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■ ELECTION '96

Election field narrows, run-off Wednesday

By KRISTI KOLSKI
Assistant News Editor

Yesterday the tickets of Ryan McInerney and Matt Wolsfeld, and Seth Miller and Megan Murray earned spots in a runoff Wednesday to determine the student body president and vice-president.

Miller/Murray garnered 25.82 percent (989) votes while McInerney/Wolsfeld took 19.89 percent (762) votes. In accordance with election bi-laws, since fifty percent plus one vote was not won by a single ticket, a runoff will be held between these two top tickets.

Rounding out the rest of the voting; the Brian Klausner/Tony Reid ticket received 13.78 percent (528) votes, Mike Flood/Dave Mullen took 11.51 percent (441), Greg Zarzaur/Ted Mahan received 9.03 percent (346), Ryan Guillen/Deborah Hellmuth captured 7.52 percent (288), Tom Roderick/Kate McShane took 6.89 percent (264), Mike Eger/Mike Bacon received 2.74 percent (105), Kevin Glynn/Patrick Belton got 2.04 percent (78), and Harry Howisen/Démián Nave managed 1.49 percent (57).

Numbers reveal that just over 50 percent of the student body cast votes Monday. Only

102 of 1440 off-campus students cast ballots.

Miller expressed joy over making the runoff. "We feel that all week the 'three r's' separated us: research, realistic and record," he said. "We have a proven record of making promises and keeping them."

Murray looked forward to the runoff. "Elections can be so unpredictable. I think it will be close because the primary was close," she said. "I just really hope a lot of people turn out and vote."

The McInerney/Wolsfeld ticket echoed the euphoria. "We are really excited about the tight race and we hope that the student body will give us a chance to make changes," McInerney said.

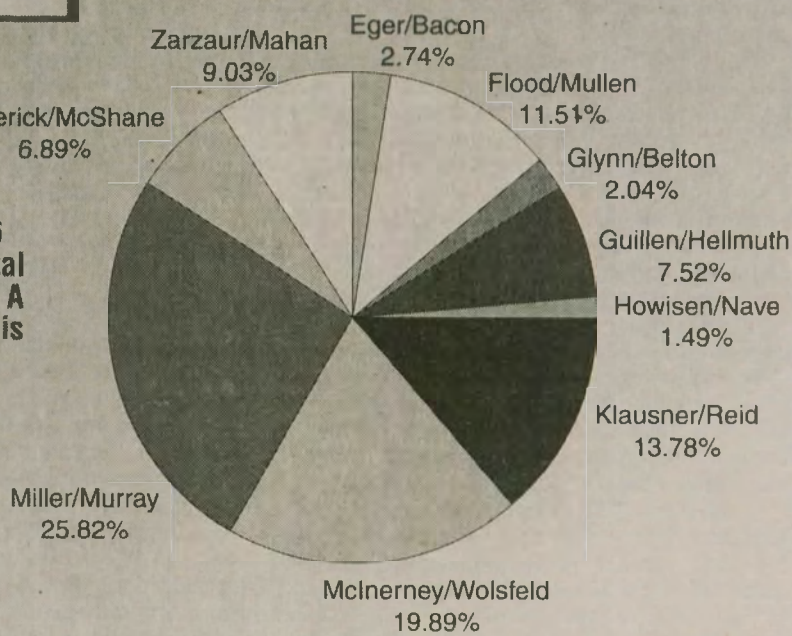
Under the rules of the runoff, the remaining tickets could begin campaigning at 12:01 am today, and continue until 11:59 tonight.

"We have to work harder in some of the dorms to swing some of the votes our way," Wolsfeld said.

Of the tickets that did not make the runoff, Eger/Bacon was the only one to offer an endorsement, throwing their support to McInerney/Wolsfeld. "They are motivated by ambition to do something for students and they are not moti-

ND NOTRE DAME ELECTIONS

The results for the 1996 primary elections. A total of 3831 students voted. A runoff will take place this Wednesday between Miller/Murray and McInerney/Wolsfeld.



The Observer/Christopher Mullins

ated by bureaucracy," Eger said.

Although the Eger/Bacon ticket did not win a large percentage of the vote, Eger found the election experience enlightening.

"I think we accomplished what we wanted to," Eger said. "We added levity."

Howisen did not speak for his running-mate, Nave, in offering an endorsement but felt that Miller/Murray are a very qualified team.

Among the other tickets, Flood/Mullen, Zarzaur/Mahan, Klausner/Reid and Guillen/Hellmuth did not offer any endorsements but instead

wished both tickets luck.

"They are both worthy candidates, and we respect their campaigns," Mullen said. "It is tough for us to endorse one candidate."

Klausner had similar sentiments. "I think both are really

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Dole squeaks by in Iowa caucus

By JOHN KING
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa
Republican front-runner Bob Dole tested his presidential ambitions in Iowa caucuses Monday night against a crowded, contentious field of GOP challengers lined up for the chance to drive President Clinton from the White House.

The Iowa contests launched the GOP field into an unprecedented stretch of early nomination battles. One spotlight was on Steve Forbes and Lamar Alexander, who faced party activists for the first time, while Pat Buchanan and Phil Gramm battled for support from the state's large and influential bloc of Christian conservatives.

"The people of Iowa could well decide the future of this country," said Dole, the Senate majority leader from neighboring Kansas. "You've got to think of it that way. That's how important this is."

With thousands of Iowa activists undecided and unimpressed going into the caucuses, each of Dole's rivals hoped to push him off his perch. More practically, they waged an unpredictable race for second and third, hoping that would be a boost as the campaign moves to New Hampshire and beyond.

"It's going to depend on who gets their people out," said Gramm.

GOP officials predicted a record turnout of 130,000 voters — about 20 percent of the

■ NEWS ANALYSIS

Buchanan surprises with a close second

By RAAM JANI
News Writer

The winner of yesterday's Iowa Caucus was the favored candidate, Robert Dole who finished first with 27 percent of the vote. Pat Buchanan finished a strong second followed by Lamar Alexander.

One big surprise however, based on recent media reports, was how poorly Steve Forbes fared. He only received 10 percent of the vote. His campaign had been gaining momentum recently, but this defeat will seriously damage his chances of winning.

Notre Dame professor Peri Arnold was not surprised by Forbes' poor showing. According to Arnold, Forbes' technique of trying to satu-

rate voters with his radio and television commercials did not work well with the caucus system.

Arnold said that for continued success, Forbes would have needed to finish within five to six percent of Dole. He fell well short of that goal.

While it was a victory for Dole, Pat Buchanan will also be able to gain momentum from Iowa since, according to Arnold, Buchanan was the candidate favored by the Christian Right which is traditionally a strong voting bloc in Iowa.

Arnold places a high amount of importance on the Iowa Caucus. He said that those who come in fourth place or lower will be set back throughout the rest of

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state's registered Republicans — for the evening straw poll at 2,142 precinct meetings at churches, schools and community centers. Monday's vote was the first step in choosing 25 delegates to the GOP convention.

The Democrats' caucuses served only as a reminder that Clinton has no primary challenge. He spent the weekend campaigning here anyway,

with his eye focused more on November than a chilly February night.

The Republican candidates were hard put to clarify their differences on the issues, seeking less government, a simpler tax system and stricter family values that forbid abortions. Forbes' opponents were united in their criticism of the uncom-

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■ SMC DEBATE

Candidates square off on variety of issues

By HEATHER CROSS
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On the eve of election day, Saint Mary's Student Body President and Vice President hopefuls faced questioning from voters in an open forum last night sponsored by the Board of Governance (BOG).

The forum, hosted by BOG Elections Commissioner Emily Ruffner, began with an opening statement from each ticket. The candidates answered six questions from Ruffner, then the floor was opened for students to ask questions regarding the six women's views on their possible future the next student body President and Vice President.

While communication to increase student involvement ranked as a primary issue throughout the campaign, the tickets opened the questioning by citing the following as their most important platform goal:

- The Leigh Ann Hutchison/Amblerly Hershberger ticket stated that later access to the Moreau tunnel door ranks as a top priority.

- The Emily Miller/Jennifer Lidga ticket stressed the benefit of creating freshman year support groups, allowing freshmen the opportunity to be mentored by upperclassmen in their major.

- The Jen Turbiak/Beth Ann

Miller believe that campus-wide publicity of activities is their most important goal, and they intend on setting up a large dining hall calendar of events.

Throughout the series of questions, candidates dealt with issues that would confront them in the offices of student body President and Vice President, ranging from service opportunities on campus to academic requirements.

Citing the success of January's Play of the Mind Conference, the Hutchison/Hershberger ticket hopes to host a similar conference where freshmen can collaborate and communicate on new ideas to improve campus leadership and involvement.

"Every woman here has the power to make an improvement," said Hershberger. "Leanne and I think that one element that is very important is student accountability." By serving as a resource for students to bring about change, they hope to "instill a sense of ownership and pride in the programs that go on at Saint Mary's," Hershberger said.

The Miller/Lidga team said the Saint Mary's community should be fully aware of the functions of the campus, and emphasized the importance of student input.

"We based our platform on

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INSIDE COLUMN

A Public Service Announcement

You do know what tomorrow is, don't you? If you don't, you should be shot.

To desensationalize Valentine's Day is absolutely devastating. I know the day is a tense one, but trust me! Good things will happen to you tomorrow if you are a proponent of good things.



Jillian Pagliocca
News Copy Editor

And if you make a conscious decision to abstain from the celebration, you better have a VERY serious reason. This does not include being involved in a new relationship where the "rules" are, as yet, undefined. This does not excuse those of you who tried to pull off something smashing last year and were obliterated. Suck it up. There is nothing stoic about being unloved or unloving on Valentine's Day.

It's potentially the most emotionally charged day of the entire year. Hopefully, your stingy boyfriend buys you a dozen roses out of nowhere. Or the quiet guy in your EG120 lecture invites you to dinner. (Who cares if it's only in the dining hall? You can still say you have a date.)

Look here, O Shy Ones. John Donne exclaims, "Stand still, and I will read to thee/ A lecture, Love, in love's philosophy." Valentine's Day is the ultimate excuse for all of you reclusive types to do something that makes somebody (and hopefully, yourself) happy. You don't have to invest in a dozen red roses. And you don't have to serenade her. Leave that to the Glee Club.

I know you. I know you have someone particular in mind but have hidden your emotions so well that you have vowed to abandon this Valentine's Day. You are hoping that your Special Someone will do the romancing for you. Not recommended.

Or perhaps you fall into that pathetic category that I like to call As Flavorless as a Saltine. You are dull, dry and inspirationless. And you are killing any possibility of a relationship because of it. This column is dedicated to you.

Following is a list of the most romantic things I can think of. And believe me, when it comes to being a Romantic (yes, I will capitalize the R if you don't mind). All it takes is a little flair for the festive.

- Wear red underwear. (Actually, any color in silk will do.)
- Pick the reddest red lipstick you can find.
- Sift out all the red M&M's, skittles, gummy bears, whatever. Spell your lover's name on a sign with a little bit of Elmer's.
- Put a cherry in your yo-cream.

Too tame for you? OK, here's another list for those who William Congreve describes as "no novice in the labyrinth of love."

- Pretend you're Dante and she's Beatrice. Write a sonnet and slide it under her door.
- Kiss someone. Anyone.
- Leave a silent voice mail for someone to hear when they wake up.
- Speak in Italian.

I've now eliminated your excuses for evading the most marketable holiday Hallmark ever got a hold of. You have only a matter of hours, so get to it.

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Economic effects of flood seep into every corner

PORTLAND, Ore.

As shopkeepers pulled sandbags aside and pushed squeegees to clear inches of muck from their front doors Monday, Northwesterners began assessing the broader impact of last week's floods.

Freight trains packed with goods and hundreds of long-haul truckers started moving after being idled behind mudslides and high waters, commercial shipping was halted indefinitely and farmers must figure out when to plant fields still soggy with sewage-laden river waters.

Meanwhile, thousands of people remained out of their homes as the Northwest's swollen web of waterways slowly receded. Everywhere the rivers and streams had strayed, gooey brown sludge remained.

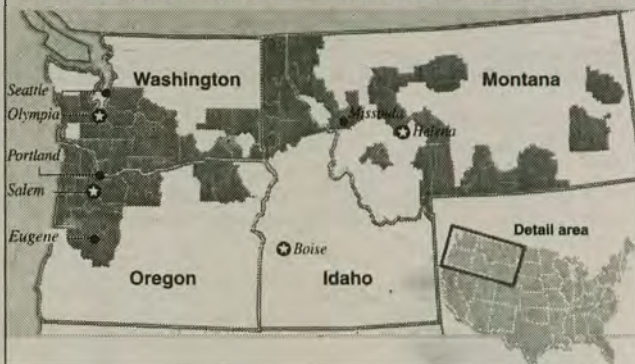
Just like the muddy waters that spread from farm towns to industrial parks, the economic effects of the Flood of 1996 are seeping into every corner: truckloads of TVs held up by mudslides, a shipload of Toyotas stalled outside the idled Port of Portland, a computer printer factory closed two days for lack of employees, a golf course reduced to one big water hazard.

And much like a roiling stream washes out a riverbank and deposits it downstream to form a fertile plain, the flood is picking up parts of the economy and setting them down in new places.

"Some people will be shifting away from discretionary purchases," said William Conerly, senior vice president

Northwest flooding

The residents of northwest are cleaning up after last week's devastating floods. Thousands of people remain out of their homes throughout the four states.



for First Interstate Bank. "Maybe they are not getting the big-screen TV they have been thinking about. They are throwing their money into landscaping their yard, if there was minor damage, or massive reconstruction for those people who have major damage."

Electricians will be in high demand because the high waters shorted out so many systems. And overbooked construction workers will be shifting from new projects to repair work.

Kevorkian judge limits questioning

PONTIAC, Mich.



A judge ruled Monday that potential jurors in Dr. Jack Kevorkian's assisted suicide trial cannot be asked about their religious beliefs or their views on a law that banned the practice. After first approving a defense motion to ask such questions, Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper switched positions and threw out juror questionnaires proposed by both sides. In her order, the judge told lawyers not to ask any questions that require prospective jurors to reveal their religious beliefs or their views on a now-expired state law banning assisted suicide. Kevorkian, an outspoken advocate of physician-assisted suicide as an option for the severely ill, is accused of violating the ban by aiding two 1993 deaths. Merian Frederick, 72, of Ann Arbor, had Lou Gehrig's disease, and Dr. Ali Khalili, 61, of Oak Brook, Ill., had bone cancer. Both died after inhaling carbon monoxide.

Gunman attacks former workplace

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

A man fired from Packard Bell for urging armed rebellion against his bosses shot up his former workplace with 40 rounds of ammunition Monday until he was wounded in the shoulder by a security guard. No one else was hurt in the shooting at the computer maker's headquarters. "It's really miraculous that somebody wasn't hit with at least a ricochet," police spokesman Michael Heenan said. Heenan said Phuoc Bui, 34, could be charged with attempted murder. Bui was hospitalized in good condition. Bui had been fired on Friday "for the kind of behavior that would make you suspect something like this — distributing literature to other employees about taking up arms against supervisors," Heenan said. Bui entered the Packard Bell complex about 9 a.m. and went to his former worksite, a large packing room, carrying a 9 mm semiautomatic pistol and three clips of ammunition in a small nylon bag, the police officer said. The gunman began shooting, mostly into the ceiling and into a supervisor's office, Heenan said. He forced one of his former supervisors to walk down a hall, where Bui was confronted by two plainclothes security guards. Packard Bell said in a statement that it is re-examining its security.

Passenger defecates on airliner

NEW YORK

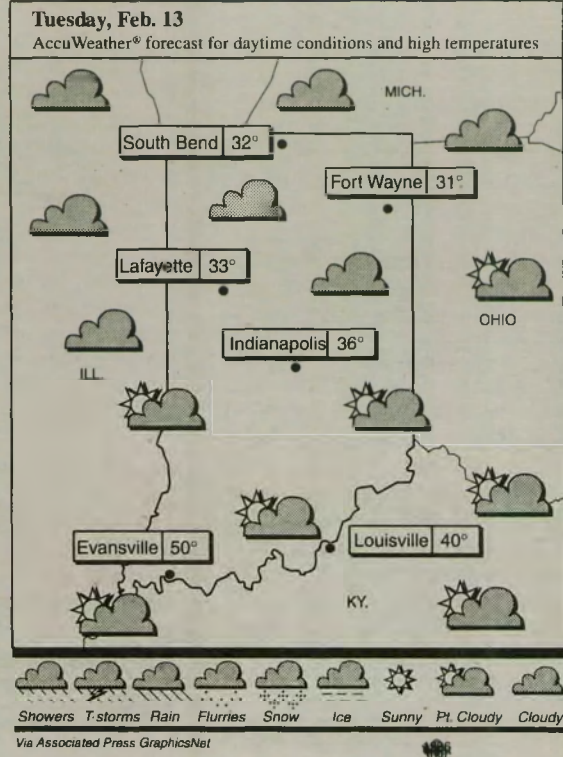
An investment banker accused of defecating on a airliner's food-service cart during a flight pleaded guilty today to a misdemeanor charge of threatening a flight attendant and agreed to pay \$50,000 in restitution. His lawyer said his only problem was diarrhea. "I was angry," Gerard Finneran, 52, told Magistrate Judge Steven M. Gold as he admitted making the threat aboard a United Airlines flight from Buenos Aires to New York on Oct. 20. Finneran, a managing director at the Trust Company of the West who lives in upscale Greenwich, Conn., faces up to six months in jail and a \$5,000 fine when he is sentenced May 14. As part of his sentence, Finneran agreed to pay the airline \$49,029 for damage to the plane and to reimburse passengers for the flight. Finneran told Gold that he had no intention of carrying out his threat but badly wanted another glass of wine after the airline had stopped serving alcohol. "I became annoyed and said words that implied a physical threat," he said.

Program gives hope to troubled kids

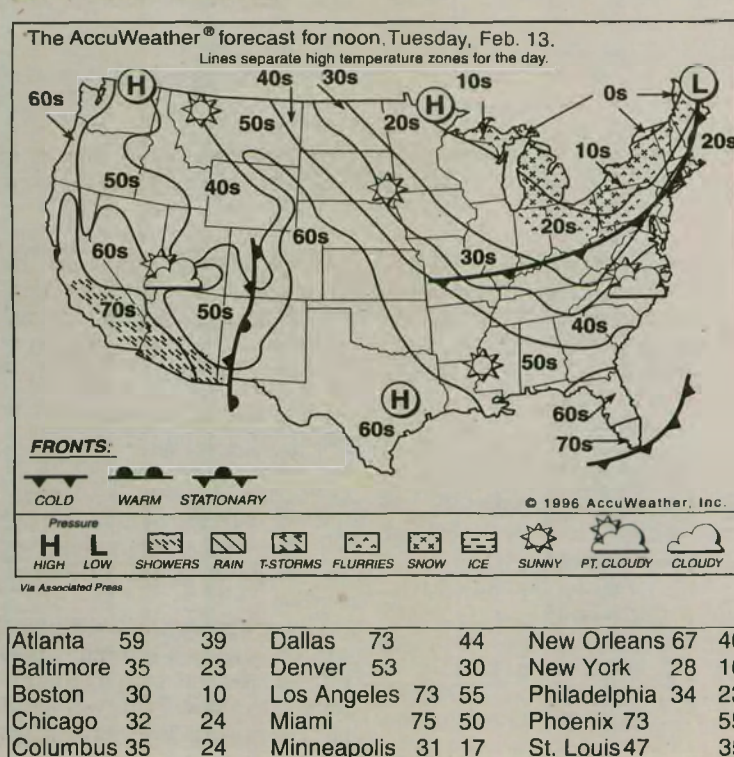
RANTOUL, Ill.

At Hope Meadows, families get free housing and an \$18,000 salary for one parent to stay home and take care of the kids. Retired people get reduced rent for doing everything from reading to the children to working as school crossing guards. The government-subsidized community, set up at an abandoned Air Force base, operates according to the African proverb "It takes a village to raise a child." The project is aimed at kids who have suffered from the abuse and addictions of their biological parents. The 22 "Hope children" are those in state custody who are older or have special medical or behavioral problems that make them hard to place elsewhere. The Hope Meadows residents, along with child-welfare workers and volunteers, are building a community focused on serving children. "It's going to make a lot of difference in a lot of people's lives," said Debbie Calhoun, who has seven children in her family's home — two foster children, four adopted children and her biological daughter. Calhoun said she and her husband, Ken, decided to move to Hope Meadows when it opened in 1994 because of the program's promise of a stable, long-term family setting for foster and adopted children.

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Storytime!

Alistair MacLeod reads his story, "The Boat," which he wrote while attending Notre Dame in the '60's.

The Observer/ Brian Hardy

New ResNet on schedule

OIT working bugs out of system to arrive in dorms

By HEATHER COCKS
Assistant News Editor

No more busy phone lines. Unlimited, immediate access to e-mail and the Internet. It's a net surfer's dream.

With the commencement of the Fall 1996 semester, it will become a reality for many Notre Dame students.

The project, dubbed "ResNet", involves bringing all the residence halls online, allowing students the freedom to browse the Internet from the comfort of their dorm rooms. "This is a huge step," says Larry Rapagnani, assistant provost for the Office of Information Technologies. "In the next 12 months, we will essentially be doubling the level of technology available."

Workers have been drilling in dorms all across campus, installing outlets that resemble a slightly enlarged phone jack. By connecting their computers to this outlet, students can access the network via Ethernet rather than using a modem.

As explained by Rapagnani, the Ethernet is five times faster than a modem; in addition, it eliminates the often frustrating wait that ensues when attempting to dial into the network. "It will be activated 24-hours a day, seven days a week," says Rapagnani. "It's really such a wonderful convenience."

Student Council Chief Council and Judicial Council President Tom Matzzie concurs. "The new residential networking will be a great improvement, a great addition to the campus," said Matzzie.

50 percent of students arriving on campus in August 1996 will be living in dorms which

have been brought online in time for registration.

"This network is being constructed with a limited number of hands doing the job," comments Documentation Coordinator Kathy Sexton. In order to join the ResNet, each hall must have at least one small room acting as a technological hub; the area will be filled with electronic equipment providing the residents' link to Internet. Sexton noted that the process is time-consuming, but she asserted that the remaining dorms will come online as quickly as possible. "By October of 1997, every residence hall will be network-ready," she predicts.

ResNet users will be able to access the Netscape, Eudora, and other software that links them to many campus resources such as the library card catalogue. Rapagnani states that the ultimate intent behind ResNet is to create in the dorm room a similar environment as that which is found in a computer cluster. "Initially students will still need to visit the clusters to access programs such as Courseware; however, our goal is to provide this through ResNet by August 1998," says Rapagnani.

"It is disappointing that the cluster software will not be available immediately," commented Matzzie. "However, it will be worth the wait."

With this unlimited ability to tap into the Internet comes an expected level of responsibility, which is outlined in the "Responsible Use Policy." The Office of Information Technologies has been working to adapt the current Computer Usage Policy to create "a non-restrictive policy designed not to scare students, but to reaffirm the need to use this resource wisely," clarifies Rapagnani. The guidelines will appear in duLac, as well as the faculty handbook, to ensure

that people recognize that they will be held accountable for any abuse of the ResNet privilege.

In theory, this rapid connection will be free to Notre Dame students; the only real expenditure involves upgrading some computers that may not currently be "Ethernet-ready," according to Rapagnani. "Many of the newer models have the Ethernet card already installed, but those lacking the card will need to purchase one in order to use ResNet." He asserts that the computer store will offer advice and assistance should students seek an upgrade or question the capabilities of their current machine.

Both Sexton and Rapagnani maintain that they understand the necessity to keep parents, faculty, and students informed of the new developments in ResNet. Sexton has been compiling the "Byteline", an information packet containing the specifics of the network, as well as articles explaining which computer models are Ethernet-ready. Advice is also offered as to the best procedure should students or parents wish to invest in an Ethernet card. "Communication is absolutely vital," affirms Sexton, adding, "We do not want anyone entering into this blindly. We're here to help and make this as easy as possible." The Byteline will be published in May and promptly mailed to both students and parents.

"We're making real progress in our attempt to generate an environment in which we incorporate more and more technological advances into everyday life," states Rapagnani. "As society continues its evolution towards electronics, we will continue to increase the technology available to the student body."

A list will be printed in May citing the dorms that will be online by the beginning of the Fall 1996 semester.

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promising flat tax he would use to replace the income tax.

"If we had the flat tax in our (Republican) platform, we'd have just about as many members as the flat earth society," Alexander said.

For Dole, 72, Iowa represented the first step in his third bid for the GOP nomination, and nothing less than a win would do in a contest he won in 1988.

"I'm ready for the people to make a judgment," he said.

Iowa was a precursor to the year's first presidential primary, next Tuesday in New Hampshire, where polls show Dole in a dead heat with Forbes, the political newcomer whose non-stop television advertising has dominated the campaign environment this winter.

Beyond testing Dole's strength, Iowa's vote was the first balloting for Forbes after a \$20 million advertising barrage largely dedicated to attacking Dole. Forbes' standing slipped in recent polling, and he proclaimed a modest goal: "I hope to finish in the top four."

Gramm and Alexander were sorely in need of a top-three finish. But they faced stiff competition from Buchanan, who was gaining strength among Christian conservatives who could make up perhaps 40 percent of caucus attendees. Buchanan implored backers of long-shot candidate Alan Keyes not to cost him precious points.

Forbes campaigned as the outsider, stealing a march from Alexander, the former governor of Tennessee.

Also on the ballot were Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar, Illinois businessman Morry Taylor and California Rep. Bob Dornan.

Officially, the delegate hunt began last week in Louisiana, where Buchanan stunned Gramm and captured 13 of 21 delegates. Dole, Forbes and most other GOP hopefuls boycotted, preserving Iowa's traditional role as the first full-scale contest.

As such, Iowa was likely to rank the candidates for the hectic weeks ahead. And while all nine on Monday's ballot vowed to fight on, the Iowa results likely will be the beginning of the end for several.

Over the next six weeks, a grueling calendar forces the

candidates to compete in 32 states, and 70 percent of GOP delegates will be chosen by the time California holds its March 26 primary.

The Republicans hoping to replace Clinton campaigned right up to the dinner hour.

Polls showed Dole with a commanding lead but enthusiasm for his candidacy has been hard to come by, and he bused in hundreds of volunteers from other Midwest states to help get his supporters into gear. He stressed his affinity for farm country, and argued he was the only candidate with the leadership qualities and experience required in a president.

Forbes didn't have a ground operation to rival that of Gramm, Dole or Alexander. He was banking on support won through an unprecedented \$4 million Iowa TV ad campaign, and the strength of an anti-Washington message that condemned politicians and called for limiting their terms and cutting their pensions. Rivals said Forbes' flat tax would punish the middle class, and argued he wasn't qualified to be president in any event.

Gramm, for his part, was in serious trouble after promising a win in Louisiana. His loss sent his standing here tumbling, and the Texan already was lagging well back in New Hampshire. Gramm began the week saying he would quit the race if he fared worse than third, but later vowed to press on regardless.

Still, aides were mulling pulling scarce resources from New Hampshire and saving them for South Carolina, on the theory that Forbes might seriously wound Dole in New Hampshire but find tougher sledding in the South because of his more moderate social views.

Alexander drew enthusiastic crowds the final weekend and campaigned on the theme he was more prepared for the presidency than Forbes, had fresher ideas than Dole — and was running a more positive campaign than either of them. To stay in the race, he needed to prove a base of support.

For Buchanan, Iowa was a pleasant surprise.

He had low expectations here, but rushed from his win in Louisiana to tell Iowa's Christian conservatives he had proven Gramm too weak to beat Dole or Clinton. Late polling showed him gaining.

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interviews with student leaders and we feel this is what the student body is really asking for," said Miller. This ticket stressed the student body's awareness of such policies can lead to positive change where it is needed.

Along with a controversial proposal to look into the possibility of reducing graduation requirements, the Turbiak/Miller ticket proposed a variety of publicity ideas. In addition to the dining hall calendar, this team proposed a monthly insert in The Observer, to increase awareness on both the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame campuses.

"We believe that not only our platform encompasses all the qualities of the mission statement, but we, as Saint Mary's women, encompass all these qualities spiritually, academically and socially," said Turbiak.

Voting will take place today in the Saint Mary's dining hall from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Students must present their Saint Mary's ID to vote.

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qualified, maybe a little too serious but either ticket would do a great job."

Roderick/McShane also wished both candidates luck but expressed disappointment in the voter turnout. Only 3,831 students out of the 7,636 eligible voted.

The Glynn/Belton was unavailable for comment.

Students can vote in their dorms Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Off-campus students can vote in LaFortune during those same times.

Caucus

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the primaries.

One of those who finished in the lower portion of the draw was Indiana Senator Richard Lugar. "Of all the candidates, he may have the best credentials to be President," said Professor Arnold. There are several reasons why Lugar finished with only 4 percent of the vote. "He doesn't have the flat tax like Steve Forbes," said Arnold. Lugar has been unable to catch on because he has fewer demagogic skills and is a quiet, midwestern type of politician.

"Lugar has a sterling record as a farm policy leader. He is also one of the most distinguished Republican foreign policy makers in the Senate," said

Arnold.

He stands apart from the other Republicans as being a foreign policy candidate which is evidenced by his tenure on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Lugar has been running an overlooked campaign ever since he announced his candidacy on the same day as the Oklahoma City bombing, April 19, 1995. Ever since he has had trouble stepping into the spotlight.

Even though the primary elections are just beginning, Dole's victory and Buchanan's strong showing will give them the momentum going into the next few weeks. Lamar Alexander fared well also, but all of the other candidates will need to make up ground in a hurry to have a chance to win the Republican nomination for President.

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NEW YORK

When motorists in the New York City area pay tolls to use bridges and tunnels, they're also subsidizing a multimillion-dollar art collection.

The Port Authority, which operates bridge and tunnel links between New York and New Jersey as well as the region's three big airports, owns more than 1,300 artworks, and most are kept far from public view, the Daily News reported today. The agency disputes that last assertion.

The collection, appraised at \$26.7 million for insurance purposes, includes works by such modern masters as Pablo Picasso and Alexander Calder, the News said. The collection's resale value is estimated at \$14.7 million.

To care for the works — a

38-page list of holdings — the government agency employs a curator paid more than \$40,000 a year, and consults an art committee with experts from the Whitney Museum in New York and the Newark Museum.

Many of the 1,320 paintings, sculptures, tapestries and other treasures grace the offices of agency officials or employees, or they're in storage, records show.

Tapestries valued at \$91,000 adorn a hallway and reception area of the PA's executive offices in the World Trade Center, the News said. And a foyer leading to the suite showcases two Calder mobiles appraised at about \$23,000 and \$15,000.

Port Authority Chairman Lew Eisenberg disputed that the artworks are hidden away in executive offices.

Peace Prize nominees named

By DOUG MELLGREN
Associated Press

OSLO, Norway

President Clinton and his peace emissary for Bosnia, Richard Holbrooke, are among 103 people and organizations so far nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

Imprisoned Chinese dissident and human rights activist Wei Jingsheng received multiple nominations.

In keeping with the prize committee's tradition of secrecy, the non-voting secretary, Geir Lundestad, refused comment Monday on the names of candidates.

He would say only that 82 individuals and 21 organizations had been nominated as of Monday, but proposals post-marked by the Jan. 31 nomination deadline were continuing to arrive in Oslo and still could be included.

The Oslo-based Norwegian Nobel Committee never dis-

closes the names of candidates, partly to protect those struggling against oppressive regimes.

However, names of some candidates become public, usually because those making the nominations announce them.

This year, known candidates include Clinton and Holbrooke, a U.S. assistant secretary of state, for their efforts to bring peace to Bosnia. Former President Jimmy Carter, who has been nominated several years running for his worldwide peace efforts, was nominated again this year.

The 1995 Peace Prize winner, anti-nuclear activist Joseph Rotblat, suggested Mordechai Vanunu, an Israeli nuclear technician imprisoned since 1986 for revealing secrets about the country's atomic weapons.

Other known nominees for the 1996 prize are: Russian human rights activist Sergei Kovalyov; the Russian anti-war

group Soldiers' Mothers; Kurdish Parliamentarian Leyla Zana, who is jailed in Turkey; East Timor's Catholic Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo; and Bishop Samuel Ruiz of Mexico.

Others include Ibrahim Rugova, president of the troubled Kosovo region of Serbia; Hermod Lannu, a 100-year-old Dane nominated for his lifelong efforts to promote international solidarity; and Maha Ghosananda, a Buddhist monk, for his efforts to bring peace to Cambodia.

The five-member committee will have its first meeting on Feb. 28 to begin the process of picking a winner, to be announced in mid-October.

Lundestad said this year's cash award would be about \$1 million.

The prize is always presented in Oslo on Dec. 10, the anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel, a Swede who invented dynamite and endowed the prize in his 1895 will.

Compton struggles to survive

By DEBORAH HASTINGS
Associated Press

COMPTON, Calif.

Just south of downtown Los Angeles, smack against Watts, lies the oldest city west of the Mississippi governed by a black majority. It's also the birthplace of gangsta rap, which hints at the city's troubles.

Political corruption is seemingly endemic, the school system ranks dead last in the state, racial tension is rife, and crime is no stranger in the streets.

Yet, it hasn't always been that way and many people hold out hope for the future. Families live here for generations, believing that land is everything and leaving means surrendering.

"Compton still looks the same as it did when I came here in 1971," says Peter Bozanich, the deputy district attorney in charge of Compton's graffiti-marred courthouse.

"You get the feeling of being in the Bronx or something. A backwater. The people, a lot of the people, are just nice families, trying to live a good life."

But life in Compton can be cheap. "People killing each other over a small-time card game," Bozanich says.

Crime born of poverty and despair. People stealing things like manhole covers.

"It's worth 200 bucks for the metal," Bozanich says.

Compton is the home of gangsta rap's biggest stars, Dr. Dre and the late Eazy-E.

Suge (pronounced "Shug") Knight, the head of the pre-eminent rap label Death Row Records, whose artists include Snoop Doggy Dogg and Tupac Shakur, has a home here.

"That's where I get my energy," Knight has been quoted as saying. "Compton's like the ocean. It's real pretty, but any

time something can happen. Somebody getting eaten. Somebody fighting. Something's always going on."

Some of Compton's racial problems stem from the fact that half of its 97,000 citizens are black and at least 42 percent are Hispanic. But no Hispanics serve on the City Council and many feel the city's black power base discriminates against them.


Compton's history of political corruption was underscored with the December bribery and tax evasion convictions of former mayor Walter Tucker III, who was forced to resign his freshman seat in Congress.

The city's school test scores rank at the very bottom in California. The school district was so mismanaged and heavily in debt that the state took it over in 1993.

At least one school board member has filed a federal lawsuit seeking to regain control of the district from the state.

Compton has one of California's highest crime rates. In 1994, the most recent figures available from the U.S. Justice Department, there were 81 murders, nearly double the homicides in nearby Inglewood. In San Francisco, a city whose population is seven times larger than Compton's.

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ITALY

Fast driving and fog cause highway disaster

By BRIAN MURPHY
Associated Press

ROME
Notoriously fast drivers and sudden fog: It's a recipe for disaster on Italian highways.

In the latest epic pile-up, at least 11 people were killed Monday when 300 cars smashed in a chain-reaction that left twisted metal and gasoline-fed flames across a main highway in northern Italy. Hundreds of people were hurt, some seriously.

The rush-hour carnage was one of the bloodiest episodes in Italy's history of fog-related highway disasters — most occurring in winter when fog banks roll in thick and quickly.

"Italians tend to drive fast and should be aware of the extreme danger of fog," said Roberto Miceli, a spokesman for the Automobile Club of Italy in Rome. "It's one of our worst killers."

Signs warning of fog danger are common and special reflectors line roads in many fog-prone areas.

But they mean nothing unless drivers heed recommendations to slow down when fog is likely, said Miceli. The speed limit of 80 mph is widely ignored and sporadically enforced.

The site of Monday's crash — the A-4 highway — was a graveyard of mangled metal, charred hulks and shattered glass.

Some vehicles were crushed like accordions. Jack-knifed tractor trailers were wedged together and cars were perched on guardrails.

The highway, the main route between Milan and Trieste, cuts through rolling hills near Soave, a wine producing area 12 miles east of Verona where the crash occurred.

Some vehicles went up in flames, blistering off paint and coloring the fog with an orange glow.

Rescuers used metal cutters and blow torches to reach victims.

The fog started to roll in at 8 a.m. — a peak travel time. Fog often forces cancellations of



plane trips in winter, adding even more cars to roadways between major cities.

Traffic was snarled up to nine miles in both directions Monday. The highway was not expected to be fully open until early Tuesday.

Low visibility caused problems for pilots of rescue helicopters. At least 50 ambulances carried victims to hospitals.

The death toll could surpass the worst fog-related highway disaster in Italy: Feb. 20, 1989, when 13 people died in a series of crashes in Emilia Romagna in northeastern Italy.

At least one politician said the accident points out the need for more safety measures.

"Fog is a meteorological phenomenon that is predictable and not sporadic along Italian highways," said Paolo Galletti of the Greens party.

Other nations in Europe face similar fog hazards.

Ten people were killed in the Paris suburb of Melun in November in a series of crashes during a foggy night. Fog is also particularly dense at times along the main A-1 highway from Paris to the Belgian border.

PERSIAN GULF

Sheiks try to maintain power

By MARTIN MARRIS
Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain
Five years after the Gulf War, the kings and sheiks who once held absolute power in the wealthy nations of this oil-rich region are having trouble maintaining their tight grip.

Governments across the region are facing challenges from dissidents agitating either for more democracy or for a return to stricter Islamic austerity.

The king of Saudi Arabia, sidelined by a stroke, surrendered power to his half-brother last month.

Qatar's leadership changed hands last year in a bloodless palace coup.

With a bombing Sunday, add Bahrain to the list.

No government in the Gulf appears in imminent danger of collapse, but the recent rumblings have left the region unsettled.

In the latest disturbance, a bomb injured four people and wrecked the lobby of Bahrain's plush Diplomat Hotel on Sunday night, the second blast at a luxury hotel in less than a month.

The bombing capped weeks of anti-government protests in the tiny island state, a key center for the U.S. Navy.

Sporadic unrest began in December 1994, sending shivers through the country's local population — and its indispensable foreign workers.

"People have stopped venturing into the market" because of the unrest, said D'Souza, an Indian storekeeper in Manama's picturesque bazaar who — like many people in Bahrain — would give only his last name to a reporter.

Others were less worried. "I think most people are aware of what region they are

living in," said Michael Langton, the American director of the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance. "The Middle East is a volatile place, and people know that when they come here."

The anti-government violence began after Shiite Muslim opposition leaders began calling for the release of political prisoners, better job opportunities and a restoration of parliament, which was dissolved 20 years ago.

The government accuses Iran, a mostly Shiite country, of orchestrating the unrest. The Bahraini leadership has responded by cracking down, arresting prominent Shiite preachers and hundreds of other people.

While the streets of downtown Manama are dominated by gleaming tower blocks that house international banks, the picture is different in the Shiite Muslim villages, the heartland of the unrest.

People live in simple concrete or mud-lined houses. Slogans spray-painted on walls denounce the ruling Al Khalifa dynasty — but are quickly painted over by police.

Bahrain, the first Gulf nation to strike oil in the 1930s, will also be the first to run out of the black gold. Output is down to a trickle and the spigots will be dry by around the year 2000.

The nation of 500,000 has turned to banking, services and subsidies from Saudi Arabia, which is connected to Bahrain by a causeway.

The Saudi kingdom has its own worries these days.

A car-bombing at a joint American-Saudi military headquarters in the capital, Riyadh, killed five Americans and two Indians on Nov. 13.

Authorities have yet to determine who is responsible, but suspicion has focused on Saudi dissidents seeking to drive American forces out of the kingdom.

Some 20,000 American soldiers, sailors and airmen are stationed in the region, a legacy of the Gulf War and the American commitment to keep oil flowing freely to the industrialized West.

The conservative Gulf leaders see the Americans as a shield against radical regimes in Iran and Iraq, but some citizens oppose any U.S. presence in Arab lands.

King Fahd, part of the dynasty that has ruled Saudi Arabia since it was established in 1932, fell ill with a reported stroke in November and temporarily handed over the reins of government to his half-brother, Abdullah, on Jan. 1. Fahd may resume his duties if he recovers, but he's in his 70s and has a history of health problems.



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FRANCE

Bishops argue condoms needed to prevent AIDS

By EDUARDO CUE
Associated Press

PARIS
Contradicting Vatican doctrine against artificial birth control, the French Bishops Conference said Monday that the use of condoms is necessary to prevent AIDS from spreading.

Pope John Paul II has insisted that abstinence outside marriage and fidelity within marriage are the only legitimate weapons against the sexual transmission of AIDS.

The Vatican had no immediate comment on what apparently is the first time a bishops' conference has contradicted the pope's teachings on the subject.

"Many competent doctors affirm that a condom of good quality is currently the only method of prevention. In that respect, it is necessary," the bishops' conference said in "AIDS: Society in Question," a 235-page report.

"Those responsible for public

health, legitimately worried about the spread of AIDS and the cost of treating it, support the use (of condoms)," the report said.

"The church, suspected of being totally opposed to their use, sees itself accused of working in favor of death."

The report was written by the conference's social committee. A spokesman for the conference said the report reflects the official policy of the French Catholic Church.

Marc Gentilini, the president of a committee of Catholic French doctors, said the church "cannot be against the use of condoms, a method that prevents the transmission of death."

Even in his travels in Africa, where AIDS is rampant in many countries and wives are commonly infected by unfaithful husbands, the pope has refused to ease the church's prohibition on the use of condoms.

The condom ban is part of the overall church ban on artificial birth control.

GUINEA

Mutiny shows support for Conte

By TINA SUSMAN
Associated Press

CONAKRY

When the president of this downtrodden nation addressed mutinous troops Feb. 4, the results weren't what one might have expected from a mob that had just been firing cannons at his palace.

Rather than finish the job, they roared support for President Lansana Conte, and as suddenly as the two-day mutiny began, it ended.

"It's almost abnormal how normal everything suddenly became," said Deborah Grieser, the acting public affairs officer at the U.S. Embassy, which remained open through the nights of Feb. 2-3 for employees too frightened to venture home through the riotous streets.

To an outsider, little seems normal in Guinea. Not the new color TVs in every shabby government office. Not the tanks in the streets. Not the vendors selling popcorn, peanuts, ice cream and even women's underwear on the grounds of Conte's ruined palace.

Perhaps most surprising is that Conte is still in power after the two-day army uprising, which killed dozens of people and left his palace a charred wreck. The president now works out of a military barracks nearby.

If anything, the mutiny appears to have strengthened Conte's image and harmed that of the army, which is seen as having sat back and allowed a few rebellious soldiers to run



AP/Carl Fox

businesses and hijacking cars, and shooting anyone who got in their way.

Conte, switching from his usual Muslim robes into his general's uniform for the occasion, emerged from the palace ruins early Feb. 4, promised the soldiers a pay raise, fired the defense minister they had accused of neglecting their needs and announced an amnesty for the rebels.

It was an oddly quiet ending to an odd uprising, but oddities aren't unusual here. From the start, Guinea, the first French colony to gain independence, has had a unique way of doing things.

While France's other West African colonies accepted Charles de Gaulle's offer in 1958 to remain in the colonial fold, Guinea's fiercely independent leader, Sekou Toure, declared his people preferred "freedom in poverty to prosperity in chains."

Poverty they got. France withdrew everything it had put into the rebellious colony, including telephone lines, military equipment, aid and capital.

Toure pursued radical policies modeled after the Soviet and Chinese communist systems he admired: Farms were nationalized, the government controlled every facet of life and mass arrests and torture were common.

About 2 million people fled into exile, most from the Fulani ethnic group that Toure accused of trying to overthrow his Malinko-dominated government.

wild over a pay dispute.

There's little argument the soldiers are underpaid — base pay for the 8,500-man army is about \$70 a month, compared to more than twice that for the best-paid civil servants in the country of 6.5 million.

"But how can you have sympathy for people who would do that?" said Ibrahim Diallo, who works at a car dealership, gesturing toward the remains of the Palace of Nations. "This was the palace of the people, not something to be trashed by our own soldiers."

The Chinese-built seaside complex, lavish by all accounts, came under fire about 9 a.m. on Feb. 2, when a few soldiers rolled tanks up to its green, wrought-iron gates and opened fire.

The uprising spread to include about 2,000 men, who repeatedly shelled the palace — with Conte inside — then rampaged through the city looting




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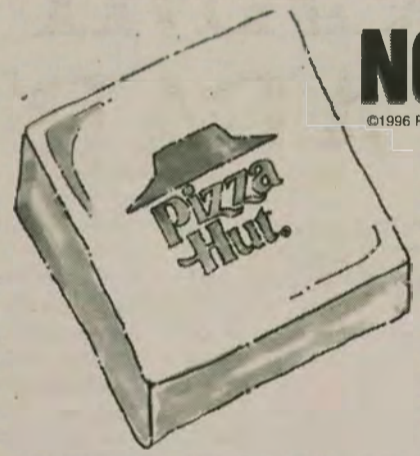
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Generating change

Dear Editor:

As we participated in the Play of the Mind Conference, January 25-28, we Saint Mary's students, faculty and alumni questioned different aspects of the quality of life on our campus. Many different issues were discussed; while our group focused on the diversity on campus. This discussion was meant to generate ideas to bring about change.

Our challenge became one of accepting ourselves as well as others. We should be proud of the race and the talents God has given us — they are gifts. We formulated these ten questions from our lengthy introspective discussion.

We are sharing them in order to begin the process of evaluating our prejudices, in hopes of replacing fear with understanding. We hope that you not only take the time to thoughtfully answer these questions, but also talk with others about their responses.

Questions about myself:

1. Do I know my prejudices?
2. Am I open to change/differences?
3. How do I respond to racial, sexual and/or religious jokes?
4. Will I accept a
 - lesbian/gay person
 - international student
 - person of another race
 - person of another religious background
 as a roommate, student in a class, or as a friend?
5. Am I open to inter-racial relationships? (My own relationships, those of my roommate, those of my friends or other family members)
6. What do I do to make people feel that they can't share what is most important to them? (Sexual preferences, family problems, racial problems)
7. What does it take for me to perceive that a multi-cultural event includes me?
8. How do I show support for these events?
9. Do I know my own heritage and do I share it with others?
10. How diverse do I want Saint Mary's and Notre Dame to be?

These questions are not just applicable to the Saint Mary's/Notre Dame community, but also to our communities, our states, our nations, the world.

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Debunking the feminist myth

Dear Editor:

In her pertinent Inside Column decrying, among other things, the implications of Barbie's physical appearance (Jan. 29), Laura Smith makes a crucial observation about the current state of feminism in our society. Summarizing her argument, Smith postulates, "It just might be possible that if Barbie were created by a woman, even a woman who called herself a feminist, she would still have long blonde hair, big blue eyes, huge breasts and a tiny waist."

While I disagree that a woman creating Barbie would call herself a feminist (in light of her job, to do so would constitute a blatant contradiction), Smith goes on to outline a sad but valid point: Women are oftentimes as much to blame as "male chauvinist pigs" for fashioning unrealistic, usually sickening, versions of femininity. The female editors of Glamour and Teen, as Smith notes, serve as effective examples.

Feminism is a way of perceiving and interacting in the world that aims to combat the demeaning images as well as "misplaced norms and values" that continue to haunt women. Many of my peers at Notre Dame shrink back in virtual horror when asked if they are feminists. They are quick to answer in the negative, as if feminism is the plague. I believe that this seeming ignorance about feminism stems from the stereotype which tragically remains pervasive in our society. In other words, feminists are supposedly homosexual, anti-family, bra-burning, non-shaving rebels.

Using my own life as a reference, I can attest that his image paints a harshly unrepresentative picture of feminists and the ideologies to which we subscribe. Such negative depictions are grounded only in fear, so I would like to set forth my view of feminism to eradicate the mysteries which unnecessarily persist. While there exists no universal or specific definition of feminism (as it differs for ever person, depending on factors as race, class, nationality, and background), I believe that it embodies three basic components.

The first is possession of a healthy self-esteem. This term is self-explanatory; it simply encompasses feeling confident about oneself and one's abilities as a woman. It includes eating right, exercising, annihilating destructive bodily practice), participating in whatever makes you achieve your potential as a human being, and not putting yourself down.

The second component is utilizing—both literally and figuratively—one's voice as a woman by standing up for one's beliefs. By failing to do so, a woman compromises herself and allows others to repress her mentally, intellectually, or spiritually. Utilizing one's voice may be as simple as vocalizing your support for the Women's Resource Center, reporting sexual harassment to the appropriate officials, or explaining to a peer why the recent internet message entitled "Seventy-five reasons why a woman should shut up" is wrong.

The last component of feminism requires taking a proactive stance against the injustice, sexism, and patriarchy that continues to exist in our country. This aspect, like using one's voice, encompasses the "little things" that a woman (or man, for that matter) can do to make a big difference. This might entail taking feminist theory classes to learn about guiding philosophies, joining Student Advocates for Inclusive Ministry, learning self-defense, supporting female friends studying to be engineers, supporting female friends studying to be anything, refusing to listen to blonde jokes, and writing letters of admonition to the female editors of degrading magazines (or better yet, refusing to buy them).

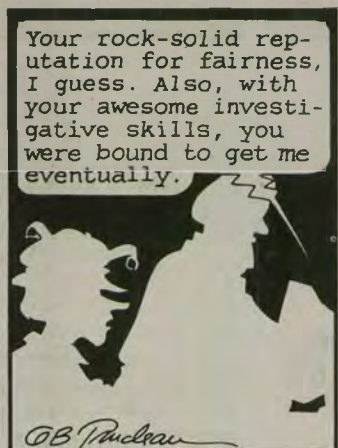
This notion of feminism does not mandate that you become a lesbian, relinquish your desire to marry and bear children, or even stop shaving your legs. If anything, I believe that his standpoint remains realistic, pragmatic, and highly effective as a catalyst for improving the status of women both on campus and in the "real world."

As Smith challenges at the end of her column, I, too, would love to "show America that a woman can create a better, more positive image of femininity than the creator of Barbie." But the first step begins with us right here at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. We can no longer be afraid to term ourselves as feminists or stand up for what we hold to be moral, right, and even—gasp!—politically correct. If we graduate from college unaware of our rights, strengths, and voices as women, we will, in essence, become the ignorant editors and Barbie-manufacturers of the world. I have a hard time calling these individuals "sisters."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When we lose the right to be different, we lose the privilege to be free."

—Charles Evans Hughes

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Critic writes negative review of Revue

Dear Editor:

I've been told I have a pretty good sense of humor, and I've never been accused of being politically correct. In years past, whenever whining letters to the editor about the Keenan Revue appeared in *The Observer*, I have thought to myself "Lighten up," and vindictively smeared ketchup and salad dressing all over the page, making a highly-caloric non-recyclable mess.

But, at the risk of having my own words coated with foul-tasting dining hall condiments, I have to express my disappointment at this year's revue. Some of the skits were highly amusing and entertaining, but others crossed the line between humor and poor taste.

Having supported the revue for four years, I don't ever remember being subjected to such a barrage of crude and insulting jokes specifically aimed at overweight and homosexual students. We vilify the administration for the lack of support they give to the homosexual community, but then hundreds of us congregate to laugh and cheer for three and a half hours as the men of Keenan repeatedly question and attack the masculinity of gay students.

Statistics suggest there are gay and lesbian students living in every single dorm on campus, including Keenan Hall. It is sad to think these men are forced to participate in the devaluing of a group they themselves may belong to.

Additionally, the endless references to women's weight and appearance insecurities weren't even remotely entertaining. A 1988 University Counseling Center survey of our female undergraduate students found that more than one in five Notre Dame women

have a serious eating problem. Many students starve themselves, throw up, and exercise compulsively because they believe they are "too fat."

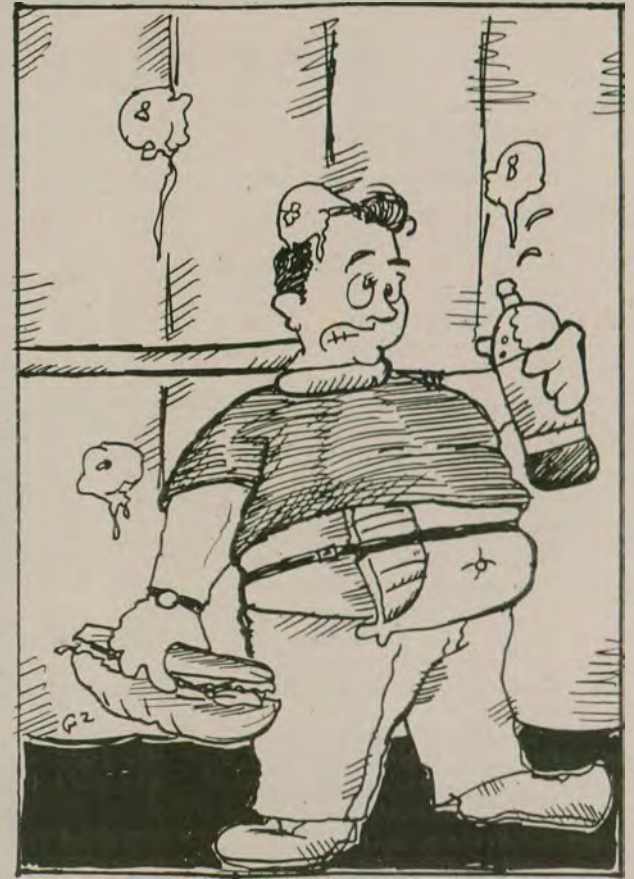
While the type of insensitivity displayed by some of the men of Keenan will not cause eating problems, it certainly creates an atmosphere in which weight becomes important and closely tied to woman's self-esteem. It's kind of ironic that the Revue directly preceded "Eating Disorders Awareness" and "Straight Talk About Being Gay" presentations all this week.

Students who are struggling with these issues and actively working to make Notre Dame a more supportive environment for dealing with these problems find their efforts undermined by events like the Revue, which minimize the seriousness of their concerns.

Finally, the lack of sensitivity the Keenan men displayed towards women's issues is probably the best argument against coed dorms yet offered to the administration. If this school ever hopes to achieve coresidentiality, we need to convince the university we are responsible, sensitive, and tolerant of difference. Events like the Keenan Revue frustrate our efforts in these areas.

Come on Keenan, there are a lot of traditions, policies, and anomalies unique to Notre Dame to make fun of on this campus without resorting to cruel highly personal attacks of one's individual characteristics or qualities. I appreciate your efforts to bring laughter to the Notre Dame campus, but this year a lot of us just weren't laughing.

CHRIS LENKO
Senior
Pasquerilla East



Notre Dame's No. 1 Fan rallies for student spirit

Dear Editor:

Yes, I am back once again, "Notre Dame's #1 Fan." For those of you who wonder, "back again?" I wrote a letter last October to you, the student body, for not backing your team, your classmates, and last but not least, your friends during the games of the 1995 football season. You were very lukewarm and not at all like the 12th man by cheering and getting excited along with: "THE SPIRIT OF THE NOTRE DAME FIGHTIN' IRISH!"

With the basketball season and our first year in the Big East about two-thirds over, you, the student body, have not come anywhere close to "shaking down the thunder." As I said before, I am not being a judge. I am just describing the way I see and hear it. Instead of yelling swear words at different opponent players and cut-

ting them down, it would be nice to turn that around by cheering more for your own players and team!!! I record the games and recently when I was watching the replay I even heard the announcers say, "Boy, the Notre Dame student body isn't into the game, with their Irish playing with outstanding intensity."

That really bothers me for you, students, because I love this university. You students need to get off your duffs and show this team, your team, that you are behind them all the way.

This has been a rough year but a growing one, being in the Big East and only four of the eleven Big East games being home. This team deserves your full support and they are not getting it! Five of the seven remaining games are home and they are all Big East games.

I have faith this team can come close to ending with an even record. I would not come to the games if I had FAITH in just one or two of the players, but I have FAITH in each and every member of the team. They are not going to quit because they are a team. The members of your team could very easily say we are not going anywhere and just go through the motions, but they are the Fightin' Irish.

They need you and your support. So, not only come to the games but let them hear you and show your FIGHTIN' IRISH SPIRIT not only to your team but also show these Big East teams just what kind of spirit we have here at Notre Dame!

KEITH PENROD
"Notre Dame's #1 Fan"

A moral media: Choosing print over practice

Dear Editor:

In the near past, Notre Dame has been criticized for forsaking its Catholic soul in search of secular recognition as an institution of research. Indeed, it is difficult not to notice the claims to serve two of the most preeminent Roman Catholic institutions of higher learning in the nation.

Specifically, I am referring to the utter lack of attention paid to the most significant event organized this year for the purpose of ending the evil of abortion, this year's annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

In spite of the fact that the practice of killing unborn children is with out a doubt the greatest evil facing our country today, and a practice on which the Catholic position is clear and unwavering, this newspaper failed to itself author even a single word concerning the March for Life on January 22.

Rather, the only effort (if one can call it such) it made was to insert a very brief and slanted column borrowed from the Associated Press. This "report" vaguely referred to a "rare late-term...specific abortion procedure"

which Congress hopes to ban.

It is important to note at this point that the anonymous "rare procedure" Congress is attempting to ban is more popularly known as partial-birth abortions. In this procedure, labor is induced, and the entire body of the very much alive and fully-developed baby is delivered, leaving only the head still inside the mother.

At this point, a needle is inserted at the base of the child's skull through which its brains are suctioned out, allowing the "doctor" to collapse the baby's skull and finish the delivery.

Over 600 of these procedures are performed each year. I suppose that one might consider 600 "rare" when contrasted with the over 4,000 other abortions performed each and every day in this country, but I personally have a difficult time seeing it that way. President Clinton vows to veto any bill limiting the availability of this procedure.

The article concluded with a patriotic quote from the president of the National League and Reproductive Rights Action League. The day after the March, no mention was made of the turnout, of its

success, nor of the committed Notre Dame students in attendance.

Indeed, no mention of it was made at all. Yet somehow there was room for a piece consuming nearly half a page by Kara Pavlik entitled "Seek Guidance Via the Psychic Hotline," and of course for Jeanne Dixon's "Your Horoscope."

Pope John Paul II stated in evangelium Vitae: "An important and serious responsibility belongs to those involved in the mass media, who are called to ensure that the messages which they so effectively transmit will support the culture of life."

I am sickened by the shameful irresponsibility of this newspaper which claims to "serve" Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. With a popular media dominated by liberal thought, we must realize that for a true marketplace of ideas to exist, Catholic institutions such as Notre Dame and Saint Mary's must speak with a single voice and refuse to allow themselves to be lowered into the muddle and drowned in the culture of death.

I would like to make one thing clear: There is no such thing as a Catholic who supports giving a mother the choice to

have an abortion. Anyone who claims to be such a person is either a fraud or is intellectually dishonest, utterly failing to comprehend the fundamental basis of the Catholic faith. As expressed by Bernard Cardinal Law this past Monday in Washington, D.C., the Church herself teaches as much.

While these are admittedly strong words, they certainly are far from extreme or scandalous. It is little different than candidly pointing out to someone who does not believe in the free market that they are not really a capitalist, no matter how much they insist on bearing the title.

In the future, *The Observer* should truly take some responsibility in serving its readership, the majority of whom chose to attend a Catholic university to be educated and supported in a Catholic atmosphere, not to be assaulted by articles of trivial nonsense at odds with the teachings of their faith.

STEVEN HIEATT
3rd Year Law Student

STUDENT STARS OF THE SOPH

Alex MacLeod

By LYNSEY MILLER
Accent Writer

Alex MacLeod, a graduate student in English and Creative Writing, brings much with him to the program. His short story "To Drown Beyond the Sea" recently won second prize in the National Books in Canada/Canadian Writer's Union Short Prose Competition. MacLeod creates through short stories, which, because of their condensed form, allow no room for wasted words. Since "everything matters in the short story," he devotes excessive amounts of time and consideration to each story, constantly working and revising until he feels satisfied with the piece. Although this process can become frustrating he finds reward in being able to see his works continually improving. This, coupled with the reactions of external sources, gives him the energy and inspiration to continue writing.

Drawn to Notre Dame's graduate program because of its high-powered Literature and Creative Writing courses, Alex is also currently teaching here. He takes this responsibility seriously and is discovering that teaching is also helping him shape and develop his own ideas.

A native of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Alex stresses the importance of reading literature outside of one's own culture. He believes the Sophomore Literary Festival is an important tradition and a rare and valuable opportunity for students to experience diverse literature and to be able to attach the stories to a real person. He is excited about the Festival's performers and hopes students take advantage of this year's impressive collection of talent. In listening to Alex, one cannot help but catch some of his enthusiasm.



Rachel Wacker

By KELLY FITZPATRICK
Accent Writer

Rachel Wacker hails from the Twin Cities of Minnesota, and currently resides in Siegfried Hall. The Sophomore Literary Festival will be the first time that Wacker will perform her own work for an audience. She views the spoken word as an art and feels being able to perform her own work on Student Reading Night is a wonderful opportunity. "I've been writing for a while now, and I've always felt like I wanted to share my work with an audience," Wacker says.

Although Wacker says that she is "too young to really have a writing style," she says that her work reflects her experiences in the world. She writes primarily about nature and her travel experiences, particularly her trips to Jamaica and East Africa. Her work has also been influenced by the writings of Yeats and Wordsworth.

Wacker says that she has a passion for life and a desire to convey that passion through writing. "I get really excited about observations that I make about the world," she says. Her belief that poetry should be spoken out loud in lieu of just being read shows her desire to share her emotions and observations with others.

After college, Wacker hopes to continue traveling and eventually teach high school children overseas. According to Wacker, these students do not have as many opportunities to develop their talents, and she would like to expose them to new and different experiences. Wacker would like to encourage underprivileged students to look beyond simply going to trade school. She says she would like to teach them about literature and "watch their minds open up."

Wacker plans to enter the College of Arts and Letters next year.



David Griffith

By BRIAN MOLINARO
Accent Writer

David Griffith, a sophomore in Fisher Hall, first became interested in writing when he started working for his school newspaper. However, after taking a creative writing course here at Notre Dame, Griffith has turned from his journalistic mindset to that of a person who wants to create new stories instead of merely reporting the ones around him.

He attributes his love to create to a syndicated columnist, Dave Barry. Barry focuses on situations he sees around him in everyday life and stretches his imagination to create a world full of humor where ordinary events spin out of control. Griffith's style is similar.



"I like to look at the lives of the people around me," says Griffith, "and expand on them. I put my own personal thoughts and feelings into them."

Griffith, who grew up in Decatur, Illinois, sees his writing as therapeutic. "I can alleviate pressure that can normally build up through my writing," he explains. He says

that ideas pile up in his head as he looks at the world around him, and that his writing is a vehicle to express them. Griffith expands on his view of his environment and shifts them so that other people can see his humorous view of life.

Griffith seems to continue to use the journalist in him through training his attentive eye on the world. However, he now puts his own twist on what he observes by giving it his personal touch, trying to convey what other people don't see. His writing allows other people to see what it would be like to live in "Dave's World."

Kathleen
McManus

By LYNSEY MILLER
Accent Writer

Kathleen McManus' earliest memory of poetry takes her back to her childhood, sitting on the living room floor listening to her grandmother's oral poems.

What struck her most was the energy the words could create. This image has stayed with her and helped her own poetry grow into something "alive" itself. She focuses on the power and energy of language: "Each word is alive. When you put strings of words and lines together, the poem becomes a beating and breathing entity." The poem takes on its own force with a unique internal rhythm that the reader cannot only hear, but also feel.

McManus, now a senior, has begun sharing her work with the campus this year. She has been especially involved with the Women's Resource Center and participated in this year's Annual Women's Speak-Out, celebrating women in the arts. She is very interested in people and their individual quirks. "I believe everyone has different degrees of madness. Some people call it passion, desire, insanity. I think it's what makes us unique." Because of these differences, she feels that people, too, each have their own internal rhythm and, therefore, an inherent connection to poetry.

After Kathleen graduates, she expects to take a year off to travel and write before attending graduate school for Literature and Creative Writing. With hopes of teaching in the future, she continues to write and meet people, observing and enjoying any signs of madness.



Luisa Heredia

By BRIAN MOLINARO
Accent Writer

Luisa Heredia, from Pamplona, is a freshman in Howarth Hall.

Heredia's style of writing, she tries to express her beliefs (pronounced "chee-con-o") clearly. "I want to let people know the politics that surround it," she says, "and since the summer after when I attended conferences, I've been able to express my personal beliefs."

Heredia's biggest influence is the epic poem "I Joquin," which is about the history of the oppressed and the oppressor.

However, Heredia does not attribute all of her influence to Gonzalez; her parents also serve as a great inspiration. They have instilled her with a strength to express her political views, but also with a strong sense of respect for traditions.

Heredia sees writing as her way to make people aware of the politics concerning her culture. She feels that her views might be overlooked if she just lives by them, and that her writing brings them to the forefront. Heredia's goal is to listen to or read her work to lose themselves in her messages she is trying to convey.

Heredia is a talented student and her beliefs, working through her writing.

SOPHOMORE LITERARY FESTIVAL

Jessica Maich

By JOE HENDERSON
Accent Writer



Poet Jessica Maich is a resident of South Bend and a graduate student in creative writing at the university. Maich has loved reading and poetry since elementary school and was the founder of a neighborhood newspaper. She is now married and has three children, and has just recently returned to Notre Dame to do graduate work in writing. Maich was inspired to return to her writing about four years ago by a poem by Mary Jo Salter she found at a bookstore. She said that it is difficult balancing family life and student life, but that she is happy to be in a place where writing is supported and is very grateful to be in the program.

Maich calls her poetry "one person's voice, one person's experiences." She says that sometimes "there is a value in just hearing many people's experiences." Maich does not consciously choose the subjects of her poems, but lets herself be surprised and pleased by them. Of her poems, the one she loves most is always the one she is working on at the present.

She plans to continue writing in the future and says that since she has started writing again she can't stop. Some of her inspirations have been Sonia Gernes, John Matthias, Valerie Sayers, William Faulkner, and Mary Jo Salter.

Two of the poems she will be reading are "I Want and I Want," and "Chinese Carry-out." She is reading at the Sophomore Literary Festival for the second time, but she has attended the festival for the last twelve years and calls it a bright spot in February and an incredible offering to the community, always well worth the effort it takes to attend. She is honored and excited to be a part of it.

■ MEDICAL MINUTE

The ups and downs of motion sickness

By LIZA NYKIEL
Medical Minute Correspondent

Can't you just see it now... It's spring break, and you're boarding the cruise liner that's going to bring you over to the tropical island you're going to be spending the next week relaxing and soaking up the warm rays of the sun. With the morning sea air at your back, you stand on the deck of the boat as it pushes off into the clear, cool, refreshing, yet slightly rocky waters of the Atlantic, excited for what the week will bring. Then the cruise liner starts rocking, and you wonder how a boat this big could actually rock. Then it starts bobbing and rocking. Then it starts dipping and bobbing and rocking. Then it's rising and dipping and bobbing and rocking. You get the idea. Next thing you know, your stomach is rising and dipping and bobbing and rocking, and you are looking quite green. Motion sickness. It can get the best of most of us.

The French call it *mal de mer* and even the most seasoned travelers can suffer from it. In the air, it's airsickness. On land, it's car sickness. On Space Mountain, it's amusement park ride sickness. No matter what kind, it's all the same thing—that queasy, uneasy feeling that makes you wish you had stayed in South Bend. Motion sickness stems from imbalances in the inner ear, where various spatial assessments are constantly made and sent to the brain for interpretation. To help keep our bodies in balance, our sensory systems continually collect information about our surroundings. Motion sickness results when the brain receives the wrong information about the environment. It is when our balance system notes a discrepancy between what our inner ears sense and what our eyes sense that motion sickness can take hold, says Horst Konrad, M.D., chairman of the Committee on Equilibrium of the American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery. Not everyone gets motion sickness, but for those of us who do, it can be pure hell. Once those symptoms start, motion sickness can be very difficult to stop, especially if you've reached that point of no return... usually when nausea sets in.

Much investigation has gone into discovering how motion sickness can be prevented over the past thirty years. Dr. Patricia Cowings, director of the Psychophysiological Research Laboratory for NASA has been making people vomit, essentially, to explore this phenomenon. By using a chair which rotates as a person rotates their head, which throws off the inner ear's sense of balance, Dr. Cowings makes people sick, while monitoring their physiological responses. Once Dr. Cowings has identified a person's responses, usually the tensing of various muscles, increased heart and respiratory rate etc, she teaches them how to control these responses, leading to the elimination of the nausea in almost 80% of her subjects. The results of Dr. Cowings and other researchers are promising enough that an actual cure for motion sickness is on the horizon.

In the mean time, or at least so that the majority of us can make it through our travels this March, there are a number of home remedies that have been suggested over the years to help prevent or at least alleviate the symptoms that accompany this phenomenon. First of all, there are a number of things you can do prior to venturing off in a boat, plane, train or automobile that can help you. Be sure to get enough sleep, as your chance of getting motion sick increases with fatigue. Sleeping in that boat, plane, train or automobile helps too, as you eliminate the amount of time your brain is aware of its confusion in perceptions. Also be sure that you don't have large amounts of alcohol in your system when you start traveling. Too much alcohol can interfere with the way in which the brain handles the information about the environment and can set off motion sickness. Alcohol can also dissolve into the fluids of your inner ear, which really sends your head spinning. There are also a number of preventive medications that you can take before you think you're going to get sick, such as Dramamine or Bonine. One or two tablets last up to 24 hours, but be sure to take them in advance, as they can provide no relief once the symptoms start.

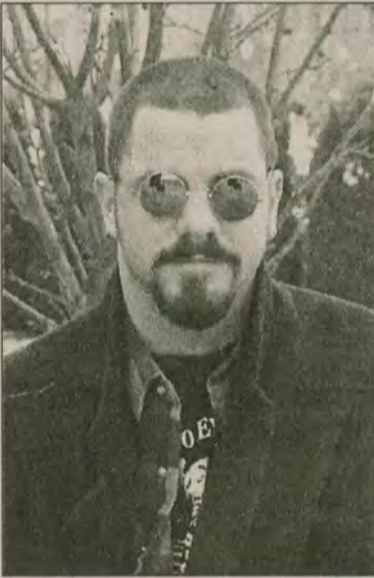
Once you're on the road, or air, or afloat, there are a number of things you can do. Get your nose out of the joint, as bad odors can contribute to nausea. If you're a smoker, don't think that lighting up is going to calm you down; it's only going to make things worse for you. Don't overindulge with food, as you're only giving the acids in your digestive system more to make you sick with. Because the early stages of motion sickness involves excessive salivation, which dribbles down into your stomach and makes you nauseous, age-old cures call for olives or lemons, which are going to dry your mouth out. To neutralize the excess acid that is sloshing around in your stomach, soda crackers can help. Above all, remember that time heals all wounds...your body will eventually adjust to the environment. So be patient. Things will get better.

Liza Nykiel is a senior biology major who got her inspiration for this column from the combined 96 hrs of traveling done on a train and a boat her sophomore year's spring break.

Douglas William Metz

By KELLY FITZPATRICK
Accent Writer

Douglas William Metz, senior and Morrissey resident, is a Communications and Theatre (Film Production) major from Linden, New Jersey.



Student Reading Night will not be the first time that Metz has read his work for an audience. He has read for the Acoustic Cafe and has been sponsored by "The Juggler" to perform his work. Metz has also publicly read his work in cafes in upstate New York as well as New York City.

Metz is looking forward to his second publishing as well; he has already had poetry published in an anthology, and a second of his poems was recently selected to appear in "Out of a Maze," an anthology that will be debuting in the near future.

Although Metz says that it is difficult to say that he really has a particular style of writing, his work reflects what he calls the "weird pattern" of his life. According to Metz, he primarily writes during the most troublesome times of his life. No matter how recent a difficult period has been, writing a poem about it is a "psychological catharsis" for Metz. His work provides Metz with the opportunity to truly put the incident behind him; "it's a way of saying that it's over and done with." His work has also been influenced by such writers as Jean Genet, Jack Kerouac, Arthur Rimbaud, and William S. Burroughs.

Metz began writing poetry at the age of nine, later beginning to write fiction. He currently is working on his second novel.

Metz says that he will be able to consider his participation in the Festival as the climax of his Notre Dame experience. Following graduation, Metz plans to continue writing and travel cross-country.

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■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Heisman winner George prepares for NFL draft

By HANK LOWENKRON
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

The NFL scouting combine is behind him and now Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George can think about selecting an agent to negotiate an NFL contract.

George was among the more than 330 NFL hopefuls who attended the NFL scouting combine that concluded here Monday.

Now it's time for the 30 NFL teams to begin intensive reviews of the material gathered in interviews and physical, agility and psychological tests conducted since the combine began Thursday.

"It's definitely a new experience," said George, a 6-foot-2, 220-pound tailback who led the nation with 24 touchdowns and

rushed for an Ohio State-record 1,826 yards as a senior. "It's stressful, but that's what you have to do."

George didn't run or do much physical work in the RCA Dome, a common trend among players who expect to be selected early when the April 20-21 draft begins.

He plans to conduct a full workout back in Columbus, Ohio on March 8 where he'll demonstrate the quickness, vision and cutting skills that had the Buckeyes undefeated and competing for the Rose Bowl and a national championship until losing to Michigan 31-23 in the final game of the regular season.

The senior tailback said he's been too busy to select an agent because of heavy demands on his time since he was presented with the Heisman after leading

the nation with 24 touchdowns and rushing for an Ohio State-record 1,826 yards as a senior.

"There really isn't any reason to rush and sign with an agent. Nothing happens about an NFL contract until you're picked in the draft and that's some six weeks away," he said. "I've been attending a lot of functions since the season ended, and an agent hasn't been a priority."

The banquet circuit is one reason he didn't do a full workout at the combine, George said.

"I haven't had the time to concentrate on my conditioning. I just want to do my best when the NFL evaluates me. I didn't want to do some things here, and some things some other place. I want to do a complete workout in Ohio," he said.

He did undergo extensive physical testing here, including a second trip to the hospital for a CAT scan on the shoulder he injured as a freshman with the Buckeyes.

"It went well," he said of the examinations by teams of doctors and trainers representing the 30 teams. "It's a long, tough process on your body. I feel like I played a game, carried the ball at least 25 times, the way they were yanking on my shoulders. Other than that, it was something you had to do. They got the job done, and I don't have to go through that again."

George, who had no problem learning to follow blockers and



Photo courtesy of Ohio State Sports Information
Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George impressed scouts at the NFL draft combine last week in Indianapolis

catching passes in college, said he's had to adjust since finishing 264 points ahead of runner-up Tommie Frazier of Nebraska in the Heisman voting.

"It's tough. A lot of your time is demanded on at banquets, and representing the university because you won a prestigious award," he said.

He says he doesn't know where he ranks in a group of backs that became deeper when 10 underclassmen declared for the draft. That group included Leland McElroy of Texas A&M, Nebraska's Lawrence Phillips, Michigan's Tim Biakabutuka and Karim Abdul-Jabbar of UCLA.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wallace's 18 sparks Syracuse past Rutgers

By JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. John Wallace scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in No. 16 Syracuse's uninspired 63-54 victory over Rutgers on Monday night.

The Orangemen (19-6, 9-5 Big East) certainly didn't look like the team that beat then-No. 8 Georgetown by 21 points two days earlier. The game was one of those where neither shot well, both turned the ball with little pressure and the better team prevailed because of a run everyone knew was coming.

Rutgers (6-15, 3-10) was somehow within 39-36 with 9:53 to play, but as it has so many times in its first season in the Big East, it allowed the big run to come.

Syracuse scored the game's next 11 points to take a 50-36 lead with 5:03 left. The Scarlet Knights missed six shots from the field and the front end of a 1-and-1 in the span and the closest they got the rest of the way was 55-48 with 1:41 left on a four-point play by Billy Gilligan.

Syracuse finished the game

shooting 39 percent (20-for-51), which looked pretty good next to Rutgers' 25 percent (19-for-75). Syracuse was 4-for-16 from 3-point range, while Rutgers was 6-for-26. Wallace was 8-for-11 from the field, the only starter from either team to shoot better than 50 percent.

The victory was the sixth in seven games for Syracuse, which moved within one-half game of No. 14 Georgetown for first place in the Big East 7.

The Scarlet Knights, who lost 81-80 at the Carrier Dome earlier in the season, lost for the seventh time in eight games and the 11th of their last 13.

Otis Hill added 11 points for the Orangemen, who made seven of eight free throws in the final 1:52.

Damon Santiago led the Scarlet Knights with 14 points and Gilligan and Rob Hodgson had 10 each. Johnny McCrimmon had 18 rebounds for Rutgers, which finished with a 54-43 advantage off the boards, 26-8 on the offensive end.

The game was originally scheduled for Jan. 7, but was postponed by the blizzard which struck the Northeast.

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Pirates sale imminent

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Major league owners are expected to end the Pittsburgh Pirates' 18-month search for a new buyer when they vote Tuesday on Kevin McClatchy's \$90 million buyout.

Ten of the 14 NL owners and eight of the 14 AL owners must ratify the sale. The approval became almost certain when the ownership committed headed by Chicago White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf unanimously recommended ratification.

McClatchy, a 33-year-old Sacramento, Calif., businessman who would become the majors' youngest owner, and

NL president Len Coleman are expected to attend a news conference in Pittsburgh following the vote.

The 109-year-old Pirates franchise was put up for sale by its current 10-member consortium of corporations and private businessmen in August 1994. McClatchy, who currently owns a minor league team, did not emerge as the frontrunner until baseball rejected cable TV franchise owner John Rigas' offer last June.

Among McClatchy's biggest backers are H.J. Heinz Co. president Anthony O'Reilly and beer distributor Frank Fuhrer.

■ NFL

Moon trial on the horizon

By TERRI LANGFORD
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Texas

Warren Moon heads to court Tuesday to face a spousal abuse charge pursued by prosecutors despite pleas from the quarterback's wife to drop the case.

The misdemeanor domestic violence case has taken several different turns in the seven months since Moon's panicked 7-year-old son Jeffrey placed a 911 call to police.

With trial set to begin before Fort Bend County Court-At-Law Judge Larry Wagenbach, it has become a test of wills between Moon, who has refused to enter a guilty plea, and prosecutors who have threatened to put his wife, Felicia, and son on the witness stand.

"I'm very confident that it's going to work out okay," Moon, looking relaxed, said Sunday while attending the NBA All-Star game in San Antonio.

Felicia Moon repeatedly has pleaded with Fort Bend County prosecutor John Healey to drop the misdemeanor assault charge, saying Healey is using his authority to take a private family matter public.

Healey refused to divulge how many times he has gone ahead with a domestic violence case despite a victim's refusal to press charges.

"I am not in the habit of going through our records and

computers to answer general questions," Healey said.

Moon has admitted that he "lost control" during an argument with Felicia Moon last July 18, but his lawyer says the Minnesota Vikings star he has rejected several plea offers.

"They want a trial. We're going to have a trial," lawyer Rusty Hardin said. "I just cannot live with somebody walking in and pleading guilty to something he's not guilty of."

The Moons and their four children have kept their primary residence in Missouri City in Fort Bend County, just south of Houston, ever since his days as a quarterback with Houston.

On the day of the attack, Felicia Moon — a former board member for a Fort Bend County women's shelter — told police

her husband struck her on the head with an open hand and choked her to the point of losing consciousness.

She broke free and fled in her car. Moon pursued in a chase that reportedly reached speeds of 100 mph. Felicia Moon said she evaded her husband and returned to their home, where police were waiting.

In the seven months of back-and-forth court filings, Felicia Moon has asked that the matter be dropped. She has said, in court papers, that she plans to invoke her Fifth Amendment rights if called to testify.

Prosecutors have said they intend to grant Felicia Moon immunity from prosecution, forcing her to testify. If she refuses, she could be jailed on a contempt charge.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Red-hot Hawkeyes attempt to end Crisler jinx

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR

The old Iowa Hawkeyes stomped Michigan two weeks ago in Iowa City. On Tuesday, a revamped — and rejuvenated — Hawkeye team will try to break a 14-game losing streak at Crisler Arena.

"We've changed, there's no question about that," coach Tom Davis said.

A three-game suspension for guard Chris Kingsbury, which expires after the Michigan contest, and Kenyon Murray's preference to come off the bench has given the 19th-ranked

Hawkeyes (17-6 overall, 6-5 Big Ten) a new look and a two-game winning streak.

They might be catching No. 23 Michigan (15-8, 5-5) at a good time, since the Wolverines have lost four of their last five games, including last Saturday's 69-64 setback to Purdue.

With Mon'ter Glasper subbing for Kingsbury and Ryan Bowen starting ahead of Murray, Iowa whipped Northwestern 88-77 last week and dismantled Indiana 76-50 on Sunday, the Hoosiers' most lopsided loss to Iowa since 1979.

Murray led Iowa with 16

points, grabbed eight rebounds and handed out six assists while Glasper added nine points and four assists. The 6-foot-2 guard also hauled down a career-high nine rebounds while nailing the Hawkeyes' only two 3-point shots in 19 tries.

"He knows the team needs him right now," Davis said of Glasper. "We need him more than what we've needed him before, and he's rising to the occasion."

Murray, who scored a season-high 17 points in a reserve role at Northwestern, also had four steals against Indiana to

become Iowa's career leader with 187.

"I think I'm playing well, but I know I can play a lot better," Murray said. "I feel like I'm opening up things for everybody else when I drive to the basket. I just have to keep working hard and try to take it to another level."

He will continue to do it off the bench, Davis said.

"I don't see where Kenyon would want to change," he said. "I don't think I'd change if I were Kenyon."

Iowa appears to be playing better defense and getting more people involved offensively

since Kingsbury, the school record-holder for 3-pointers, was given a three-game suspension for unsportsmanlike conduct against Penn State.

"We lost Chris, so we have to play together," Murray said. "We don't have that outside shot now. We have to concentrate more on getting the ball inside. We're just playing more as a team."

The Hawkeyes held Indiana's Brian Evans, the Big Ten's leading scorer at 23 points a game, to just 13 points, including no 3-pointers. Offensively, Russ Millard scored 15 points, Andre Woolridge 14 and Jess Settles 10.

Nothing has worked in Iowa's favor at Ann Arbor. The Hawkeyes' last win was a 75-58 decision in 1981, although last year they pushed the game into two overtimes before losing 83-82.

In their first meeting this season, Iowa held the Wolverines to 38.3 percent shooting and created 23 turnovers in a 70-61 victory. Woolridge matched his career-high with 28 points, in part because Louis Bullock picked up four first-half fouls.



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■ PGA

Aging Golden Bear's major streak to end

By RON SIRAK
Associated Press

NEW YORK

Jack Nicklaus, the most successful golfer the game has known, said today the U.S. Open at Oakland Hills in June "will probably end my streak of consecutive major championships" at 138.

Nicklaus had said last July that he likely would not return to the British Open until it is played again at St. Andrews in the year 2000.

Speaking today on a conference call from his headquarters in West Palm Beach, Fla., Nicklaus said he was looking forward to his 40th straight U.S. Open.

And he indicated he would pass up the British Open unless he suddenly improves.

By skipping the British Open at Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club in July, Nicklaus will end an incredible streak in the four professional major championships that began with the 1962 Masters.

"You've got to stop sometime," Nicklaus said after finishing 79th in last year's British Open at St. Andrews in July. "Until this year, I had missed three cuts in a row. Enough is enough."

Nicklaus, 56, got into the U.S. Open this year on a special exemption granted by the USGA. He said last year that it would

be the final special exemption he would accept.

"That would be my last regular major in a row," Nicklaus said at St. Andrews about an exemption into the 1996 U.S. Open.

"He is in the U.S. Open this year on a special exemption," a source close to Nicklaus told The Associated Press, "but he will only go back if he earns his way in." Nicklaus will play in the PGA Championship in August and then restrict his play in the majors to the Masters and the 2000 British Open.

"I am of the feeling that there are no ifs, ands or buts about it," the source told the AP. "He will not return to the British Open until 2000."

Nicklaus, however, has left a door open for himself in case his play in the Masters and U.S. Open "should warrant it" by officially entering this year's British Open, the source said.

Nicklaus won his last major championship at the Masters in 1986 and last made the cut in all four majors in the same year in 1991.

Nicklaus has played in the four professional major championships — the U.S. Open, British Open, Masters and PGA Championship — 143 times, beginning with the 1957 U.S. Open. He has won a record 18 major championships, tak-

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battling team so if you let them get going, it can be scary, but if you stop them early, it works to your advantage."

Notre Dame will be looking to reestablish its advantage on its home court. The Irish are 1-3 at the Joyce Center in conference play, and are hoping to reverse that trend with four of their final six contests in friendly domains.

"You have to win all your home games and try to get as many on the road as possible - that's the secret to conference play," said guard Doug Gottlieb. "It's especially important to win this one, because then people will show up for the next three."

Slowing down the Panthers' running game will be crucial

for the Irish, as Pitt employs a three-guard alignment and tries to engage the other team in a track meet under aggressive second year coach Ralph Willard.

In an effort to spur the team out of its recent quagmire, Willard has shaken up the Panther lineup, benching veteran guards Andre Alridge and Jerry McCullough, the team's leading scorer, in favor of a youth movement.

Sophomore Kevin Willard and freshman Vonteeo Cummings will try to reinvent the Panthers, although the experiment proved unsuccessful in its debut, an 80-71 loss at Providence.

Notre Dame will counter with its rejuvenated front court, which enjoyed its most productive outing of the season on Sunday with the insertion of freshman Phil Hickey as the starting center.

Hickey dropped in 13 points

in his first collegiate start, while forward Pat Garrity seemed to benefit from his frontcourt mate's presence, connecting for 24 points and grabbing 10 boards.

The emergence of Hickey as a scoring threat is a welcome addition for the Irish, who have been looking for someone to take the pressure off Garrity and shooter Ryan Hoover. Relying on only two offensive weapons contributed to Notre Dame's first loss to the Panthers.

"Guys are really starting to learn their rolls better," said Gottlieb. "(Pitt) was really rolling when we played them the last time, while we hadn't gotten any conference wins under our belt and weren't real sure of ourselves.

"Now we've won some games and have been getting closer in others, while they are really struggling," he continued.

ing the Masters six times, the PGA five, four U.S. Opens and the British Open three times. He also won the U.S. Amateur twice.

After rolling in a putt on the last hole on Sunday at St. Andrews, Nicklaus received a warm embrace from the adoring Scottish gallery and then spoke emotionally about his last regular British Open.


"I wanted that putt," Nicklaus said. "To shoot under par on my last day was special. Then I got a little emotional looking around at all the people, knowing this would be the last regular one."

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■ TRACK

Tracksters prep for Big East Championships

By JAMES BELDEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field teams took part in two different events this past weekend, and came home ready for next week's Big East Championships.

Butler University played host to both Irish squads at the Canon IV Classics in Indianapolis, while a select group from the men's team traveled to West Lafayette for the Central Collegiate Indoor Championships.

The Irish placed ninth out of the twelve-team field at the Central Collegiate Indoor Championships with a strong showing in the field events. With the Big East

Championships next weekend the Irish may have been looking beyond this weekend's meets.

"We competed adequately this weekend, but the team was probably looking forward to next week's Big East Championships," coach Piante stated.

Co-captain Mike Fleisch, continued to set the standard for the Irish as he finished third in the shot put with a throw of 57-1.25. The Irish have been consistently strong in the field events this year.

The Irish excelled in the pole vault, led by junior Dave Gerrity's vault of 15-11.25. Gerrity has been recovering from a back injury that was track related.

"The Central Collegiate re-

ally went well for the men. Dave Gerrity provided some good performances for the team," praised Piante.

"Dave's made quite a comeback since his injury," Piante said.

Lamarr Justice provided his consistent contribution to the team with his sixth place finish in the long jump with a leap of 22-3.5, and Dan Frigo also chipped in with his sixth-place jump of 6-8 in the high jump.

Jason Rexing provisionally qualified for the NCAA's with a fourth place finish in the 3,000 meters. The Irish sophomore finished with a time of 8:11.09 and provided a bright spot for

the struggling men's runners.

"The sprinters are looking to improve, but there is always room for improvement," Piante commented.

On the women's side, sophomore Berit Junker had another stellar performance at the Canon IV Classics as she finished third in the 800 meters with a time of 2:10.42. Freshman Kelle Saxen earned fifth place with a jump of 1.65 meters in the high jump.

This weekend both Irish squads will make the trip to Syracuse University for their inaugural Big East Championships.

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mains undefeated at 5-0.

At number two singles Pietrowski battled the fifth-ranked player in the country, Gus Fernandes. Fernandes proved that he deserves his high ranking. In the first, he fought off three set points and went on to win the tie breaker 7-4. That momentum carried Fernandes take the second set 6-2.

LSU clinched their fourth and winning point as Jose Leon defeated Pun, 6-3,7-6. Again, LSU showed why they are a top ten team. Pun had the lead in the tie breaker 6-5 but Leon battled back and won the match with an 8-6 tie-breaker.

In a very slow paced match, Simme and Ryan Ideta exchanged ground strokes and battled to split the first two stanzas. After LSU clinched the victory they elected to forfeit

the final point to the Irish resulting in the 4-3 result.

"I thought that we would be a bottom heavy team," Bayliss commented. "But we have held our own at the top of the lineup. Mike is undefeated and Pietrowski just lost his first match today."

"We came out today and thought that we could win, we did not just want to be close. Two or three players have been carrying us, and now it is time for us to play better at doubles and be more consistent down low."

The Irish schedule continues to be brutal. This Thursday top-twenty foe Kentucky will challenge the Irish. Then the Irish travel to the National Indoors in Louisville, where they will battle number three Georgia. In fact, five of the next six Irish opponents are top twenty teams, with three in the top ten.

"We let this opportunity slip away," Bayliss said. "We need to move up from this and take another step. We are disappointed, but we have more opportunities in our schedule."

Fencing

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freshman Luke LaValle had perfect records for the Irish.

"I think the meet went well," said Lester. "It wasn't as difficult as the weekend before. There were a couple tough matches but as a team we did well. We beat the teams we needed to. We had good contributions from our alternates also."

The men's foil and epee team members also put in stellar performances, aiding the teams' sweep of the competition. Seniors Paul Capobianco and Jeremy Siek had their expected strong performances, winning 23 matches between them for the foil team. Junior Brice Dille led the epee squad with nine victories.

The Irish will take a weekend off before hosting the Midwestern Team Championships, February 24 and 25.

"I think we've had a fair amount of meets and few losses," Lester said. "There isn't that good of competition next weekend as there will be at the NCAA's. It'll be a good preparation for us."

"I think we should do really well," said de Bruin about next weekends meet. "The only problem we had was with Northwestern. If we fence as well as we did last weekend we should do well."

"Hopefully the team will come together for the team championships," said Auriol. "We will try to keep our rhythm and momentum this week. It's been a long month. The past two or three years the teams have peaked at this event so hopefully we'll do the same."

LaValle, Brown and Mustilli will use the weekend off to travel to Louisville, Kentucky to fence in the Junior Olympics.

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■ HOCKEY

Irish to meet former doormat Western Michigan

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

How times have changed. Since reentering the CCHA in 1992, the Notre Dame hockey team has had more than their share of hard fought, evenly matched slugfests against the Western Michigan Broncos.



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Sure, both programs made their residence near the bottom of the conference standings and neither ever made much noise in the league playoffs, but the match-up provided as much excitement and fire-

works as any. However, whereas the Irish hockey program has continued to struggle, the Broncos have rebuilt theirs into one of the league's elite. It has landed them a 23-6-3 overall record and a top ten ranking heading into tonight's contest at WMU.

"They are a hard working team that's playing as well as any in the conference right now," said senior defenseman Jeremy Coe. "We know that we will have to be at our best and avoid the big mistakes to beat them."

As if the pressure of trying to beat one of the nation's top teams at their home arena wasn't enough, there is much more riding on tonight's game against the Broncos. The 8-20-

3 Irish have fallen out of the top eight teams in the CCHA standings for the first time in two months and would miss the league playoffs if they started today.

"That is something that will be on our minds from here on out," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "We know that we need points (two for a win, one for a tie) to move up in the standings. It's just a matter of going out and executing our game plan."

The Notre Dame defense, led by Coe, junior Brian McCarthy, senior Garry Gruber, and junior Ben Nelsen, will have their hands full trying to contain one of the country's best offensive squads.

To make matters worse,

freshman Benoit Cotnoir, one of the team's most consistent performers, is expected to miss the game with an injury. Goaltender Matt Eisler and the rest of the unit will have to pick up the slack if the Irish are to upset the streaking Broncos.

"They are a senior based team that plays with a lot of confidence," said Eisler. "They've played well all season, and we struggled against them last time. It's the kind of situation where it will take our best game to beat them."

Senior forwards Jamal Mayters, Chris Brooks, and Jeremy Brown have provided the kind of leadership and offensive punch that has helped propel Western Michigan, once a league doormat, into a

national power. Although they have not been as successful thus far, Notre Dame senior forwards Jamie Ling (31 points), Jamie Morshead (13), and Chris Bales (four) will have to step up and cancel out the Bronco trio if the Irish hope to pass Ferris State and Ohio State for the final playoff spot.

"We need to play consistent hockey for three periods and not just one or two," said Coe. "We have been Jekyll and Hyde some times this season. They have become the kind of team that will make you pay if you don't play 60 minutes of hockey."

What a difference a year makes.

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

'Nova crushes Philly rival LaSalle

By JOHN F. BONFATTI
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Kerry Kittles scored 25 points Monday night and No. 4 Villanova routed city rival La Salle 90-50, the worst loss ever sustained by the Explorers.

Jason Lawson and Eric Eberz each had 11 points for the Wildcats, winners of eight straight. Romaine Haywood had 14 for La Salle, which has lost eight of nine.

The worst previous loss by the Explorers was a 113-77 defeat against Notre Dame in 1977.

After neither team scored in the game's first two and a half minutes, the Wildcats (21-3) toyed with the Explorers (5-18), leading by 30 points at the half.

Brian Flickinger's 3-pointer got La Salle on the board and cut Villanova's lead to 5-3 five minutes into the game. That was as close as La Salle would get.

The overmatched Explorers tried to play a slow-down game early, but they missed their first six shots, and had four turnovers, including two shot clock violations, in the game's first five minutes.

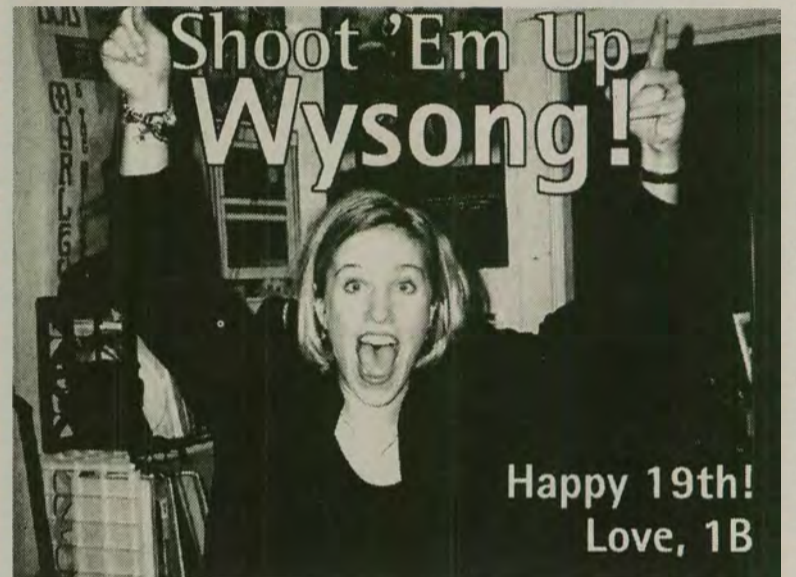
Ahead 8-5, the Wildcats ran off a 9-0 run, capped by a Lawson layup. It was the first of three big runs that rendered the second half meaningless.

Villanova went on a 14-0 run, with Kittles hitting back-to-back treys, to assume a 36-11 lead with 3:25 left in the half.

The Wildcats finished the half with an 8-0 run. Two free throws by Chuck Kornegay closed the half and gave Villanova its biggest lead of the half at 46-16.

Villanova compounded La Salle's ineptitude with 52 percent shooting from the floor in the first half, including 6 of 7 from 3-point range.

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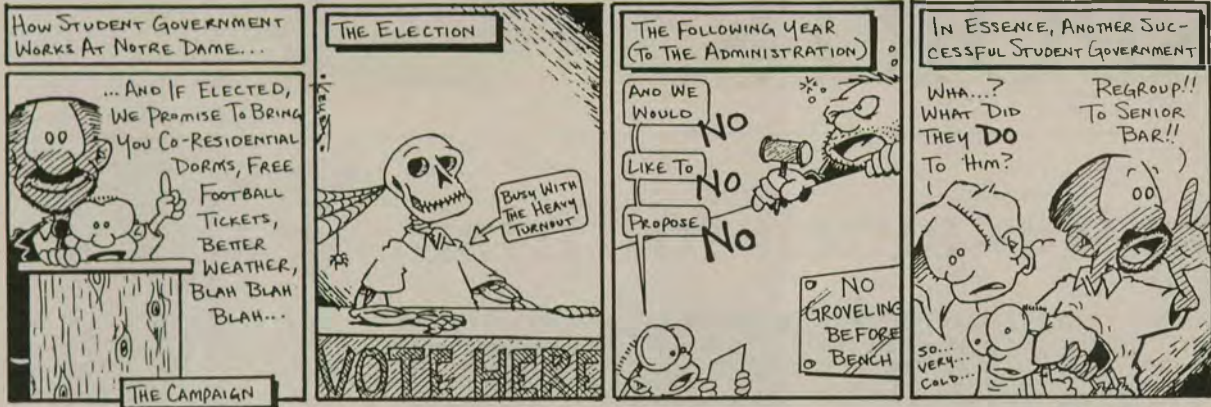
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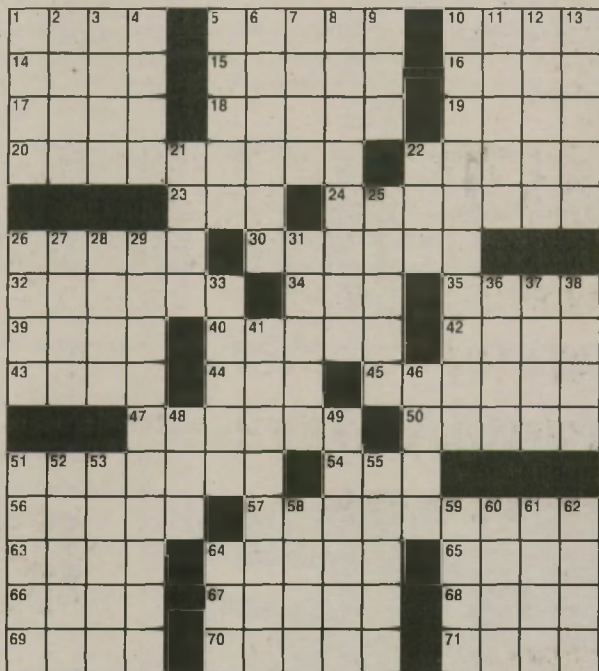
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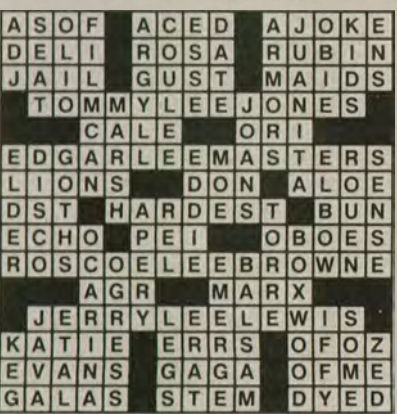
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Be honest about your expectations. Otherwise, hidden resentments could undermine a close relationship. Someone in authority may not be aware of your special talents. A promotion or new job perk is featured in August. Real estate investments are favored throughout the fall. Decide what you want most and go after it! Break with tradition and spend the winter holidays in an entirely different way.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: record-setting pilot Chuck Yeager, actress Kim Novak, golf great Patty Berg, opera singer Fileen Farrell.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You have more options than you realize. Check carefully to see that nothing has been overlooked. A visitor from abroad offers wise advice; follow it! Show your appreciation for a favor in tangible ways.

TAPSCOTT (April 20-May 20): An older individual may try to oppose your efforts. Straighten out any misunderstandings with your co-workers before they escalate. You win big when you make the first move! Show more trust in a young person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Past efforts begin to pay off. Enjoy the fruits of your labor! Business trips are productive if you see key people. A plan you implemented recently is working out well. Continue to curb spending.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An investment opportunity may have you puzzled. Seek more information before making up your mind. A friend who owes you money may try to borrow more! Say "no." Reading books enhances your vocabulary.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): When you speak, others listen attentively.

Use your well-known powers of persuasion to attain greater financial security. Your magnetic personality attracts both influential people and new funding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Business associates will be impressed by a bold approach. Do what you can to nurture an important professional relationship. Good ideas and streamlined procedures will move things forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Rapport may be difficult to establish today; accords could stall. Stick to tried-and-true strategies. You have the vision needed to shepherd a winning project to completion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Others may be overly optimistic today. Verify a pledge before proceeding. Promise only what you know you can deliver. Striking a better balance between work and play will restore domestic harmony.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You receive encouraging news. Do not be afraid to show your feelings. To stay within a budget, make certain you really need the sale items you purchase. Tread lightly in romance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Give top priority to intellectual pursuits. Tasks that challenge your mental prowess give you a feeling of accomplishment. Heed the advice of a trusted elder.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Allow extra time for trips and meetings. Your skills as a mediator are sorely needed. Take control of your financial destiny. A family member could introduce you to someone who is perfect for you!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Smarten up! Do not let a critical attitude or irritable mood rock your love boat. Patch up a deteriorating relationship with your sensitive touch.

■ OF INTEREST

"Ethical Responsibilities of Multinational Corporations for Global Power Imbalances" is a lecture given this afternoon at 4:15 p.m. by Lee Tavis, professor of finance, School of Business Administration, University of Notre Dame. The lecture will be held in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Marist Volunteer Program offers a variety of service opportunities in the U.S., its territories, and Mexico. Br. Frank Kelly will hold general information sessions at the Center for Social Concerns today at 4:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Interviews on Wed., Thurs., and Fri.

"Minorities In Academia", a presentation by Dr. Arnold Mitchem Executive Director, N.C.E.O.A. Wash., D.C. will be given tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in the C.C.E. Auditorium. It will be sponsored by the Candax McNair Program. Interested faculty and students are invited for refreshments in adjacent lounge at 8:00 p.m.

"Night & Fog/A Propos de Nice" and "Alphaville" will be playing at 7 and 9 p.m. respectively tonight in the Cinema at the Snite. The cost is \$2.

"Embracing the Current Crisis/Building for the Future!" at New Wings of Faith Church (The Sunday Place To Be). Located in the Historic 100 Center Complex, 100 N. Center Street, Mishawaka, Ind. Service times are Sundays 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Phone 219-271-8362 for more information.

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SPORTS

■ MEN'S TENNIS

Tenth-ranked Tigers too much for Irish

LSU sweeps doubles to edge ND 4-3

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

For the third time this season the Notre Dame men's tennis team was tested by a top 25 team contender. But the third time definitely did not prove to be a charm.

The Louisiana State Tigers handed the Irish their first loss of the season 4-3. LSU, ranked tenth in the nation, will contend for the national title this season.

LSU got off to a fast start as they swept the doubles matches. "I thought we played poorly in doubles," head coach Bobby Bayliss observed. "We had breakdowns and did a lot of fundamental things wrong."

Zak Blanchard and Pedro Braga outlasted Sprouse and Jason Pun in the number one doubles position, 8-6. Jakub Pietrowski and Brian Harris fell 8-2 to the Tiger's second-ranked team. Ryan Simme and John Jay O'Brien dropped their match in the third doubles match to Jose Leon and Gus

Fernandes.

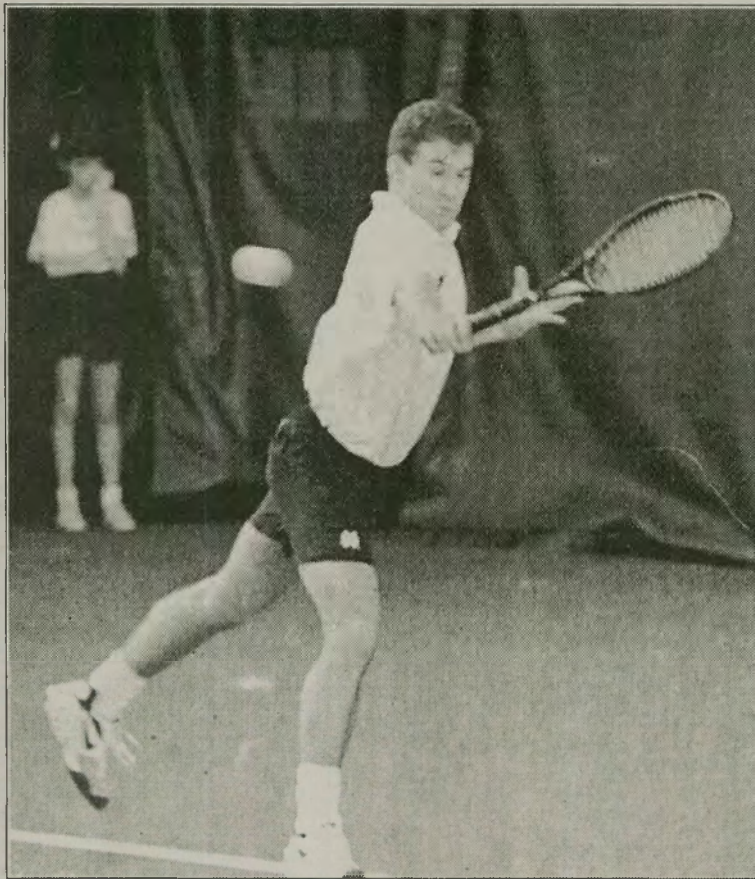
Another setback for the Irish occurred off the court for the Irish during the doubles matches. O'Brien came back from Davis Cup action and was stricken with strep throat. The decision for him not to play was made just after his doubles match. Harris took O'Brien's place in the lineup.

"I don't know if not having John made a difference or not," Bayliss mentioned. "I have confidence in Brian. He has been in that situation before and has responded well."

The Irish scored their first point when freshman Brian Patterson took both sets from Zak Blanchard 6-4, 6-2 in the number four singles match. Patterson jumped ahead in the first 5-0 and then closed out the match by winning seven of the next nine games to prove once again that he is a force in division one tennis. Patterson's win pushed his dual match record to 4-1.

In the sixth singles spot senior Harris dropped his match 6-4, 6-3 to a very good player in sophomore Eduardo Villagomez.

Captain Mike Sprouse continued his stellar play as he defeated Pedro Braga, a pre-season all-American. In the first stanza Sprouse fell behind 0-2,



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Senior captain Mike Sprouse was a bright spot for the Irish in their narrow loss to LSU. Sprouse won his singles match to stay undefeated.

but then came back to win the set 6-3. Sprouse dominated play with his big serves and clutch shots. Sprouse's scored the Irish second point as he went on to defeat Braga 6-3, 6-3.

"One of the pleasant surprises in all of college tennis has been Mike Sprouse," Bayliss raved. Sprouse now has beaten three top twenty-five players and re-

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■ FENCING

Fencers dominate Duke

By WILLY BAUER
Sports Writer

Devastating. Crushed. Destroyed.

That about describes the Notre Dame fencing team and what

it did to its opponents after competing in its last meet of the year at Duke University over the weekend.



Shannon

"It was a really good weekend," said coach Yves Auriol. "The teams fenced very well. Overall, we fenced better than we have all season. The competition was not that strong but looking at our results we did well. The women destroyed Duke and North Carolina. The men's foil team was solid but didn't do to well against Duke. The men's epee team is still struggling but showing improvement."

Freshman Myriah Brown stood out among her foilist peers with a undefeated performance over the weekend. Brown, flawless in 20 matches, helped the Irish slice through its competition. Classmates Nicole Mustilli and Sara Walsh only lost one match each. Walsh's loss was her first and only of the regular season.

The women's epee team was almost as dominating as it ran through its opponents. Unlike the foil team which relied on its freshmen, the epee squad was led by its older members. Senior Claudette de Bruin went 15-1 and classmate Ashley Shannon was 18-2. The weekend was highlighted by a 16-0 team victory over Duke.

"The meet went really well," said de Bruin. "I was really impressed with my team. Everyone really stepped up this weekend."

The men's sabre squad was back to form after some tough matches in Boston, as it cut up its competition. The team lost only seven matches the whole weekend. Senior Bill Lester and

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Pitt offers hope for win

Slumping Panthers visit JACC tonight

By TIM SEYMOUR
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame could not wish for a better opponent as it tries to break its most recent skid and regain dominance of its home floor. Or a more dangerous one.

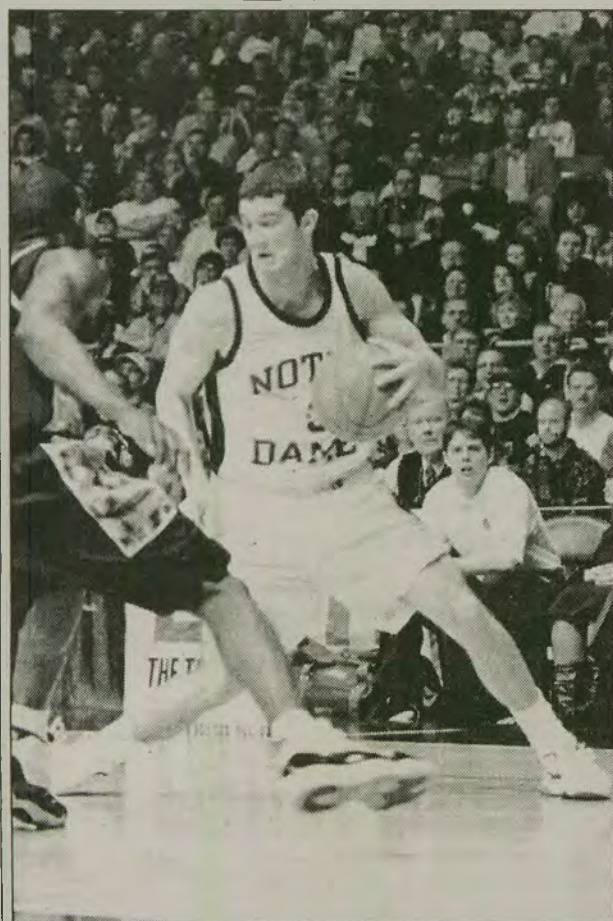
Pittsburgh staggers into the Joyce Center tonight for a 7:30 p.m. tip the not-so-proud owners of a 9-11 (4-8) record that includes a skein of eight losses in its last nine games.

Yet as the Irish have found out, there are no certainties in the realm of conference play.

Like St. John's, which knocked off the Irish at home on Sunday, Pitt has under-achieved this season. Notre Dame must hope that the Panthers do not finally reach their potential tonight.

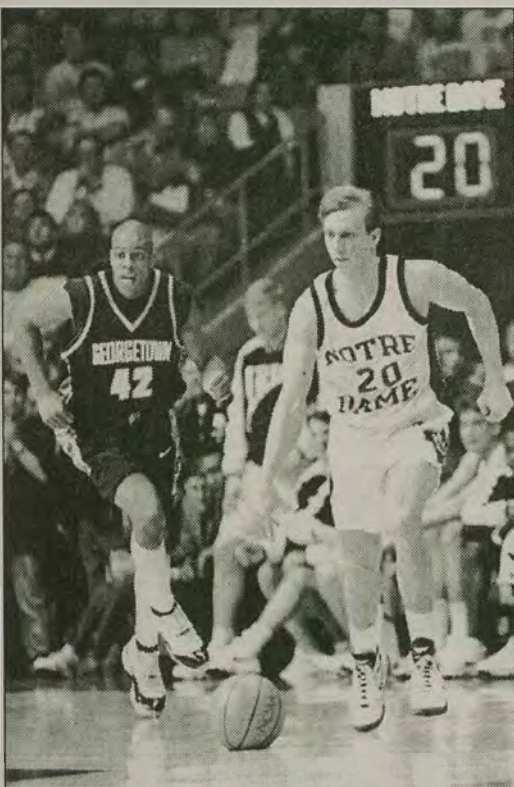
"After seeing the St. John's game, (Pitt) may be thinking about coming here as an opportunity for getting going again," said Irish forward Derrick Manner. "They're a

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Irish forward Derrick Manner (above) and reserve guard Keith Kurowski (right) will look to slow down the aggressive Pitt attack, which focuses on the running game and uses a three-guard set. The Panthers' have struggled to a 4-8 mark in the Big East and have lost eight of their last nine games.



SPORTS at a GLANCE

Men's Basketball
vs. Pittsburgh, February 13, 7:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball
vs. Villanova, February 14, 7:00 p.m.

Hockey
at Western Michigan, February 13, 7:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis
vs. Tennessee, February 15, 7:00 p.m.

Men's Tennis
vs. Kentucky, February 15, 3:30 p.m.

SMC Sports
Basketball vs. Calvin, February 13, 7:00 p.m.

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