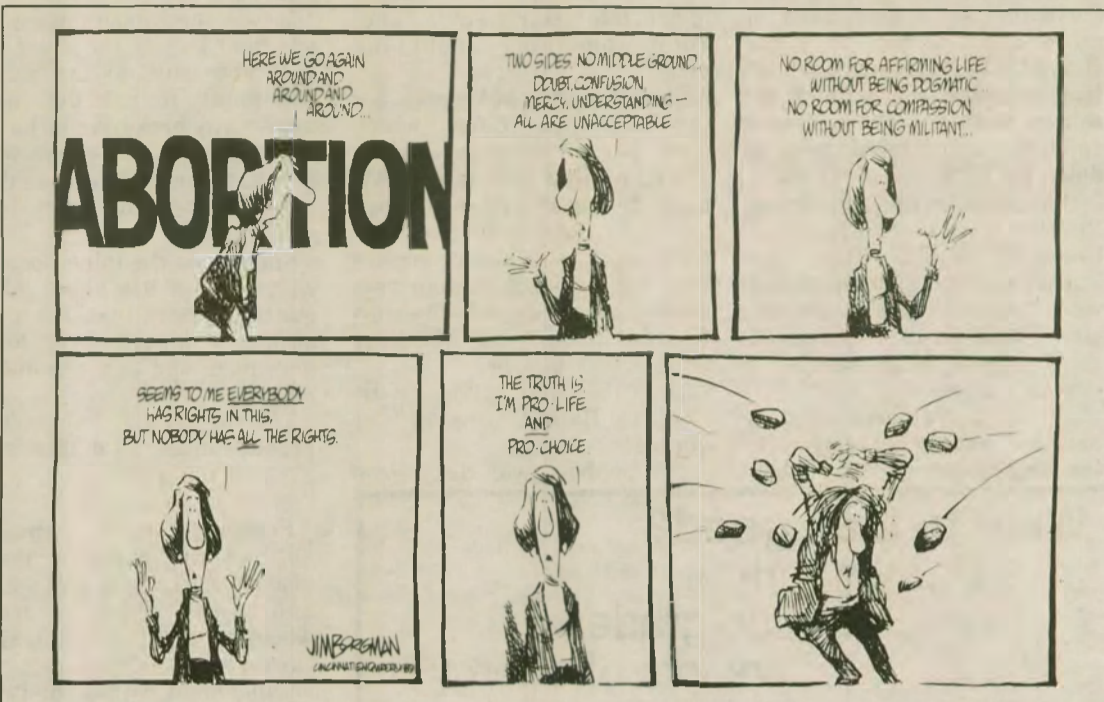
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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Happiness is a butterfly which, when pursued, is always beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.'

Nathaniel Hawthorne

## Burgers and ice cream make Patties unbeatable

**KELLEY TUTHILL**  
Accent Writer

Patties could be called the Arnold's of the 80's. It's burgers and fries all at prices even students who are short of money can afford. It even has a jukebox.

The menu is posted on the wall as you walk into the restaurant and consists of appetizers, sandwiches, salads and soups, and a health watchers section. After ordering at the counter and receiving a food number, seating is self-service in one of the two seating areas and Pattie's back room has a big-screen T.V. to entertain those still waiting.

tea. The Coke products come in bottles, so there's no refills on those. Patties serves domestic and imported beers as well.

Our number to claim our food was called in about 15 minutes. First we tried the spicy meat, cheddar cheese and sour cream potato skins (\$3.97) which were five generous potato halves stuffed with toppings. The meat inside, however, wasn't very tasty -- it was somewhat like chili meat that had been through a blender. The cheese, bacon, and sour cream skins are probably very good without the meat.

Our first entree was The Works, a half-pound burger served with french fries or

of the best fries that we had ever tasted--golden brown generous cuts of potato. The cheese soup that came with the meal was simply melted cheese with some potatoes in it. I suggest the salad instead.

The chicken breast fillet which is charbroiled plain or teriyaki with or without cheese (\$3.95) was another great option, and was served with cheddar cheese melted on top. The side order of spicy fries (\$1.80) was just as wonderful as the plain fries (obviously Patties is a great place for fries). The sandwich rolls on both the burger and the chicken sandwich were excellent, and overall our meals were wonderful.

During our meal we were easily able to help ourselves to the free refills on Pepsi's. The refills are right near the ice cream bar which makes it very hard to resist an ice cream dessert.

I soon realized that no one would ever want to resist dessert at Patties. As I glanced over the ice cream menu I saw that they have over 300 choices of ice cream treats. These sundaes and shakes could tempt



even Jane Fonda.

The menu has ice cream sodas, floats, take-home pints and quarts, 105 different sundaes and 102 types of shakes. Number 85 is the Peppermint Crumb sundae which is peppermint stick ice cream served on a brownie topped with hot fudge (\$1.95). The number 46 shake is the Happy Birthday which is a strawberry shake with moist cake pieces inside topped with whipped cream and even a birthday candle. The back of the ice cream menu adds, "We will be glad to fix you any ice cream combination that you desire," as if there wasn't enough options to please everyone.

I decided to try a blizzbuster. It's like a milk shake, but a spoon is needed because it is so thick. I tried the Heath Bar which is soft vanilla ice cream that is blended with the candy.

There are also 20 other types of blizzbusters to choose from. Mine was the perfect ending to an excellent meal. The 12-ounce size is \$1.25 and the 16-ounce is \$1.59. Don't worry, Patties also has plain old ice cream in cups and cones, with over 20 toppings to choose from.

Patties is located at 3602 Grape Road, and is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. There's some construction on this end of Grape, but local traffic can bypass the "road closed" sign to get to Patties. Patties also accepts phone orders at 255-5525.

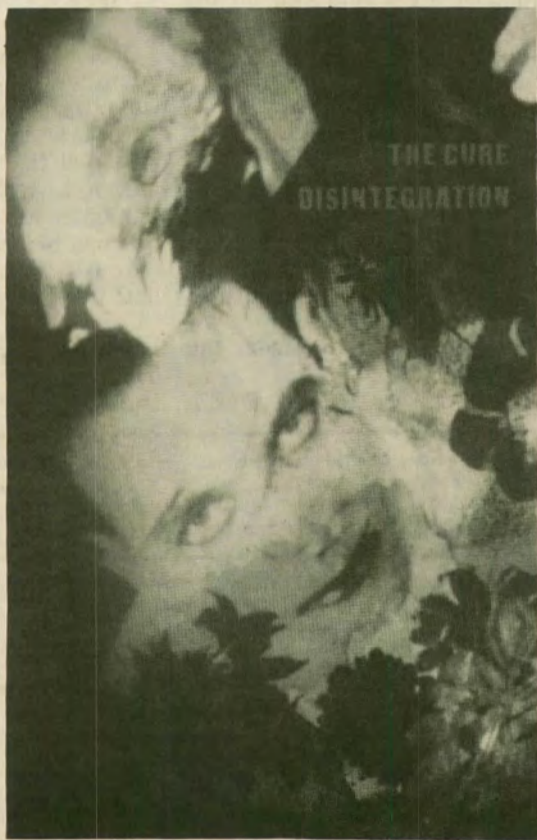
If you want excellent burgers and fries, or a sandwich at low prices, Patties can't be beat. As for their ice cream, I honestly don't think a better selection could be found anywhere in the Michiana area. Those on diets, beware.

## PATTIES

GOURMET BURGERS & ICE CREAM

The menu lists popular appetizers like potato skins, breadsticks and Mexican dip, and all are priced under \$5. Patties offers free refills on their Pepsi-Cola drinks and on coffee and

onion rings, and a green salad or soup (\$5.25). The burger was cooked as ordered and the counter-side condiment bar offered a myriad of toppings. The accompanying fries were some



Robert Smith: Big hair. Bright red clown lips. Blue mascara. Wailing and whining. After over ten years in the supposed underground music scene, The Cure have received American airplay, performing to sold out shows in (gasp!) stadiums. With the release of the hit single "Fascination Street" in late spring, the eccentric, notoriously depressed Smith and his band have made themselves accessible to widespread exposure and potential Top 40 material without compromising their unique style and mood by consistently releasing creatively charged albums.

The Cure's latest release, "Disintegration," is their most finely orchestrated mellow effort to date. Gone are the gloom-glorifying days of

"Faith" and "Pornography," the thrash and psychedelia of eclectic albums such as "The Top" and "Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me," and the sticky pop songs like "Let's Go to Bed," "Close to Me," and "Why Can't I Be You."

What's left is a definite ethereal mood album with themes of nostalgia, hidden feelings, and nightmares. Sure, Smith is still not a happy camper, but he isn't exactly ready to drown himself. Many of the songs are actually love songs, especially "Love Song," the second American single that sounds like an older Church tune.

These aren't your ordinary love songs. "Plainsong" relates an ethereal feeling through a conversation, "Untitled" speaks of feelings never expressed, "Pictures of You"

## THE CURE

### Disintegration

The eccentric, notoriously depressed Smith and his band have made themselves accessible to widespread exposure and potential Top 40 material.

relates nostalgia and love through photographs, and "Last Dance," a bonus track, is about a stale reunion of former lovers. "Lullaby," a British single, is one of the most interesting tunes on the album. It is about a childhood nightmare of being eaten by a spider, and it is delightfully haunting.

The upbeat "Disintegration" is the only remnant of previous thrasher material, while "Prayers for Rain" is reminiscent of The Cure's gloomy past. If the album "Disintegration" and its accompanying tour (The Cure will be appearing at the Rosemont Horizon in Chicago this Thursday and Friday with Shelleyan Orphan) are actually the last, as Smith says they are, then the Cure certainly have summarized their more than ten year career ingeniously with this album.

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### Mind Bomb

An album definitely toned down. . . and whose subjects are definitely more concentrated.

The The, previously the vehicle for Matt Johnson and his studio musicians, is now a full-fledged band, whose most notable new member is former Smiths guitarist/music writer Johnny Marr. Their new album is "Mind Bomb," an album definitely toned down from Johnson's previous effort, "Infected," and whose subjects are definitely more concentrated: love, sex, and religion. (What else is there, really?)

The style utilizes such older standards as harmonicas and simple drums with brushes, especially in the album's first single, "The Beat(en) Generation," a sort of summary of all that Johnson thinks is wrong in society (blind religion, political enslavement, war and violence). Religion is also cov-

ered in "Good Morning Beautiful," "The Violence of Truth," and "Armageddon Days Are Here (again)," in which "The world is on its elbows and knees/ it's forgotten the message and worships the creeds." Look out conservative Catholics!

One of the highlights of the album is a duet with Sinead O'Connor on "Kingdom of Rain," and "Beyond Love" the song that made the PMRC leave their mark on the jacket. "August and September" is another likable mellow song. Over all, "Mind Bomb" is nothing spectacular, but it can be quite enjoyable at times, although I expected a little more from Marr. Listen for their new single "Gravitate to Me" on underground radio.





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**Rose implicated by second witness**

Associated Press

CINCINNATI -- A second federal witness implicated Pete Rose in an alleged tax-fraud scheme Tuesday involving a winning race track ticket.

Another witness in the trial of former Rose housemate Thomas Gioiosa also said that Rose was part of a group that often talked about gambling and drugs.

The testimony in the third day of Gioiosa's trial on cocaine and tax-evasion charges contradicted Rose's contention that he had nothing to do with the winning race ticket.

Rose also has maintained he didn't know about the drug activities of those who operated Gold's Gym in suburban Cincinnati where he worked out - an assertion challenged in testimony Tuesday.

Rose was banned for life from baseball last week by Commissioner A. Bartlett

Giamatti after a baseball investigator concluded the former Cincinnati Reds manager bet on his own team. Rose has denied betting on baseball, but accepted the lifetime ban as fair.

A Federal Grand Jury is looking into whether Rose paid all the required taxes on his income from gambling, memorabilia sales and autograph appearances. The government has indicated the Pik Six race ticket involving Gioiosa is part of that investigation.

Prosecutors have accused Gioiosa, 31, of falsely claiming on his taxes that he owned a winning \$47,646 Pik Six ticket from Turfway Park in Florence, Ky., that actually belonged to Rose. The government alleges Gioiosa claimed the ticket because he was in a lower tax bracket than Rose.

Rose has denied any involvement in the winning ticket, and Gioiosa has pleaded innocent. However, accountant Joseph

Mansour testified Tuesday that Gioiosa told him he was claiming the ticket for Rose.

Mansour did Gioiosa's tax returns for 1985-87.

"He volunteered the information that the winning ticket belonged to Pete Rose, and he was going to forward to pay the taxes on it," Mansour said.

Mansour, like Gioiosa, was a bodybuilder who worked out at Gold's Gym. He was testifying Tuesday under a plea agreement with the federal government to clear up his own tax problems-failing to file a 1985 return.

Defense lawyer Martin Pinales tried to undermine Mansour's testimony by pointing out the accountant's legal problems. He also said a taped conversation has Mansour telling another former Rose associate, Paul Janszen, that Gioiosa claimed the winning ticket was his alone.

After Mansour said he didn't remember that second conversation, Pinales had the tape played for him on headphones; jurors and reporters weren't permitted to hear it. Mansour then acknowledged he had told Janszen in that conversation that Gioiosa claimed the winning ticket was his.

The government contends that Gioiosa was part of a major cocaine smuggling operation.

**ND golfers host tourney**

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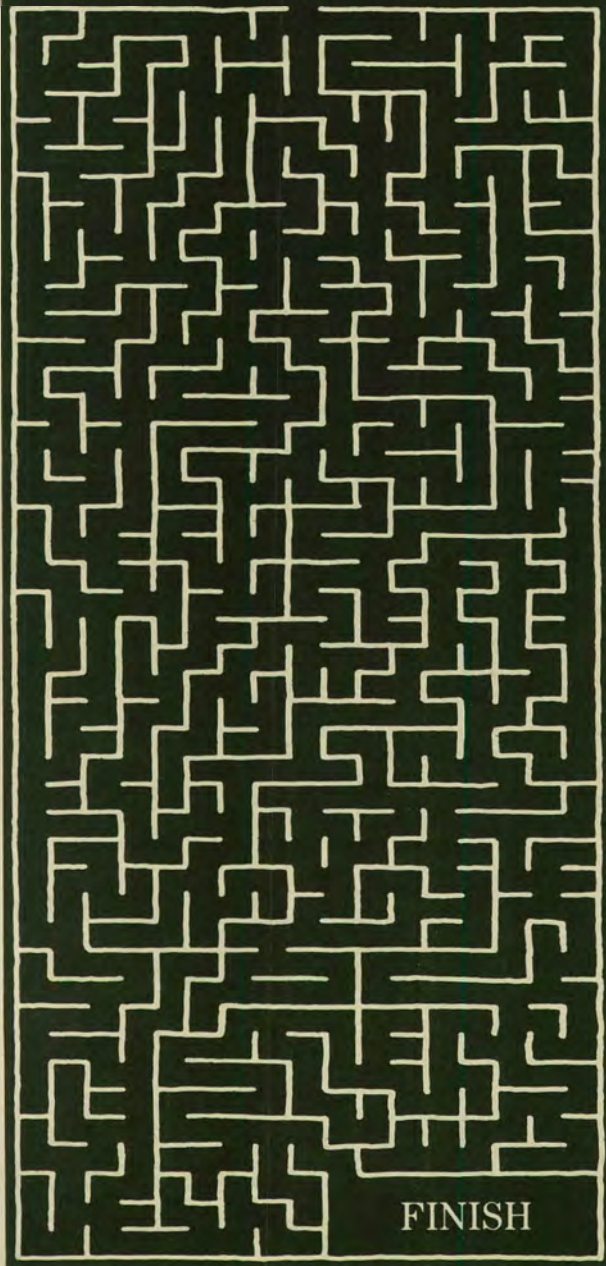
Notre Dame's varsity men's and women's golf teams, in conjunction with the Burke memorial Golf Course on campus, are hosting a golf tournament on two successive weekends, September 9 and 10, and 16 and 17.

The Notre Dame Campus Championship Golf Tournament is open to faculty, staff administration and students.

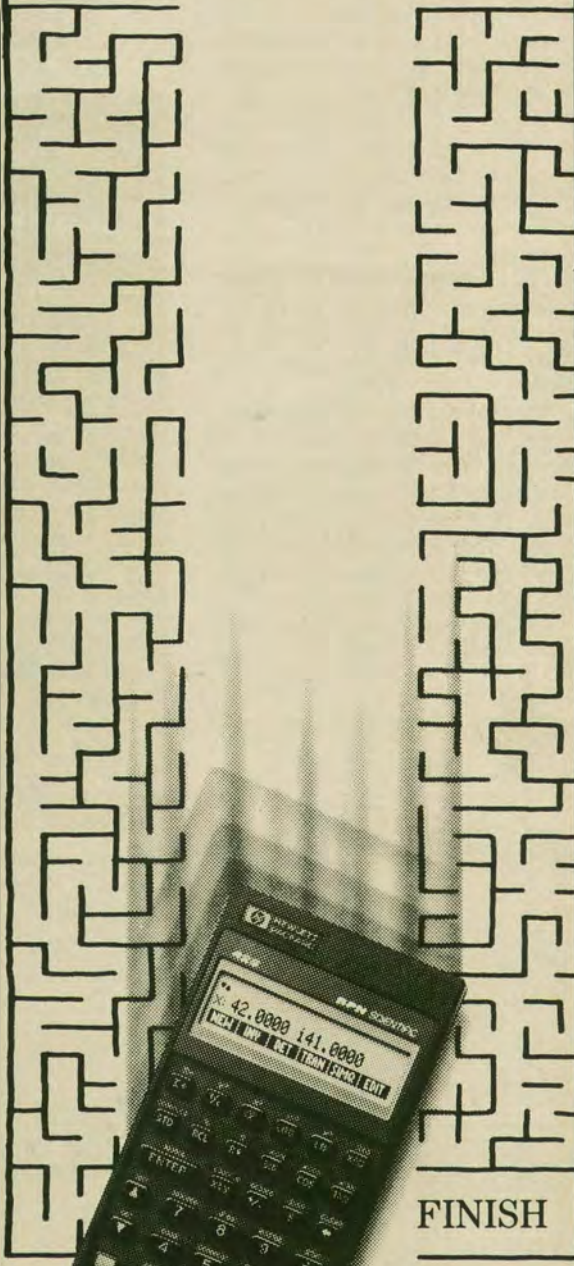
The tournament is also an open tryout for the men's and women's varsity golf teams.

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# Bears' Douglass, Eagles' Solt among steroid suspensions

Associated Press

NEW YORK—The NFL's first-ever crackdown on steroids hit home Tuesday for 13 players, including former Pro Bowl guard Ron Solt, who were suspended for four games after testing positive for the muscle-enhancing drug.

The players suspended, three of them from the Buffalo Bills, were hardly household names.

Other than the Eagles' Solt, who is recuperating from operations on both knees, perhaps the best known player is Maurice Douglass, a backup defensive back for the Chicago Bears who spends the off-season as an exotic dancer.

Those suspended came from just eight of the league's 28 teams.

Most seemed to fall into the category defined by U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan, who in turning down the players' union request to stop the

suspensions, acknowledged that the crackdown "could be fatal to a marginal player."

The league, which tested 2,200 players in camp, said an unspecified number of others tested positive but had been cut "for lack of playing ability."

In addition to Solt and Douglass, those suspended included two brothers, running back Sean and linebacker Tom Doctor of Buffalo and a third Bill, Linebacker Matt Jaworski; offensive linemen Mike Ariey and Keith Uecker of Green Bay; defensive end Mark Mraz of the Los Angeles Raiders; tight end Vernon Kirk of the Los Angeles Rams; running back Vince Amoia and wide receiver Bobby Riley of the New York Jets; and running back Keith Henderson and nose tackle Rollin Putzier of San Francisco.

The accuracy of the testing was immediately challenged by the NFL Players Association, which said it had received calls

from players proclaiming their innocence and suggesting that the tests may have mistaken medication for either masking agents or steroids.

But NFL spokesman Joe Browne said:

"We conducted Olympic-caliber testing that takes everything into account."

However, a league statement acknowledged, "We cannot guarantee our testing has detected or will detect every steroid user in the NFL."

The suspensions are the result of a March 21 announcement by Commissioner Pete Rozelle who said players using steroids would be handed the same punishment given players for illegal drug use—a four-game suspension. He also said players would be banned if traces of "masking agents" for steroids turned up in the tests.

Players received notification of the policy, 10 days later, on March 31.

Rozelle said he made the announcement so early in the year to give players using steroids long before training camp tests. In both 1987 and 1988, six percent of the players had positive steroid tests at camp.

The players' union on Monday failed to get a court order preventing the league from releasing the names. It claimed the penalty was actually harsher than for illegal drugs, for which players are suspended only after a second offense.

The union also claimed that some of the players were innocent, suggesting that some

players taking medication may have used what the NFL defines as "masking agents" for steroid. Under Rozelle's policy, they are considered evidence of steroid use.

The NFL said the players have been placed on the "non-football illness" list and must remain away from their teams' training facilities until Sept. 27. If the substances remain in their system after that, they would continue to be suspended.

The league said if a player tests positive again, he would be banned for the rest of the season.

## Student football ticket information

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame athletic department ticket office has announced procedures for 1989 season football ticket sales to students. Ticket applications will be in Notre Dame student mailboxes early next week, and Saint Mary's students will receive their applications at registration.

Any students who do not receive their applications by Thursday, Aug. 31, should get in touch with the ticket office to receive a copy of the application form. Students who do not have a local (Michiana-area) address should also contact the ticket office for their applications.

Distribution begins Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the Joyce ACC ticket booth, with seniors getting first shot at 50-yard line seats. This year's prices for the five-game home season are \$57.50 for Notre Dame students and \$77 for Saint Mary's students.

All applications must be accompanied by student IDs.

The windows will be open from 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. September 5th through the 8th. Juniors can get their tickets September 6, sophomores, law students and grad students September 7, and freshmen September 8. One student may bring as many as four applications and IDs. Married students may purchase tickets for spouses at the student price, but proof of marriage is required.

The 1:30 starting time is intended to reduce the need for overnight lines, according to Associate Ticket Manager Jim Bell.

"Camping over is discouraged," Bell said. "In the mornings, we'll be as flexible as we can be as long as the lines are orderly and the area is kept clean. But we don't need the furniture and stuff out all night like we've had in the past."

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Joyce ACC during the ticket distribution process.



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If Notre Dame defeats Virginia and receives no major injuries, and those are two big ifs, the scheduling of the Kickoff Classic could look like a great idea later in the season.

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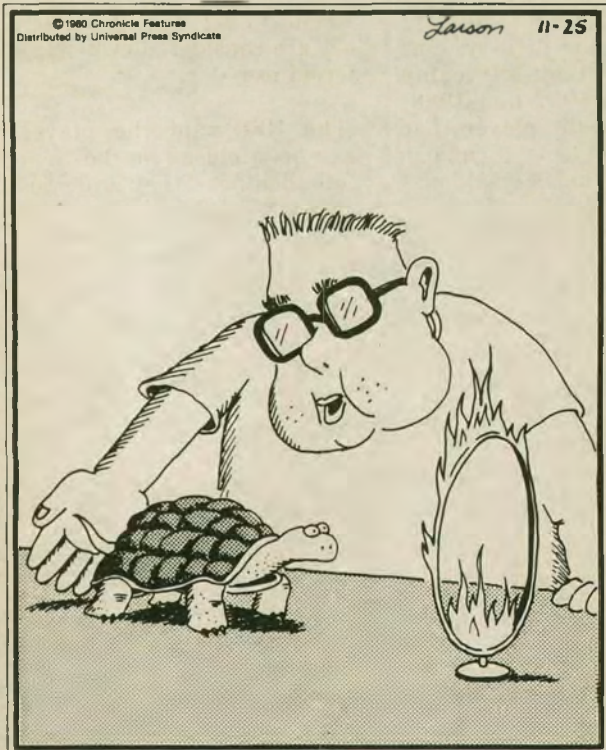
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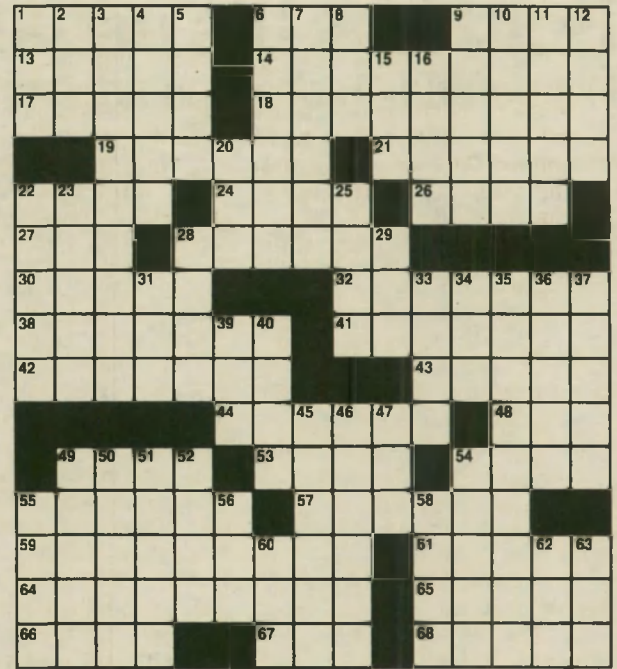
"Through the hoop, Bob! Through the hoop!"

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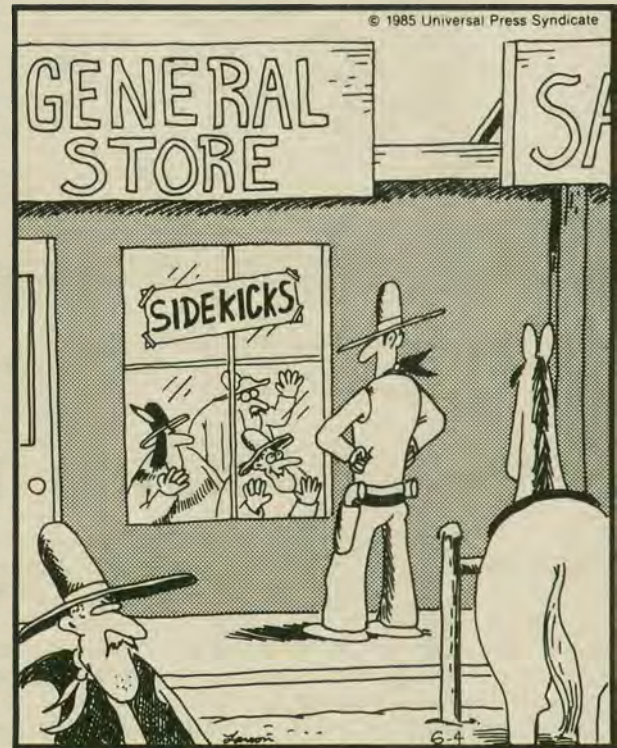
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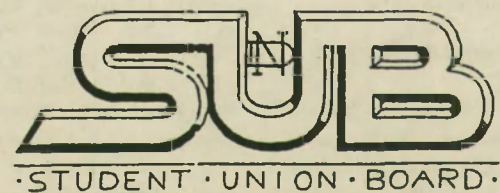
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## Holtz has his usual dismal outlook His defending champs are "not as good as you think"

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.—If Lou Holtz had managed the 1927 Yankees, he probably would have moaned about Babe Ruth's strikeouts and convinced writers that the club was heading for a last-place finish. So it isn't surprising that the coach of defending national champion Notre Dame is already poor-mouthing his team's chances in 1989.

"We're not a top 20 team right now," Holtz said at a news conference Tuesday. "We're not as good as you think, but we're probably not as bad as I think."

Actually, Holtz has reason to worry as his team prepares to open the college football season against Virginia in Thursday night's Kickoff Classic at Giants Stadium.

In the last month, Notre Dame has lost seven players expected to play a significant

role on this year's team. One quit, another transferred, two were banished for disciplinary reasons, two couldn't recover from lingering injuries and one was declared academically ineligible.

The most damaging departures were All-American linebacker Michael Stonebreaker and running back Tony Brooks, the team's second-leading rusher last season. Also gone for the season are defensive tackle George Williams, fullback Braxton Banks, defensive end Arnold Ale, linebacker John Foley and offensive tackle Pete Rausch.

"We've got a completely different team than the one we started spring practice with," Holtz said. "We're awfully thin at a lot of positions and we've got an awful lot of question marks."

Holtz tried his best to portray the Fighting Irish as undermanned, overrated and, in one

case at least, underfed.

"Our second-string defensive tackle is a true freshman who only weighs 216 pounds," he said. "He's going to be a good one-as soon as he finds the cafeteria."

A steady diet of Rice is what Notre Dame's opponents will be fed this season. Versatile quarterback Tony Rice not only threw for 1,176 yards and eight touchdowns last season, but also led the team in rushing with 700 yards.

"We've spent a lot of time working on his best plays," Virginia coach George Welsh said. "But maybe his best plays won't be the same this year."

Unlike Notre Dame, Virginia is not a traditional football power. But Welsh has led the Cavaliers to five winning seasons in the past six years, including a 7-4 mark in 1988.

All but four starters return

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The Observer/File Photo

Irish head coach Lou Holtz is, as usual, downplaying his team's abilities days before the 1989 Kickoff Classic. In the wake of the losses of five regular players, his pessimism is warranted as the Irish prepare to face the Virginia Cavaliers.



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The Chicago Cubs overcame a 9-run deficit to storm back and defeat the Houston Astros 10-9 in 10 innings to maintain their hold on first place in the National League East. Dwight Smith singled to score the winning run in the bottom of the tenth.

## Cubs rally from nine-run deficit

Associated Press

CHICAGO--Dwight Smith's bases-loaded single in the 10th inning capped the Chicago Cubs' rally from a 9-0 deficit to a 10-9 victory over the Houston Astros Tuesday.

Smith made his game-winning hit to right field off Dave Smith, 3-4.

Paul Assenmacher, 2-3, relieved to start the 10th inning and got the victory.

Houston built its 9-0 lead on walks, Chicago errors and a grand slam by Rafael Ramirez.

Ramirez' second career grand slam was the only Houston hit in the fifth inning, when the Astros scored five runs.

Cubs scored their comeback in the sixth when a throwing error by pitcher Mike Portugal and Domingo Ramos' RBI single provided two runs. In the seventh, Lloyd McClendon hit a two-run homer.

### Cardinals 4, Reds 2

Joe Magrane got his National League-leading 18th victory Tuesday night as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Cincinnati Reds 4-2.

All of the game's runs came

in the sixth inning.

Rookie Jeff Richardson hit a two-run homer off Magrane in the top half before Terry Pendleton's two-run doubled keyed a four-run rally in the Cardinals' sixth.

Magrane, 18-7, has won 13 of his last 14 starts and tied Oakland's Dave Stewart for most victories in the majors. Magrane gave up eight hits, walked two and struck out three in his league-leading ninth complete game.

Tim Leary, 9-12, held the Cardinals to two hits for five innings.

But in the sixth he hit Willie McGee with a pitch and Milt Thompson and Pedro Guerrero singled for a run.

Pendleton's double put the Cardinals ahead and Tom Brunansky tripled for a 4-2 lead.

### Phillies 6, Giants 1

Von Hayes hit three home runs and drove in six runs Tuesday night, leading the Philadelphia Phillies over the San Francisco Giants 6-1.

Hayes hit a solo home run in the first inning, a three-run shot in the fourth and a two-run drive in the ninth.

Bruce Ruffin, 4-8, ended his

five-game losing streak and improved to 2-6 lifetime against San Francisco. He gave up four hits and left after a leadoff walk in the eighth. Roger McDowell finished with two-hit relief for his 16th save.

Hayes' first two runs came against Don Robinson, 11-9. He connected in the ninth against Craig Lefferts.

### Pirates 5, Braves 4

Andy Van Slyke drove in two runs, including an RBI double during a three-run first inning first inning Tuesday night that sent the Pittsburgh Pirates over the Atlanta Braves, 5-4.

Winner Doug Drabek, 11-10, gave up six hits, including two homers by Oddibe McDowell, and four runs in 7 1-3 innings.

Tom Glavine, 12-8 was the loser.

The Pirates twice bunted with good results in the first inning.

Billy Hatcher led off with a single, Jay Bell got a bunt single and Jeff King was safe on a fielder's choice when the Braves failed to cover third base on his bunt.

Bobby Bonilla hit a sacrifice fly, R.J. Reynolds singled home a run and Van Slyke hit an RBI double.

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## Making the best of the Kickoff Classic

If history is any indication, Notre Dame doomed its football team's chances of repeating a national title before any Irish player donned shoulder pads for spring practice.

When the University added Thursday's Kickoff Classic to the 1989 schedule last winter, the Irish inherited the Virginia Cavaliers and a seven-year jinx as opponents this season.

The three previous national champions to play in the Classic, an annual matchup at Giants Stadium since 1983 to open the college football season, have gone on to suffer disappointing years.

Penn State, fresh off its first national championship, was humbled 44-6 by Nebraska in the inaugural Classic.

A Bernie Kosar-led Miami team defeated Auburn 20-18 in 1984, but ended Jimmy Johnson's debut season with three consecutive losses and an 8-5 record. Brigham Young toyed with Boston College 28-14 in the 1985 matchup, but the Cougars also faded at the end of the year.

This trend of staggering down the stretch has been inherent in many other Kickoff Classic teams. An Alabama team featuring Cornelius Bennett, Bobby Humphrey and

### Steve Megargee

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Mike Shula opened the 1986 season by defeating Ohio State at the Classic, and was considered a national championship contender. The Tide instead lost three games in the second half of the season.

Perhaps sensing the possible danger ahead, UCLA and Clemson declined offers to play in this year's matchup, leaving Virginia as Notre Dame's opponent.

While the Cavaliers of the Atlantic Coast Conference have improved in the last few seasons under George Welsh, the Irish are understandably prohibitive favorites to return to South Bend undefeated.

Notre Dame's decision to participate in the Classic still could have its consequences.

With five of their first six games away from Notre Dame Stadium, the players easily could be tiring as much as past Kickoff Classic teams by the time the Irish end their season at Penn State and Miami.

And this game will be remembered for all the wrong reasons if a key Notre Dame player gets injured Thursday on the Giants Stadium artificial surface and is unable to play in the showdown with Michigan two weeks later.

Nonetheless, the recent developments involving Notre Dame have made the idea of playing in the Classic seem better and better.

The unexpected losses in personnel over the last month have left the Irish suddenly thin in many areas, particularly on defense. It would have been difficult to imagine this team opening the season at Michigan.

Nobody has to worry about that anymore. The Irish now will enter Michigan Stadium with a game's worth of experience. Newcomers to the lineup like Bob Dahl, Donn Grimm and Scott Kowalkowski will have their first starts behind them.

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