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Art department wants stolen arrow returned

By JAMIE HEISLER
Associate News Editor

The landmark red and blue modern sculpture located between O'Shaughnessy Hall and Fitzpatrick Hall was vandalized the weekend of Jan. 25.

The vandalism entailed the theft of the rotating arrow originally located atop the sculpture. "It's a pretty hard piece to get off so they must have really struggled to get it off," said Father Austin Collins, associate professor of art.

The artwork, titled "Turns About," is on loan to the University from the artist John Mischler, a professor from Goshen College. If the stolen portion is not returned, the University will have to reimburse the artist for the refabrication of the piece.

"We would really appreciate getting it back so that it can be repaired," said Collins. "Anyone with information can come speak with me."

According to Collins, Mischler is a well-



The Observer/Katy Soby

Vandals stole the arrow from the top of this sculpture two weekends ago.

respected artist who has pieces in a Chicago gallery. He has commissions from all over the country and just recently completed a commis-

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SMC STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 1997

Election nears for SMC

By CAROLINE BLUM
Saint Mary's Editor

See pages 4-5 for an in-depth analysis of the candidates and their campaign platforms.

They have researched, planned, and brainstormed. Thursday they began campaigning, knocking on doors, hanging up posters, and handing out flyers.

But they have only one last chance at the debate Monday night to convince voters to elect them to the offices of student body president and vice president.

"Things have been going really well so far," Board of Governance (BOG) elections commissioner Emily Miller said. "Everyone has been playing fair and encouraging others to vote."

There are three tickets running for office: Meghan McNally (president) and Anne Parente (vice-president), Lara Becker (president) and Jenn Cervantes (vice-president), and Nikki Milos (president) and Lori McKeough (vice-president).

Running on the platform "Strengthening the Community through Collaborative Leadership for a Promising Future," the McNally ticket focuses on expanding academics, improving campus communication, and supporting campus Community Leadership Teams (COLTS).

"We have a 90 percent retention rate at Saint Mary's," McNally said. "That means we lose 10 percent of the freshmen and sophomore classes each year. We think that developing a freshmen seminar program, which 85 percent of other colleges have, will provide better support for freshmen — support that the three-day freshmen orientation program does not give."

The McNally ticket also wants to develop

a core requirement that students take a women's studies course at Saint Mary's. In addition, courses of all majors would be required to address women's issues.

If elected vice president and head of the Student Academic Council (SAC), Parente intends to earn more student attraction to the organization. She also would apply more community standards to the SAC.

"As an education major, I have been out in the community a lot," Parente said. "Therefore I want to hold more possibilities for the students at Saint Mary's to get involved with the South Bend community."

McNally is currently the president of the junior class, and Parente is the treasurer. They have worked together on the planning of this year's "Play of the Mind" conference, as well as on the orientation program at Saint Mary's.

"Some people might be worried that Meghan and I are such good friends," Parente said. "They think that it might create a problem, but actually we really balance each other out. We possess the ability to listen and implement the needs and dynamics of the student body."

The Becker ticket is running on the platform "Working Together to Build the Saint Mary's Community." They want to improve diversity on campus with a better Cultural Awareness Week, and a culture-a-month stall news bulletin.

Also understanding the importance of communication at Saint Mary's, Becker and

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Eating Disorders Awareness Week

"When image becomes an obsession, it's time to take a closer look!"

"Slim Hopes"

7 p.m. Monday, February 3, 1997
Carroll Auditorium, Madeleva Hall, Saint Mary's College
An award winning thirty minute video by Jean Kilbourne.

"Dying To Be Thin"

Shown continually between 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Monday, February 3, 1997
Montgomery Theater, LaFortune Center, Notre Dame

How to help someone with an eating problem

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 4, 1997
140 DeBartolo Hall, Notre Dame
This panel will feature a female Notre Dame student recovering from an eating disorder, her mother, and a student who has had a friend with an eating disorder.

How Can a Woman Accept Herself? Part I

12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, 1997
North Wedge Room, Dining Hall, Saint Mary's College
Lunch time discussion featuring a panel of professors.

How Can a Woman Accept Herself? Part II

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 6, 1997
North Wedge Room, Dining Hall, Saint Mary's College
Becky Cook, M.S., R.D., therapist at HOPE Program, Memorial Hospital, discusses healthy eating.

The Observer/Sue O'Kain

Look for continuous coverage of Eating Disorders Week in The Observer, beginning Tuesday.

ND STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 1997

The ND student government debate will begin at 8 p.m. today in Cushing Hall auditorium.

Black History Month begins at ND

By ALEX ORR
News Writer

February is Black History Month, an event that has its roots in the 1920s when one man sought to correct a perceived deficiency in the general perception of the history of African Americans.

"If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world..."

These are the words of Carter Woodson, the man whose goal it was to bring the rich history of Africans, and the descendants of Africans, forward in the development of North America.

The African Student Association at Notre Dame is a student group whose ideals are very much in line with the thinking of Woodson, according to Guillaume Zanolme, the president of the association.

"The African Student Association was founded in 1988. Its goals were to foster the interests at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross of African students. They were also to promote awareness of Africa issues and realities," Zanolme said.

This "promotion of awareness" is particularly fitting during this month of increased zeal for all things African.

"The African Student Association does this [promotion] every year through the organization of lectures, films, and panel discussions," explained Zanolme.

The organization has planned a series of activities for this month, keeping with the theme of describing and discussing those issues affecting modern Africa.

The first of these activities is a showing of the film "Neria" from Zimbabwe, which Zanolme said "deals with the struggle of women in Africa for heritage and rights." The showing will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall. Following the showing will be a discussion on the topics in the film by Douglas Agbetsiafa of the Indiana University-South Bend School of Economics, Ann Loux of the English Department at Saint Mary's, and Kagwiria Mbogori of the Center for Civil and Human Rights Law.

Black History Month

Wednesday, February 5

155 DeBartolo 7 p.m.

"Neria," a feature film from Zimbabwe. Followed by a panel discussion on women's inheritance rights in Africa.

Wednesday, February 12

155 DeBartolo 7 p.m.

"Warrior Marks," the documentary by Pratibha Parmer.

Followed by a panel discussion on genital mutilation and the sexual blinding of women in Africa and Asia.

Wednesday, February 19

155 DeBartolo 7 p.m.

"New Gods," the documentary by Ali Mazrui.

Followed by a panel discussion on the impact of Islam and Christianity on Africa.

Thursday, February 20

Hesburgh Center Auditorium 4:15 p.m.

Lecture by Prof. Ann Loux: "My Experience in Cameroon."

Wednesday, February 26

155 DeBartolo 7 p.m.

"The Drilling Field," a documentary.

Followed by a panel discussion on multinational corporations and environment in Africa.

These forums for discussion will be held once a week, beginning this Wednesday and continuing until the end of Black History Month, and will cover a variety of African issues.

All forums will be held in 155 DeBartolo Hall, excluding the discussion by Ann Loux on Cameroon, which will occur in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

INSIDE COLUMN

The forgotten holiday

It is Feb. 3, and I am suffering from an acute case of post-holiday depression. Yes, I am

Heather MacKenzie
News Copy Editor

aware that the fruitcake was given away weeks ago and that we have not quite reached that sappy flower-fest otherwise known as Valentine's Day. I also realize that the leftovers from Turkey Day have long since been frozen for posterity and that the Cadbury Bunny has yet to utter a cluck. But, dear friends, with the stoke of midnight we left behind a momentous occasion for yet another year. I am of course speaking of The Day of the Groundhog.

I am not ashamed to admit that I am obsessed with Groundhog Day. Now, before you assume that I am madly in love with the visage of Bill Murray or something (you would really have to worry about me then), let me emphasize that, although the film does have a great deal of comedic merit, my infatuation revolves solely around the holiday. The camaraderie of Punxsutawney, the cute little groundhog — everything about Feb. 2 is a reason to celebrate.

Most people find it extremely difficult to understand exactly why I revere Groundhog Day so much. Contrary to popular belief, I do not have some weird fetish for furry woodland creatures named Phil, nor do I aspire to become a holistic weather forecaster idolized by most of rural Pennsylvania. I merely rejoice in the fact that Groundhog Day offers the proud citizens of this great nation an oft-neglected chance to celebrate the unpredictability of Mother Nature vicariously through the antics of Punxsutawney Phil, the world's most famous member of the rodent family.

The premise of Groundhog Day is actually based on an old Scottish couplet: "If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there'll be two winters in the year." In 1887, the residents of Punxsutawney first began to use a groundhog in attempts to predict the length of winter's reign. So dubbed Punxsutawney Phil, the worshiped groundhog has since voiced his prediction from atop Gobbler's Knob annually on Feb. 2. I am not quite sure if the same groundhog has been forecasting since 1887; my Notre Dame education has thus far been negligent on the life-spans of rat-esque critters. The point is this: Phil pops his furry noggin out of his burrow each year, "whispers" his prediction in the native tongue of all groundhogs, "groundhogese" (I am not kidding), and then his divination is translated to the general public by a member of the Groundhog Club. If Phil sees his shadow, we have six more weeks of winter; if not, then spring is on the way.

The fine citizens of Punxsutawney claim that Phil has never, ever been wrong. Of course, the 6,700 residents don't do much but muse on the Power of the Groundhog; a long time ago, the principle industry of this small hamlet town was trains and stuff, but now it is mostly just Groundhog Day. Good thing too, because thousands of people from all over the world visit each year just to see the little booger.

I urge you all to take a stand next year and celebrate this fine holiday. Road trip to Punx'y, throw a party, sing groundhog carols. Just remember, although you may not have a sweetie to buy you a heart-shaped box of chocolate on Valentine's Day, there is a holiday in February for everyone. Someone cute in Punxsutawney loves you.

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Band attacks village, massacring 31 people, paper says

ALGIERS, Algeria — A band of men armed with knives and axes decapitated 31 people who had been forced from their homes in Medea, south of the capital, into the streets, the El Watan newspaper reported Sunday.

The attack by about 50 men took place early Saturday, the newspaper quoted local residents as saying.

"You have to do something," El Watan quoted a resident who contacted the paper as saying. "More than 30 people had their throats slit. Soon they're going to exterminate the entire town."

The French-language newspaper said 31 bodies were taken to the morgue at Medea Hospital. Security forces moved into the neighborhood Saturday, it said.

The attack was the latest in a series



of car bombings and village massacres that have intensified with the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan on Jan. 10. Since then, about 310 people are known to have been killed and 600 injured.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Saturday's massacre, but suspicion fell on Muslim militants waging an insurgency for the past five years.

Security forces only occasionally report such attacks and did not confirm the El Watan account.

Medea is located south of Blida, a garrison town that has been a main center for violence attributed to Muslim insurgents.

In Algiers on Sunday, officials trying to prevent car bombings banned parking on the capital's main boulevards and threatened to seize the driver's licenses and cars of any offenders.

Expert to analyze tire from Cosby car

LOS ANGELES



The flat tire that apparently led to Ennis Cosby's roadside killing has been given to an outside expert for analysis, a police spokesman said. Investigators refused to release results of their own tests on the tire or speculate on whether the tire might have been sabotaged. Cmdr. Tim McBride said the expert's test results are expected in six weeks. The tire could prove to be key evidence. The 27-year-old son of comedian Bill Cosby had just replaced the tire with a spare when he was shot to death on a darkened roadside Jan. 16. Police believe robbery was the motive but have not determined if anything was taken from the \$100,000 Mercedes-Benz convertible.

No shadow means early spring

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa.

An outdoor bash that looked like a summertime rock concert, complete with bare-chested men and fireworks, was a fitting prelude Sunday to Punxsutawney Phil's forecast: Spring is nearly here. The sky was cloudy on Groundhog Day and the celebrated rodent failed to see his shadow at sunrise, just the 12th time that's happened in 111 years of Pennsylvania prognostications. (The last time, in 1995, turned out to be a bad guess.) "He's just kind of complacent and ready to go about the things groundhogs do," said Bud Dunkel, president of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club. A shadow sighting, according to tradition, would have indicated six more weeks of winter. It was a unanimous decision among groundhogs around the nation. Concurring opinions came from New York City's Staten Island Chuck; Gen. Beauregard Lee of Lilburn, Ga.; Jimmy of Sun Prairie, Wis.; Wanda at the Milwaukee County Zoo, and Buckeye Chuck of Marion, Ohio. "We don't really care what he (Phil) says," said Jimmy spokesman Scott Lange. Even a prairie dog got into the act: "early spring" said Lander Lil of Lander, Wyo. Phil was pulled from his temporary burrow in a hollowed-out maple stump at 7:25 a.m. by handler Bill Deeley, whose heavy glove saved his fingers from the annoyed critter's sharp teeth. Dunkel then looked into the 15-pound woodchuck's eyes and pretended to translate "groundhogese." The forecast won a cheer from the estimated 20,000-plus fans who gathered in a small clearing at Gobbler's Knob in the central Pennsylvania woods. Most had waited for hours as the temperature hovered around a relatively balmy 30.

SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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

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Monday	37	30
Tuesday	43	35
Wednesday	40	17
Thursday	26	11
Friday	33	20

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NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Feb. 3.
Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.

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Atlanta	62	50	Fairbanks	30	10	New Orleans	74	61
Baltimore	44	33	Honolulu	80	68	New York	43	34
Boston	38	27	Los Angeles	69	50	Philadelphia	40	30
Chicago	35	32	Miami	78	63	Phoenix	76	49
Denver	40	18	Minneapolis	27	23	St. Louis	44	39

■ CAMPUS BRIEFS

Peace Corps reps visiting this week

Observer Staff Report

Representatives from the Chicago recruiting office of the Peace Corps will visit Notre Dame on Monday and Tuesday.

An information table will be set up in the concourse of Hesburgh Library throughout both days.

An information session will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the St. Joseph County Public Library.

A "Fireside Chat" will take place at noon on Tuesday in the LaFortune Student Center, and an information session will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns.

Questions should be directed to Jennifer Ostermeier at (312) 353-7716.

Moby Dick plays at SMC

Special to The Observer

Herman Melville's classic novel "Moby Dick" comes to the screen as part of Saint Mary's Screen Gems Movie Series on Wednesday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Little Theater of Moreau Center for the Arts, located on the Saint Mary's college campus.

The cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students.

Tickets are available at the door.

Into the night...



The annual extravaganza known as Late Night Olympics celebrated its 11th year of raising money for Special Olympics on Friday night. See tomorrow's Irish Focus for more coverage.

The Observer/Mike Ruma

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Political grassroots rep visits today

Special to The Observer

The Fund for Public Interest Research, a non-partisan, non-profit environmental grassroots campaign network, will visit campus today to interview graduating seniors who are

interested in working on environmental and public interest issues.

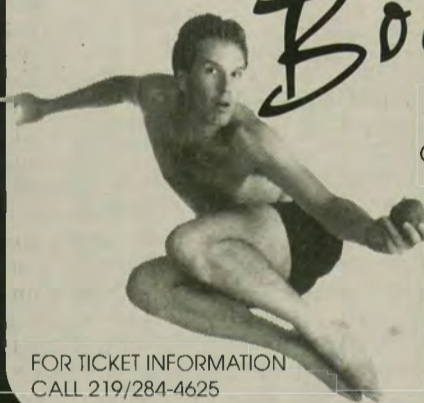
Vivien Watts, a representative from the organization's Chicago office, will be giving an informational session at 7 p.m. today in 119 DeBartolo

Hall. Individual interviews will be scheduled throughout the day today at the Center for Social Concerns and all day Tuesday at the Office of Career and Placement.

Watts will be interviewing seniors for canvass director jobs. Canvass directors, according to Watts, are responsible for running an environmental campaign in locations nationwide. The position includes managing a staff of six to 12 people, attracting media coverage, building coalitions of support within communities and coordinating lobbying drives to influence public officials.

The Fund for Public Interest Research, established in 1982, runs campaigns in 40 locations across the country. The organization works with groups including the State Public Interest Research Groups, the Audubon Society and the American Oceans Campaign.

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Saint Mary's Elections

CONSTITUTIONALLY SPEAKING...

The job descriptions of the presidential and vice presidential positions, as defined by the Saint Mary's College Student Government Constitution:

Student body president

Authority and responsibility: The student body president shall be responsible for the effective operation of the Student Government Association. She:

- Shall be the official representative of the student body
- Chairs the Board of Governance Executive Board, the Board of Governance (BOG), the Budget Committee of the Student Government Association.
- Serves as a voting member on the following committees and boards: the BOG Executive Board, the Committee on Student Life of the Board of Trustees, the Committee on Student Affairs, the Student Affairs Council and the Student Alumnae Committee of the Alumnae Board.
- Advertises all commissioner positions and accepts applications from the student body for the Board of Governance (BOG).
- Supports, promotes and attends student government functions.

Student body vice president

Authority and responsibility: The student body vice president shall be responsible for all areas concerning student academic life. She:

- Chairs the Student Academic Council (SAC).
- Is responsible for coordinating elections for the student representatives of SAC.
- Serves as a voting member of the Executive Board of BOG, the Academic Affairs Council, the Academic Standards Committee, the Curriculum Committee, the Committee on Education of the Board of Trustees, the Student Affairs Council and the Student Alumnae Committee of the Alumnae Board, and BOG.
- Advertises all elected representatives positions and conducts an election process for student representatives from the respective departments for SAC.
- Presents regular reports to the Board of Governance.
- Supports, promotes and attends student government functions.

■ ELECTION '97

Debate

Tonight, 7 p.m.,
Hagggar Parlor

Voting

Tuesday, at the LeMans Entrance of the Dining Hall during meal times. For off-campus students, all day in the off-campus lounge, located on the first floor of Madeleva Hall.

Run-off election

Thursday, if necessary.
Voting times are the same as Tuesday's election.

Election

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and Cervantes want to develop a 24-hour event hotline that will inform students about campus events, a web page describing Student Government Association (SGA) events, and the distribution of a SGA newsletter in bathroom stalls and off-campus boxes.

"We want to promote SGA," Becker said. "If we have a Web page for SGA, we could post all the campus events on it, as well as minutes from all student government organizations, because students do not always hear what is going on."

Becker has served as the president of Regina Hall, and is currently the BOG clubs commissioner. Cervantes serves on the LeMans hall council and as the SMC/ND chairwomen on the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

"Our past experience is important because we have seen what the main ideas [of student government] are," Becker said. "We want to integrate everything, and develop unity."

Running on the platform "Making More Happen for our Saint Mary's Community," the Milos ticket will strive to make more technological, diversity, athletic, and awareness advances at Saint Mary's if elected.

"There are some issues students just do not know about," McKeough said. "A lot of students still have no idea that we are going to get e-mail at the college in March. We need to inform students about these developments,

and earn support for better networking."

McKeough feels her ticket could create a better-informed campus through developing a commissioner position to act as a liaison between the technology department at Saint Mary's and the student body.

"We think students are concerned about issues that pertain to their independence, role as women, and future," Milos said. "We want to do more to help students with these issues, and let them know that we are here for them."

Milos and McKeough explain that they have tried to show students this aspect of their platform while they were campaigning.

"We did not want to campaign in the same way," Milos said. "We wanted to really talk to students when we were going door to door, and answer any questions that they might have about us."

Milos is currently the president of RHA, while McKeough is the president of Student Activities Board (SAB). Both participate as members of the Student Life Committee for the Board of Trustees, and are executive board members of BOG.

All students, including seniors and those living off-campus, are encouraged to vote in Tuesday's election. Voting booths are set up in the dining hall during breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Monday night's debate begins at 7 p.m. in Hagggar Parlor.

"I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of the debates Monday night," Miller said. "They can take the opportunity to get to know the tickets, platforms, and the women themselves. Then they can make an informed decision."

■ ELECTION COMMENTARY

Seek substance over style

This week Saint Mary's College will be in the midst of an enormous change-over as the student body president and vice president elections quickly approach.

If you have not been already, you will be

Lori Allen
Saint Mary's
News Editor

bombarded with a barrage of posters, stickers, and buttons as campaigning continues.

You will find candidates going door-to-door with sweeter-than-sugar smiles, endorsing their platforms and articulating their goals for the future of Saint Mary's.

Amidst all the campaigning, we should stop and ask ourselves what we really want in a candidate.

We are all in every way, shape, and form a part of the Saint Mary's community, and the decisions we make on Tuesday will reasonably affect all of us. I urge you to consider the options carefully.

Do you want a president who will represent all or a part of our com-

munity?

Do you want a president who is interested in boosting her resume, or in boosting the school spirit?

Think about it. This is your college, these are your peers, and this is your chance to have a say in what goes on. The women that you elect have the power to appoint others to major positions on campus. They will influence all of us both directly and indirectly.

Go to the debates tonight, ask the candidates questions. Listen to what they say, then listen to what they don't say.

Do they address the issues that concern you?

Make an educated vote, based on the issues. Your vote will not only affect next year, but the policies and projects these women choose to take on — and even avoid — will impact Saint Mary's.

Research the candidates. Find out about their platforms and promises. Make sure their primary goal is to work with all constituents of the College to better the Saint Mary's community.

After all, what you see is not always what you get.

■ ENDORSEMENT

Observer endorses Milos/McKeough

It was not by any means an easy decision. But we definitely think it is the smart one.

After conducting extended interviews with the three tickets running for the office of student body president and vice president, the Saint Mary's staff of The Observer has chosen to endorse the Milos/McKeough ticket.

We looked at many aspects of the candidates in making this decision. Yes, they are all qualified. And yes, they all possess innovative and intriguing ideas.

But there's something different about Nikki Milos and Lori McKeough. They are not just two Saint Mary's women looking to hold the most powerful student positions at Saint Mary's. They are not just two women with a plan.

They are two women with eyes and ears who are ready and willing to spend any or every evening sitting down with students and figuring out what they can do for them. They kept telling us that they were "sincere" and "genuine," but for some reason we did not need to hear it. We already knew that.

Their campaign goals reflect many of the traditional ones. They want to improve communication about campus issues, open up a multicultural lounge in Hagggar, and institute more student commissioners in various departments. They want to expand awareness about

the Student Government Association (SGA). And we believe that they can accomplish or improve on all of these efforts.

McKeough impressed us with her plans to expand the Student Academic Council (SAC), an organization that was left unmentioned by the other two tickets. We could tell she has been working closely with Beth Ann Miller, the current student body vice president, and knows how to continue the hard work Miller spent on revamping SAC this year.

We were most pleased with what Milos

said when we asked her what she hoped to accomplish by this time next year. She didn't stutter or evade the issue. She didn't pick up her platform and start reciting the things she said she would accomplish. She just looked at us and said, "I just hope that the student

Yes, they are all qualified. And yes, they all possess innovative and intriguing ideas. But there's something different about Nikki Milos and Lori McKeough.

body is happy with what we have done. Because that is what we want to do, make people happy." We were impressed that the McNally/Parente ticket did their homework. They had talked to the respective members on campus, and felt comfortable in spitting back facts and figures from their research. But we wonder how effective their changes in the curriculum requirements will be. After all, Turbiak and Miller were unable to get the number of required credit hours for graduation reduced.

Most significantly, we worried about the fact that they are living off campus next year. They claim the move will not affect their ability to be good leaders, but we disagree. McNally and Parente have to face the fact that they will not be as available as past executive officers if they live off campus. How are they going to answer students who have concerns after office hours end?

Although it was clear that the Becker/Cervantes ticket was aware of student concerns and were ready to serve the community, we could tell that they lacked a plan. Most of what they said was taken from previous campaigns and administrations, and they almost appeared to be adding to their platform as we went along.

But we encourage you to find out what you think about these candidates first hand. Go to the debates tonight at 7 p.m. in Hagggar Parlor and hear what they have to say. Or give them a call and ask them about the issues yourself. We are here to educate, not to make the decision for you.

The Candidates

compiled by Caroline Blum, Saint Mary's Editor

LARA BECKER/JENN CERVANTES

President: Lara Becker

Vice president: Jenn Cervantes

Campaign slogan: Working together to build Saint Mary's community

Biggest contribution to student government: Contributed to the success of their hall activities.

Top three platform goals:

- **Ethnic Diversity.** "We need to combine people of different groups more. We could do this through focusing each month on a different culture," said Cervantes.
- **Athletics.** Want to organize a fall and spring pep rally, put an athletic commissioner on BOG, and distribute "Go Belles" signs.
- **Communication.** "We want to promote SGA. We could have a Web page, and a 24-hour hot line that lists events, and post summaries of all student government organization meetings on the walls," said Becker.

Repeated quote: "We're not quite sure about that."

Most impressive because... They are all smiles. They are friendly people, and are willing to commit as much time as needed to making Saint Mary's better.

Biggest worry about them if elected: Almost seemed to be making up their platform as they spoke. If elected, they would need to do a little more research about student concerns on campus, and provide more innovative ways of solving them, rather than relying on the traditional ones of the past student governments.

If they were not elected, they think it would be because: "We've never held a particular position, or maybe one issue people wanted solved was not addressed by us. Maybe our ideas did not work for them," said Cervantes.

Say their greatest quality is: "We're dedicated."

Last Saint Mary's sporting event attended: When student government sponsored "Sub Night" in Angela.

Final thoughts: "We want to take Saint Mary's further. We can do this by developing more awareness on campus, and integrating everything. This will begin with better programming on campus," said Becker.



Experience:

Presidential candidate Lara Becker, a junior from LeMans Hall, has been the president of Regina Hall, the BOG clubs commissioner, a member of RHA, a hostess for VISA and an orientation counselor.

Vice presidential candidate Jenn Cervantes is also a junior from LeMans Hall. She has served Saint Mary's as a member of LeMans Hall Council and as the RHA ND/SMC chairwoman, in addition to working on the yearbook, serving as a VISA tour guide and participating as a member of the biology club.



MEGHAN MCNALLY/ANNE PARENTE

President: Meghan McNally

Vice president: Anne Parente

Campaign slogan: Strengthening the community through collaborative leadership for a promising future

Biggest contribution to student government: Restructured the junior class board this year.

Top three platform goals:

- **Academics.** Wants to add a first year studies program to the Saint Mary's curriculum that would provide more support for freshmen.
- **Women's Studies.** "We need to make sure that, in every department, women's issues are addressed. Saint Mary's needs to be reminded that it is a women's college," said McNally.
- **Multiculturalism.** "The major thing about Saint Mary's is that it is not diverse. We need to do something to change that. We need to help students recognize people of other backgrounds and histories," said McNally.

Repeated quote: "Two-way communication."

Most impressive because: These women did their homework. Not only have they talked to every administrator, organizer, department chair, or staff member at the College, but they can recite any fact, figure, or statistic you wish to know about Saint Mary's upon request.

Biggest worry about them if elected: They are both living off-campus next year. Although they insist it won't interfere with their work on student government, we have a hard time believing it.

If they were not elected, they think it would be because: They have not taken credit for their work. "We're usually behind the scenes doing the dirty work. People may not think that we are as "hands-on" as we actually are," said McNally.

Say their greatest quality is: "We like to listen to people."

Last Saint Mary's sporting event attended: The basketball game last Wednesday.

Final thoughts: "Our reasons for moving off campus are to get off-campus, not to get away from the Saint Mary's community. Living off-campus is a life experience, and it is something that will teach us responsibility. And it better prepares us for life after graduation," said Parente.

Experience:

Presidential candidate Meghan McNally, a junior from Holy Cross Hall, is currently the president of the junior class and the chairwoman of VISA. She was also the sophomore and freshman class treasurer.

Vice presidential candidate Anne Parente, also a junior from Holy Cross Hall, is the junior class treasurer and was the chairwomen of sophomore parents weekend.

Both women also participated in the planning of this year's Play of the Mind, and were orientation counselors.

NIKKI MILOS/LORI MCKEOUGH

President: Nikki Milos

Vice-President: Lori McKeough

Campaign slogan: Making more happen for our Saint Mary's community

Biggest contribution to student government: When Milos called together an emergency meeting after the executive board of RHA resigned in 1995, thus beginning her development of RHA as a more integral part of student government.

Top three platform goals:

- **Technology.** They want to create a student commissioner that will act as a liaison between the technology COLT and the students. They also plan to distribute a technology newsletter that will inform students of developments on campus, such as voice-mail coming to Saint Mary's in March.
- **Diversity.** "Everyone needs to be more educated about diversity. We want to create a multicultural lounge in Haggar, where we can hold lectures and cultural events, or just for student interaction," said Milos.
- **Involvement.** "We want more SGA awareness. We want to get people to talk to us and tell us what their concerns are. We can do this through highlighting important issues of student government on a monthly calendar, or focusing on alumnae," said McKeough.

Most impressive because: They truly are genuine and sincere. And they want to hear what the students have to say.

Biggest worry about them if elected: Meetings may run rather lengthy — these women like to cover every bullet point, and thoroughly.

If they were not elected, they think it would be because: "People do not take the time to get to know us. They may see us as rushing around, and think that we are sort of flighty. Or maybe they did not take the time to examine the campaign issues and just voted for their friends," said Milos.

Say their greatest quality is: "We are sincere, and we're genuine."

Last attended a SMC sporting event: Two weeks ago.

Final thoughts: "If elected, we will feel successful in what we did not from running down our platform and checking items off, but in whether or not we made the student body happy. We are sincere and we are genuine. We are honest, and we are approachable. We want to hear what you have to say," said Milos.



Experience:

Presidential candidate Nikki Milos, a junior from LeMans Hall, is the president of RHA, and served as vice president last year. She has also volunteered at the Logan Center and worked with the Ladies of Columbus.

Vice presidential candidate Lori McKeough, a junior from Holy Cross Hall, is currently the SAB coordinator and has worked as the Pi Mu Epsilon treasurer.

Both women are members of the executive board of BOG and of the Student Life Committee for the Board of Trustees, and have worked with CARE and Play of the Mind.

Congress heads for vote on family planning issue

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

The future of U.S. participation in family planning programs abroad is on the line this month in what is expected to be one of the first social issue showdowns of the new Congress.

Family planning advocates see the upcoming vote to lift a hold on Fiscal 1997 funding as a moment of truth for lawmakers. Abortion foes want to send a message that family planning funding must come with tough anti-abortion restrictions.

"Because this is the first straight up-or-down vote on family planning in a decade, I believe it will set the tone and determine the direction that this entire Congress takes on family planning issues," said Gloria Feldt, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation.

She said that in the past 10 years, family planning funding had been linked to bills in which abortion was the main issue.

Family planning advocates can count on the necessary 51 votes in the Senate, she said, but a vote to lift the hold in the House, where opposition is stronger, is "rather iffy."

On the other side, anti-abortion forces are pushing for early resurrection of a bill to ban certain types of late-term abortions.

Congress passed a ban on the so-called partial-birth procedure last year but President Clinton vetoed the bill, and that veto was sustained in subsequent votes.

Family planning funding has

been a casualty of the deep divide between the administration and the Republican-controlled Congress on abortion.

In one of his first acts after assuming office in 1993, Clinton revoked the Mexico City policy, in place during the Reagan and Bush presidencies, that barred funding for any organization that performs or promotes abortion as a means of family planning.

Congress retaliated by reducing the budget for bilateral aid from \$547 million in Fiscal 1995 to \$356 million in 1996, a 35 percent cut. Last September, a deal on a massive spending package for Fiscal 1997 nearly came apart at the last minute when the administration threatened to veto it over GOP attempts to restore some abortion limits on family planning.

The abortion language was dropped, but the budget was held to \$385 million and restrictions were continued where no money could be released until July 1 — nine months into the fiscal year — and then only at a metered rate of 8 percent of the total per month.

This month's still unscheduled vote arises out of a provision that the fund can be released on March 1 if the president, by Feb. 1, certified that the delay is having a negative impact on programs.

Clinton did that in a letter to Congress Friday. Further delay, Clinton wrote, would deny safe and effective contraception to needy couples risking "a cost to humanity that we will bear well into the next century." Congress must confirm or reject that finding by Feb. 28.

GOP warily praises tax cut

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Republican budget writers are giving President Clinton guarded praise for his tax cut plan, while saying it should be broader, bigger and more permanent.

The Treasury Department on Sunday outlined nearly \$100 billion in tax cuts over five years to be formally announced by Clinton on Thursday when he releases his fiscal 1998 budget and his plan to balance the budget by 2002.

Nearly half of the cuts, \$46.7 billion, would go toward a \$500-per-child tax credit and \$38.6 billion would be earmarked for higher education and training tax incentives. The plan would expand deductions for Individual Retirement Accounts, eliminate capital gains taxes for most personal-home sales and reduce estate taxes for farmers and small-business owners.

"I support the number and perhaps more, but not sure I support each item within it," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." "I think we have some give and take."

Congressional Republicans are seeking nearly \$200 billion in tax cuts over six years. Their plan also has a \$500-per-child tax credit and offers across-the-board relief for capital gains.

"I praise the president for the direction he is headed," Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said in a statement. "But I remain concerned that his tax cuts are temporary while his tax hikes are permanent. As a result, his total tax package may add up to another tax increase, not tax relief."

The administration also is seeking some \$80 billion in additional revenue from closing tax loopholes, ending corporate subsidies and renewing an expired airport tax.

Asked about that on ABC's "This Week" Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said: "We have put together realistic numbers for our budget, and with this budget, which I think is sound and strong and realistic, the tax cuts are perma-



Clinton

nent."

Negotiations on a compromise are likely to focus on the capital gains issue, a cornerstone of the GOP plan. "It's not a priority of ours to expand the movement in capital gains beyond where we are," White House budget director Franklin Raines said on NBC.

But, he added, administration officials "would be willing to talk about it."

The main items of the administration plan are:

- A phased-in \$500 tax credit for dependent children: a \$46.7 billion cost in tax revenue.
- HOPE scholarship tax credits of up to \$1,500 a year, available for the first two years of post-secondary education: \$18.6 billion.
- A phased-in \$10,000 tax deduction for post-secondary education and training: \$17.6 billion.
- Tax breaks for businesses offering educational assistance and exclusion for forgiveness of certain student loans: \$2.7 billion.
- Expanded income limits on deductible Individual Retirement Accounts (\$70,000 for single filers, \$100,000 for joint filers): \$5.5 billion.
- Exclusion of \$500,000 for couples, \$250,000 for singles, of capital gains from selling a principal residence: \$1.5 billion.
- Tax incentives for distressed areas: \$2.4 billion.
- A new welfare-to-work credit through Sept. 30, 2000, to encourage businesses to hire long-term welfare recipients: \$500 million.
- Small business and farm estate tax relief: \$700 million.
- Other initiatives, including extending expiring tax provisions and providing new incentives for economic development in Puerto Rico: \$4 billion.

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sioning for a home in the south of France.

Notre Dame Security received

a report of the vandalism on Sunday when it was discovered. Security is conducting an investigation into the matter and has filed a report.

According to Collins, the same piece was vandalized last year. The arrow was similarly

broken off, but the vandals left it on the ground next to the sculpture.

"There is so little vandalism on campus that it is very unfortunate for this to occur. It's really disrespectful," said Collins.

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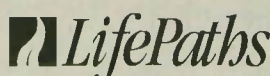
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Court overturns Salvi's convictions

The Associated Press

BOSTON
In life, John Salvi III was an anti-abortion fanatic found guilty of murdering two abortion clinic workers. In death, his conviction is history.

Judge Barbara Dortch-Okara, who had sentenced Salvi to life in prison, voided his convictions because he died before his appeal could be heard. Salvi, 24, died of an apparent suicide in his prison cell in November.

Lee Ann Nichols, 38, and Shannon Lowney, 25, were killed and five others wounded by Salvi in the Dec. 30, 1994, attacks at two Brookline, Mass., clinics.

The judge's Jan. 21 decision delivered new pain to the families of his victims.

"I have to tell you the truth, it's as if John Salvi is coming from the grave to bring me some hurt," Ruth Nichols, Lee Ann's mother, told WBZ-TV.

Salvi was sentenced to life in prison without parole last year by Dortch-Okara after a jury

rejected his lawyers' arguments that he was insane. The judge had denied defense claims that Salvi was incompetent to stand trial.

Salvi's lawyers never disputed the facts of the shooting or the murder charges, but claimed he believed there was a conspiracy against Catholics.

The attorney who argued for voiding the convictions, James Sultan, said he relied on a state court ruling that held if a defendant dies before a conviction is reviewed, the charges are dismissed.

"Mr. Salvi is no longer with us, so I think he has suffered the ultimate punishment," Sultan told The Boston Globe.

"In our legal system, everybody is entitled to have the fairness of their conviction reviewed on appeal before it is considered legally final and binding. John Salvi never had that opportunity."

Sultan said Salvi's parents, John and Ann Marie Salvi, were comforted and "thrilled" their son's convictions were erased.

Clinton seeks governors' aid

By GENE KRAMER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

The Democratic White House on Sunday proposed an open-door partnership with the predominantly Republican state governors for meeting top-priority competitive and educational challenges facing America.

Competing against Europe and Japan for lucrative high technology jobs in the growing global economy will demand utmost bipartisanship and local-federal cooperation to cut deficits while investing in training and research, said Erskine B. Bowles, President Clinton's chief of staff.

"If we learned nothing else during the last four years, it is that we can only achieve our goals by working together, by working across party lines and at every level of government," Bowles said in a speech to the National Governors' Association first meeting of Clinton's second administration.

"The president is absolutely committed to working with you governors in the states to meet our challenges ... ours will be a relationship based on mutual respect and openness," Bowles

said.

"My office and my doors will always be open," he added, previewing Clinton's planned meetings with the governors Sunday night and Monday and the president's State of the Union address Tuesday.

In other developments Sunday:

- The governors agreed that Congress should restore welfare benefits to some immigrants, breaking a partisan stalemate over whether that would lead to other changes to last year's historic legislation. The final resolution replaced a draft statement that explicitly called on Congress to restore disability and food stamp benefits to legal immigrants who are too old or sick to ever become citizens or those who are waiting to become citizens.

Under pressure from congressional Republicans, Republican governors insisted on softening the call for immigrant benefits.

The new resolution urges Congress and the Clinton administration to "ensure that the immigration system and its requirements are fair to both citizens and non-citizens" and to "meet the needs" of those who cannot become citizens.

It also asserts that "an equitable solution to this issue could be achieved without reopening the statute."

- The chief executives remained divided over tougher clean air standards being considered by the Environmental Protection Agency, refusing to issue a strong rebuke of the proposal as sought by some of the chief executives.

Ohio Gov. George Voinovich, a Republican, had argued that it was "critical" that the governors formally express their opposition to the EPA proposal. Others, led by New Jersey Gov. Christine Whitman, also a Republican, argued that it was premature to criticize the proposal.

Finally, the governors Committee on Natural Resources issued a resolution that said little more than that the governors are "concerned about striking a balance" between protecting public health and overly burdensome regulations.

- Northeastern governors defended federal policies giving their states more highway money than their motorists contribute and urged Congress to preserve such a highway-funding formula "based on need."

Billions of dollars are at stake as Congress considers a multi-year transportation bill this year. Many states, particularly growing ones in the South and the West, want greater equity in funding.

At news conference, seven Northeastern governors said commerce and traffic patterns in their states justify their additional funding from a federal highway trust fund financed through taxes at the gas pump.

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■ MIDDLE EAST

Israel, Palestine resume peace talks this week

By ALEXANDER HIGGINS
Associated Press Writer

DAVOS, Switzerland
Israel and the Palestinians will resume talks this week with "a great feeling of hope" of progress toward a wider

Mideast settlement that soon could involve Syria, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday.



Arafat

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signaled a willingness to compromise, saying he would accept an "international presence" to control goods arriving in Palestinian-controlled areas.

But Arafat's appearance before a global gathering of government and business leaders was a catalog of complaints rather than optimism.

"Is this a just peace?" asked Arafat, citing restrictions on Palestinians who want to work in Israel that cost them \$7 million a day. "Sixty-five percent of Palestinian families live below the poverty line."

Netanyahu, who spoke after Arafat at the World Economic Forum, said Israelis have suffered from Palestinian terror attacks.

"Peace without security cannot last," Netanyahu said.

The Israeli leader said, however, that his talks with Arafat

and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the Swiss Alpine resort of Davos helped create "a new attitude, maybe a new beginning."

Israel and the Palestinians resume talks Thursday at the Erez crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip with "a great feeling of hope" of progress toward a wider Mideast settlement, Netanyahu said.

Netanyahu also said he was looking for a way to get Syrian President Hafez Assad to resume talks with Israel. Talks broke down a year ago after bombings in Israel by Islamic militants.

"I cannot find one single real reason why Syria and Israel cannot resume the negotiations," he said.

Netanyahu and Mubarak, standing side by side and looking relaxed and pleased, said their hour-long session — their first face-to-face meeting in six months — had been "very good."

"We see eye-to-eye on the need for the expansion of peace and economic relations," Netanyahu said.

He said he had accepted an invitation from Mubarak to visit Egypt and would probably go there in two months with "a very large business delegation."

After meeting Arafat he cited "a great feeling of hope."

"Hope doesn't mean that there aren't any problems," he said.

■ NORTHERN IRELAND

Twenty-five years later...

Catholics remember Bloody Sunday

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK
Associated Press Writer

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland
Twenty-five years after British troops gunned down 13 Roman Catholic demonstrators, more than 20,000 marchers and political leaders called for justice Sunday in a display of anger and grief.

The Jan. 30, 1972, killings at the end of a civil rights march here came to be known as "Bloody Sunday" and galvanized Catholic support for the Irish Republican Army like no other event in the North Ireland conflict.

As police in armored Land-Rovers observed and videotaped from a discreet distance, the crowd marched in bright sunshine through the Catholic Bogside district to the spot of the massacre.

No soldier was ever prosecuted for the deaths. A British inquiry into the killings concluded that troops were justified in firing because some of the demonstrators may have been armed. Locals dispute that claim, saying the soldiers fired first and deliberately.

"It is said that the Irish remember too much. I make no apology for remembering ... British murder in Derry's streets," Michael McKinney, a brother of one of the victims, said to cheers from the crowd.

Locals flanked the podium carrying 25-foot-high banners depicting each of Bloody Sunday's victims, who included both IRA supporters and moderates.

The commemoration Sunday served as a de facto election rally for leaders of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, which hopes to win seats in upcoming British Parliament elections.

Many of those at Sunday's commemoration were Sinn Fein supporters bused from across Northern Ireland. They were accompanied by fife-and-drum corps in black berets, their drums

and banners honoring slain IRA members. Sinn Fein leaders and Catholic moderates called for an international investigation into the massacre.

"The road to peace is through justice," Sinn Fein deputy leader Martin McGuinness said.

In 1972, McGuinness was 21 years old and reputedly the IRA's commander in the city. He told the crowd of his memories of marching on Bloody Sunday, and of his horror at seeing dead bodies strewn about the Bogside.

He listed several other locals killed by police or soldiers — all cases in which no murder or manslaughter charges were filed. He acknowledged that Northern Ireland's Protestant majority and the British had likewise suffered from IRA bombings.

"We know there are two roads before us. There is the road to further conflict. And one is to the negotiating table," McGuinness said, emphasizing that he believed

there was "nowhere else to go" but into negotiations.

Sinn Fein has been excluded from talks that began last June because the IRA ended a 17-month cease-fire with a London bombing in February 1996. The IRA launched its violent campaign against British rule of Northern Ireland in 1970.

Nine Northern Ireland parties participating in the talks have made little progress toward finding a form of government acceptable to Protestants, who demand the province remain linked with Britain, and Catholics determined to build ties with the rest of Ireland.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said Prime Minister John Major is obligated to begin a new inquiry into Bloody Sunday.

"Bloody Sunday remains pertinent today because it is an open wound. Bloody Sunday is the Sunday which has never ended," he said on Sky television.

'It is said that the Irish remember too much. I make no apology for remembering... British murder in Derry's streets.'

Michael McKinney

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PAKISTAN

Suit aims to keep leader out of election

Pakistan prepares for polls

Today's vote in Pakistan comes after President Farooq Leghari dissolved parliament three months ago, saying former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government was mired in corruption. A look at the election:

OFFICES BEING CONTESTED

All 217 seats in the National Assembly are up for grabs. Voting for local assemblies in Pakistan's four provinces and six tribal territories of the northwest also is scheduled. About 7,000 candidates are running in the federal and provincial races.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

For the first time, all Pakistanis at least 18 years old are eligible to vote. Until this election, only tribal leaders in the northwest could vote.

TURNOUT

Turnout has been predicted at as low as 20 percent of about 60 million registered voters. Turnout is usually much higher. This time, voters appear fed up with seeing the same faces elected time and again, only to be toppled amid the same charges of corruption and incompetence. Ms. Bhutto's government is the third to fail to complete its term.

MAJOR PARTIES

The main contenders are Ms. Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party and the Pakistan Muslim League of Nawaz Sharif, who himself was dismissed on corruption charges in 1993 after three years in power. Sharif is the front runner in the race for prime minister.

ISSUES

The main issue is corruption — Ms. Bhutto denies the charges against her, while Sharif and Khan pledge to clean up government. The economy also is in a shambles, and candidates are promising reform and growth.

WHO'S IN CONTROL NOW

After dismissing Ms. Bhutto, Leghari appointed an interim administration to run the government until the Feb. 3 vote. But many Pakistanis believe Leghari is really in charge.

By GRETCHEN PETERS
Associated Press Writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan

A cricket star running for prime minister of Pakistan went to court Sunday to block ousted leader Benazir Bhutto from seeking re-election Monday.

The move by Imran Khan probably came too late to affect voting, his spokeswoman acknowledged. But the suit could result in Ms. Bhutto being barred from taking office if she wins, said Nasim Zehra, the spokeswoman for Khan's Justice Party.

Bhutto was dismissed by the president Nov. 5 on allegations of corruption and economic mismanagement. The Supreme Court upheld the dismissal last Thursday. Khan waited for the decision to file his suit, Zehra said.

Opinion polls show Khan trailing Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif, head of the Pakistan Muslim League, who is slightly ahead.

Bhutto has accused the interim government overseeing the vote of planning to rig ballots in Sharif's favor. She threatens to reject the results if she wins fewer than 90 seats in the 217-member National Assembly.

"We hope and pray that the elections will be fair, otherwise it would be disastrous for the country," she said Sunday after arriving to vote in her hometown of Lakarna, 500 miles south of Islamabad.

Nearly 60 million voters were registered, but turnout was expected to be low.

ABA considers stance on death penalty

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO

The American Bar Association never has taken a position on the death penalty but may be on the brink of seeking an end to executions "unless and until greater fairness and due process prevail."

A report prepared by two groups within the 370,000-lawyer organization recommended a moratorium because "efforts to forge a fair capital punishment jurisprudence have failed. Today, administration of the death penalty ... is ... a haphazard maze of unfair practices with no internal consistency."

The ABA's policy-making House of Delegates, meeting at the association's national convention, will be asked Monday to adopt the moratorium recommendation in response to recent federal and state actions. If accepted, it would become the focus of ABA lobbying efforts in Congress and state legislatures.

More than 3,000 men and women are on death rows across the nation. Most states and the federal government have death-sentence laws.

"As lawyers, we think the system ought to be changed, done right and done fairly," said Duke University law professor James Coleman,

one of the measure's backers. "Hopefully, this will get lawyers off the sidelines."

New York lawyer Ron Tabak, another supporter, said, "We think it significant that lawyers, those closest to the system, stand up and say it's in shambles."

The measure does not state a position on capital punishment. Instead, it invokes previously adopted ABA policies that "minimize the risk that innocent persons may be executed."

The policies have called for:

- Competent counsel for all capital defendants.
- Availability of federal court review of state prosecutions.
- Efforts to eliminate racial discrimination in capital sentencing.
- No executions of mentally retarded defendants or those under 18 when they committed their crimes.

The Supreme Court previously has allowed the death penalty for murderers who committed crimes at age 16 or 17. It has upheld death-penalty regimens despite evidence that black defendants and killers of white victims are more likely to be sentenced to die.

Asked about the recommendation, ABA President Lee Cooper did not criticize it. He said, however: "I support the death penalty."



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WINTER OF MY DISCONTENT

Star Wars still remains definitive 'space opera'

Two decades after its original release, *Star Wars* remains amongst the most culturally pervasive films of all time. George Lucas' space opera somehow has managed to transcend its originally allotted role — that of light entertainment — and has instead captured a place in the collective cultural consciousness of much of the Western



Christopher Kratovil

World.

I am neither a film critic nor a cultural historian, but to those who doubt the continuing relevance and significance of the *Star Wars* experience I would offer the lines outside of Mishawaka's Movies 10 on Friday morning; anything that gets college students out of bed by 9:00 on a Friday morning after a night at Senior Bar must be rather important. I attended both the 50th anniversary rerelease showings of *Citizen Kane* and *Casablanca*, and in neither case was anyone lining up to buy tickets at 4:30 in the morning (as at least one group of Notre Dame seniors quite literally did).

Star Wars' infiltration of everything from toy stores to the vernacular language is not in-and-of itself unique, since any number of successful films have spawned lines of merchandise and pop culture buzz words. But what makes *Star Wars* unique has been its uncanny staying power; a full 13 years after the release of *Return of the Jedi* last year, the bestselling action figure in the country was again the *Star Wars* line, meaning that the toys were being snapped up by kids who weren't even alive when the trilogy concluded. And

what other film has its own exhibit at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum?

You could let sociologists and film experts debate the reasons behind the trilogy's enduring success *ad nauseum* and still not get an answer any more enlightening than the one that the *Chicago Tribune* printed on Friday; "It [*Star Wars*] pulls psychologically on all the pertinent mythic themes." But the standard interpretation of the trilogy's popularity is that it is a simple "guys in white hats vs. guys black hats" study in good overcoming evil. The struggle and eventual victory of the ragtag Rebel Alliance over the "Evil Galactic Empire" strikes a universal chord that recalls everything from the Spirit of '76 to the Velvet Revolution and the fall of the Berlin Wall.

That explanation has never worked for me and still doesn't. Why? Simply stated, the Empire, even with its officers' black uniforms and snappy accents, just doesn't seem that bad. "Heresy!" you may be crying at this point, but let me continue.

George Lucas has something like seven hours of screen time to convince us that the Galactic Empire needs to be brought down, but other than telling us that the Empire is "evil" in the prologue to *Star Wars* itself, he never really bothers to make the case for the rebel cause. It is just assumed that the audience, mindless media slaves that we are, will naturally accept the legitimacy of the rebellion and sympathize with it.

Not so, at least in my case. While admittedly authoritarian, the Galactic Empire really doesn't seem like that horrible of an organization. The Empire seems to have done a decent job of maintaining cosmic order, preventing the myriad of alien races that populate the *Star Wars* universe from engaging in a Bosnia-type bloodbath with each other. Also, it appears that the Empire is a federalist system after a fashion; pay your taxes to fund the Empire's star

destroyers and Death Stars, cooperate with Imperial officials and your planet is left pretty much alone to run itself.

No doubt you're wondering how I'm going to explain away some of the Empire's misdeeds that are captured in the films. Well, I have listened to and catalogued the complaints of my pro-Rebellion, anti-Imperial peers and I find their case surprisingly thin (note: Information from the plethora of *Star Wars* novels, etc. is apocryphal and therefore inadmissible):

A) "The Empire blows up Alderaan." Granted, this is probably an example of excessive force, but the use of a weapon of mass destruction against a non-militarized target in an effort to bring a conflict to an expedient end is hardly without precedent. For example, German war industries in Dresden were minimal and Hiroshima was considered the least militarized of Japan's major cities. In other words, an Imperial apologist could easily use the same arguments to justify the destruction of Alderaan that U.S. historians use to explain the "total warfare" bombing campaigns at the end of World War II. Besides, how many hundreds of thousands of Imperial conscripts and construction workers were killed in the Rebels' destruction of the two Death Stars?

B) "The Empire routinely uses torture on its prisoners, such as Princess Leia in *Star Wars* and Han Solo in *Empire*." The use of torture against guerrillas seems to be a standard and quietly accepted counterinsurgency tactic. Guerrillas ("Rebels") lack the protections accorded regular POWs under international law and although it is illegal to torture them *per se*, the practice seems to be winked at. Thursday's *New York Times*, for example, reported on the CIA's training of five Latin American security forces in non-physical modes of torture in the mid-1980s.

C) "Imperial higher-ups, such as Darth Vader and the Emperor, use the 'Dark Side of the Force'" (a form of spirituality

that practitioners of the "Light Side of the Force" apparently find offensive). This sectarian tiff recalls the great and bloody Catholic-Protestant strife of the 16th and 17th Centuries. Catholics would regularly accuse Protestants of being "antichrists" and vice-versa, and then both sides would righteously butcher each other. Both sides in *Star Wars* could use a dose of religious tolerance.

D) "The Imperial Senate has been dissolved." Well, what do you expect with a galaxy-wide rebellion on? Suspending democratic institutions at times of severe crisis is a fairly standard practice. Witness Lincoln's suspension of *habeas corpus* during the Civil War or republican Rome's practice of appointing a dictator for one year during periods of emergency.

E) "Imperial Troops on Endor were mean to the Ewoks." And who can blame them? Were I forced to be around a tribe of pseudo-teddy bears designed specifically to boost movie toy sales, I'd probably take a few pot-shots at them too.

F) "Storm troopers butchered Luke's aunt and uncle." Okay, you got me on that one. The denial of due process to civilians in wartime is a real problem. But don't let the impulsive actions of one Storm Trooper lieutenant besmirch the reputation of a galaxy-wide Empire doing its best to maintain order and security.

Living in a century that has already seen Russia's Bolsheviks, the Nazis, Mao's Red Guards and the Khmer Rouge I have difficulty accepting the utter malevolence of the Galactic Empire. So, as you sit in that darkened theater and cheer for those glorified, space pirate Rebels, try to have some sympathy for the Empire and its image problem.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"The true writer has nothing to say. What counts is the way he says it."

—Alain Robbe-Grillet

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rodman's play overshadows off-court antics

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the inside column that appeared in Tuesday's Observer by Dan Cichalski about Dennis Rodman. Dan states that he is trouble to the league. This is what the NBA wants one to believe. Commissioner David Stern actually enjoys what Dennis Rodman does for the game of basketball. Since Dennis' "transformation" NBA fans now go to see him play. The fans wonder what color his hair will be or what crazy antic he will do next. People went out to buy his autobiography "Bad as I Wanna Be," making the New York Times best seller list, just to find out what he has been through. The New York streets were crowded in August just to see his bride- who turned out to be him in a wedding gown. This behavior generates jersey, t-shirt, and poster sales. This increases the amount of revenue that the NBA brings in, and allows David Stern to increase his salary to more than eight million a year. Dennis has also been one of the leading rebounders in the league during his career. He was even labeled by Sports Illustrated as the greatest rebounder ever. Dan wrote little to none about his playing ability, but more about his behavior on the court, and I will address that, too.

Who makes Rodman seem like the bad guy? Dan, Mike Lupica, Keith Olbermann, and the rest of the media. Before Dennis' "transformation" he

acted the same way as he does today. He would commit illegal fouls and get technical fouls just like today. Dennis even pushed Chicago Bulls forward Scottie Pippen (his current teammate) to the ground causing him to break his nose during the Detroit Pistons' 1989 NBA Championship run. Why isn't he focused on like he is today? Two reasons- his looks and his team. Dennis "conformed to what the NBA wanted" when he played for the Detroit Pistons, doing exactly as told. He looked like everyone else on the court, no multi-colored hair, no piercings, and no publicity. Now to the second reason, his team. Dennis Rodman played for the Detroit Pistons, the Bad Boys of the NBA. He played with another top-notch rule violator, and Notre Dame graduate Bill Laimbeer. There wasn't one person for the media or the referees to focus on when they played, because they were all known for doing something wrong. When is the last time Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, or anyone else on the Bulls with the exclusion of Rodman, has elbowed someone while they went for a lay up. Never, because the Bulls do not play this way, but the Pistons did and it helped them win back-to-back championships.

Rodman's "transformation" took place in the Fall of 1993. He had just been traded by the Pistons to the Spurs, and Dennis sat in his truck with a gun to his head ready to pull the trigger. Then, he

thought about the act and decided that he wasn't going to conform to being the typical NBA player. He began to get tattoos, body parts pierced, and his hair dyed eventually changing him into the Dennis Rodman we know today. In his book he says that this was his way of showing his true self, instead of being who he wasn't. He started over with a new look and a new team, and then the media began to attack him, pointing out all his flaws.

I have to agree with Dan on one point, I am not a Bulls fan either. Actually, I hate the Bulls with such a passion that when I eventually go to the Bulls game that I won tickets for, I will root against the Bulls in their own arena! I don't know why I hate the Bulls so much, maybe it is because I am from New York, and the Knicks are better. I may hate the Bulls as a team, but I enjoy watching certain players shine especially Rodman.

Another fact I would like to point out is that Rodman knows when to act unruly. During the entire playoffs last year, he was calm causing other players, one notable Frank Brickowski, to pick up costly technical fouls. Dennis knows that in the regular season, the games don't mean as much, but when it is "crunch" time he controls his temper and steps up his game.

Let's analyze the kicking incident. If one watches the replay, all Dennis did was give a little tap which seems to have

gotten more of the guy's leg than groin, he didn't wind up and kick him straight. The kick was a tap out of frustration because the cameraman got in his way as he fell out of bounds. Continue to watch the replay and one will see that this cameraman is up for an Oscar as a supporting actor in a drama. He rolls around on the ground for ten minutes complaining of pain until the stretcher arrives and takes him off the court. The cameraman then files a lawsuit against Rodman, and less than a week later drops it to settle out of court. If he was in so much pain why did he settle out of court? Just another person trying to get money from professional athletes. Rodman did apologize several times to the man he refused to accept it. Rodman also apologized and became friends with Scottie Pippen after the nose-breaking incident. This incident was blown out of a proportion like the other ones over the years.

Dennis has won three NBA championships in his career, and is probably the main reason why the Bulls were able to win the championship again. Don't criticize Dennis for antics, because his play says it all. He may look like a freak and act like a freak, but #91 will always be cleaning the glass whenever a shot goes awry.

GENE BRTALIK

Freshman
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A challenge for students to think before eating

Dear Editor:

As I walk across campus every afternoon, I watch the big brown doors open and close. Students walk into the building in need of something, their eyes glossed over with desire, their lips smacking at the thought of what awaits them. What I find even more interesting are the students as they leave. Gone are the glossy eyes, departed is the perspiration from salivating lips. Now present are bulging bellies, and sighs of relief. I wonder if they even think about where their sustenance comes from, how many hands have gone into ensuring that their desires are immediately met. I wonder if any of them stops to think about the people who are denied access through the big brown doors, the people who create the nourishment, but never partake in it. As the students leave, most of them take a paper with them, a paper which informs them of the current events in their sheltered and insouciant lives. It is to them that I address this letter. Perhaps you are one of them. If you are, I encourage you to consider my proposition, a proposition which takes little effort on your part, but will benefit millions of the world's inhabitants.

Many of you have seen the advertisements on television. They irritatingly interrupt "ER" or "Friends" with pleas for help for the starving children, the untouchables and unreachable sometimes several thousand miles away. The advertisers expect you to empty your pocketbooks to feed these unseen malnourished young ones. Not many of you can find four quarters for the washing machine, let alone support someone in the unindustrialized world! Of course, there are excellent human-rights clubs to join and associations to volunteer for. But the time that is left after you complete academics and work is precious. Joining another group or volunteering may be too time-consuming and you just cannot do it. This does not make you cold or heartless. I know that many of you wish there was some way you could help the starving and undernourished. There is a way. I have developed a five step plan which is almost painless for

you to follow, and will indirectly help reduce the pain and suffering of those both in the US and on the other side of the world.

Step One: The first step is inwardly focused. Be aware of your biological urges to eat versus social indicators that tell you it is time to eat. Signs of physical hunger can include: a "growling" stomach, and lethargy due to lowering blood sugar levels. Boredom, depression, and stress are generally not good indicators of physical hunger. Deciphering the difference between physical hunger and psychological need will ensure your body gets only the food it actually requires, and thus food will not be wasted. (Maybe you will lose a few pounds in the process!)

Step Two: Once you start to interpret the difference between physical and psychological indicators, start paying attention to what you eat. Keep a food diary for one week, noting how much of each food group you eat. For those of you who hate to write anything down, even keeping a daily mental tab on what type of food you eat is helpful.

Step Three: Once you are aware of how often you eat different types of food, start to focus on how many times a day you eat chicken, turkey, pork, and, especially, beer. The American myth that everyone must have meat with every meal is so well ingrained into people's thoughts that you may not even be aware of how much meat you consume daily. Two to four servings of meat a day is a typical level of consumption for many Americans.

Step Four: This is the most important step. Challenge yourself. Every day, find some non-animal source of protein to substitute for meat. Beans, nuts, whole grains, and soy based products are all good substitutes for meat. If you eat meat two to three times a day, try cutting out just one serving. If you eat meat once a day, go vegetarian for the day. Have a "Meatless Monday" or a "Fleshless Friday." It really is not as difficult as you might think.

Step Five: If you can complete step four regularly, congratulate yourself.



You may now count yourself among those who "help the children" and increase the world's food supply. Why? How? Here are two tidbits of information that will encourage you to reduce your meat consumption: Every one pound of beef requires nine to sixteen pounds of grain, wasting 96 percent of the grain's calories, and all of its carbohydrate value (Whit, 1995, 81). By taking just four quarter pounders out of your monthly hamburger consumption, you have saved up to sixteen pounds of grain. When combined with the constant work of groups like Amnesty International to lessen political strongholds on food, this grain can go to the homeless in Chicago or be a dinner for sub-Saharan Africans. As most of us know, water is a precious resource. It takes considerably more water to clean, feed, and shelter animals than it does to water grain fields or vegetables. The difference is so substantial that "It takes

less water to produce a year's food for a pure vegetarian than to produce a month's for a meat eater." (Whit, 1995, 81). You can all figure out what kind of favorable impact this would have on the world's water supply.

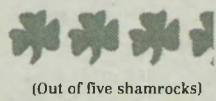
The next time you enter the "big brown doors" and pick up your tray to satiate your craving for food, don't blindly take what is immediately available. Spend just a couple of minutes considering what to eat. Your choices may do more than just end your hunger. Collectively, your choices will help end world hunger.

ALIKA HOPE BRYANT

Sophomore
Off Campus

Lost Love or Lost Cause?

He Said...



(Out of five shamrocks)

By RYAN LYNCH
Accent Movie Critic

During the Spanish Civil War, Ernest Hemingway mused: "Shells are much the same. If they don't hit you, there's no story, and if they do, you don't have to write it." Director Richard Attenborough creates an emotionally explosive shell in his latest work, "In Love and War"; and, in the process, Attenborough proves Hemingway's musing wrong, for this story hit me and I'm the one who still has to write about it. Suspend the misconception that those individuals endowed with Y chromosomes can't possibly favor movies concerned with the ineffable, four-letter "L word." I liked this movie because Attenborough draws fresh, reflective water from the hackneyed and dried-up well of Hollywood love story epics. Transcending the sappy predictability and melodrama of the typical boy meets girl, boy loves girl, girl loves boy, boy and girl have sex, put up the picket fence, happily-ever-after genre, "In Love and War" skillfully reveals the forces that shaped the life of one of America's great literary figures.

"In Love and War" is the true story of the 18-year-old Hemingway's passionate and tumultuous trans-continental love affair with Agnes Von Kurowsky, a Red Cross nurse. Hemingway (Chris O'Donnell) is brought back to health by Agnes (Sandra Bullock), after his desire to play soldier leaves him wounded, and then honored as a hero during Austria's World War I drive into northern Italy. The plot winds through a slightly drawn-out and occasionally laughable courting as both Hemingway and his companion, Harry (Mackenzie Austin) endeavor to win over the compassionate and angelic American nurse. World War I closes, and Hemingway comes back to America to await the return of Agnes, with whom he had exchanged the promise to marry.

The story concludes with a reunion between Hemingway and Agnes at his Michigan cabin, as two lives ripped apart by the brutality of the Great War seek to make sense of a confused and obsessive love—a love which has since become infected with the parasite of pride and the draining dilemma of seeking forgiveness.

Chris O'Donnell's portrayal of Ernest Hemingway invokes the arrogance and charm necessary to separate "In Love and War" from some idealized tale of Shakespearean lovers. O'Donnell, much like beach sand in your bathing suit, is abrasive and unlikely to make the trip entirely enjoyable; but at the same time, this irritation allows the audience to relate to the movie, and jumps from the common track of Hollywood's ever wonderful and unblemished love story male.

Sandra Bullock turns in an impressive performance as well, portraying a passionate, yet inwardly resolute American nurse. Only the northern Italian scenery is more breathtaking; yet, Bullock proves that she is quite capable of excelling in roles more serious and intellectually demanding than as Sylvester Stallone's sidekick ("Demolition Man") or Keanu Reeves' unrealistic and undeserved chauffeur ("Speed"). Always collected, Bullock's Agnes is the character by which the plot moves, and her power sets the male characters in orbit to revolve around

and glow in her reflected light.

The headliners' performances are further reinforced through "In Love and War's" magnificent backdrops and equally dazzling music. Bouncing from the ragged and rolling mountains of northern Italy to candlelit boats gliding upon Venice's canals, the film provides an equally positive experience for those turned off by the dialogue or even the story itself. Battalions charge over lush, green-blanketed hills and Italians brilliantly dance before ornate and vividly colored frescoes. The only element missing is the scent of espresso and the taste of gelato, as the accordion and strings softly lead one by the ears into the quaint streets of 1918 Italy. Simply bella...

She Said...



(Out of five shamrocks)

By SUSIE SOHN
Accent Movie Critic

Perhaps because "In Love and War" attempts to relate the lost innocence of one celebrated American writer, Ernest Hemingway, this film embarrassingly strives to be epic.

ly unilinear character development of Agnes and Ernie: Was Ernest Hemingway really such a jerk? And an average one at that. Especially exasperating was the upbeat patriotic flute music woefully aspiring to epitomize the all-American innocence of this boy-genius. "In Love and War" could have been the script for a season's worth of afternoon soaps; I even recognized, in the dialogue, lines my friends and I would say as nine year-olds playing Barbie. So much for the script and music.

The actors of this film are big names of talent in their own right. Chris O'Donnell plays a 19-year-old "Ernie" Hemingway, who falls in love with a Red Cross nurse named Agnes, played by Sandra Bullock. Mackenzie Astin, in one of several comeback roles from his childhood stint as the cute little redhead in "Facts of Life," is Harry, a minor character who remains a close friend of Ernie's and is also interested in Agnes. Harry is the strongest character if only because he is the only one that acts his age. Annoying as the "Kid" (Ernie's nickname because he looks — and acts — so young) is as he professes his love for Agnes, she somehow falls in love with him despite their seven year age difference (she is 26), and the fact that she constantly has to act as if she were his kindergarten teacher. Granted, she is his nurse and can thus fairly claim some authority over him. This is especially obvious when the three characters go on a picnic and Ernie tries to impress Agnes with what is ostensibly boyish charm. Leg in a cast and recovering from gangrene, he jumps into a lake to show that he can elicit emotional concern from a professionally distant Agnes.

A little later in the day, Agnes has to ask Ernie and Harry to stop bickering when the two of them fight for her attention. Because Ernie has to get in the last word, she asks him — not condescendingly, but rather sounding like a schoolteacher reprimanding a kid for throwing sand at another kid in the sandbox — if he can behave and be nice to Harry on the way home. Of course, he cannot, and in a can-you-top-this mode he instead insults Agnes by claiming, to Harry, that he and Agnes slept together the night before. Agnes slaps this brat Hemingway in a scene vapid enough to take the satisfaction out of it even for me.

After Agnes and Ernie consummate their love in a brothel (for lack of any other "hotel" in the area), Ernie is assigned back in the states. Since Hemingway was a writer, the element of letter-writing between these lovers seems appropriate. Instead, the banality of these letters that claim marriage and eventually send the message of breakup merely contributes more to the flatness of these two characters. The director incompetently expects the viewer to make a leap and fancy the patriarch of suicide-driven personalities as this chirpy adolescent "Kid."

Perhaps because Ernest Hemingway is such a looming figure in American imagination, the character development did not rank as a necessity for the film. Otherwise it seems the director wanted to emphasize how innocent Hemingway actually was in order to show how, through love and war, he lost his optimistic heart. If that is the case, "In Love and War" is an embarrassing effort. Though the acting is far from awful, lack of character development ruins any chance for a heart-wrenching romance, or even a story. This film is not graced with the emotional intensity characteristic of the Bildungsroman. However, not any more to its credit, "In Love and War" did move me several times to think of abandoning the film altogether and walking out.



Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema

"In Love and War"

Starring: Sandra Bullock and Chris O'Donnell
Directed by: Richard Attenborough

What prompts one to invest two hours in the epic events of Hemingway's youth has more to do with what the movie doesn't try to undertake rather than what director Richard Attenborough actually tries to accomplish. "In Love and War" shines in its simplicity, and steers clear of the typically sappy Hollywood melodrama.

The movie's conclusion reeks of the ordinary; but ordinary is human, relevant, and puts the mirror to our own inner feelings about what it means to fight, to love, and to face the fears that stop us from doing both. This depiction of Hemingway's early life, at the very least, reminds us that love isn't always about walking hand and hand into the sunset. Sometimes pride and hurt make an equally consuming partner. "In Love and War" hints at Hemingway's lifelong commitment to both.

Though set in northern Italy during World War I, "In Love and War" is not about love, and except for a cliched sequence of shots of men being bloodied and mangled to the surge of overly dramatic violin music that is supposed to substitute as emotional intensity for today's violence desensitized film viewer, it has little to do with war either. Though the war brought these lovers together and further signaled suffering, numerous deaths of friends and patients were at best banal and at worst meaningless. I often found myself wondering who was the dying guy whose face was all bandaged up or whose memory Ernie was honoring when he accepted the deceased's cape.

The ineptness (the director's, not mine) of identifying these people, though frustrating enough, was even worse when reflected in the depressing-

Top 10 at the Box Office

1. Star Wars - Special Edition
2. Jerry Maguire
3. Scream
4. Metro
5. (tie) Beverly Hills Ninja
5. (tie) Evita
7. In Love and War
8. The Relic
9. Grid Lock'd
10. (tie) Michael
10. (tie) Mother

Source: Associated Press

Top 10 Video Rentals

1. Fled
2. Kingpin
3. Eddie
4. Phenomenon
5. The Rock
6. A Time to Kill
7. Matilda
8. Island of Dr. Moreau
9. Escape from L.A.
10. Tin Cup

Source: Blockbuster, South Bend

RELIC: BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

The Relic

Starring: Penelope Ann Miller, Tom Sizemore,
and James Whitmore
Directed by: Peter Hyams



(Out of five shamrocks)

By MARK TORMA
Accent Movie Critic

I've long been a fan of adventure movies, especially ones that makes trudging around in strange foreign lands look anything, but exciting and glamorous. From the classes I've taken in my Anthropology major, I can tell you that it never is, but that's beside the point right now. This is the silver screen we're talking about, not real-life Brazil, Burma, or Benin.

Anyway, as I was saying, adventure movies are one thing, but horror movies are another. There, the adventurer seems to have it easy, until he (when is it ever she?) finds a dark, ominous artifact, and from that point on his life is a living hell. That, in a very small nutshell, is about one-third of the entire plot of "The Relic." However, I raise a point of contention with the opening scenes, in which John Whitney, anthropologist with Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History, is participating in a religious ceremony among native Brazilians. It sure seems to me that he's doing field research, collecting data and descriptions of their traditions and lifestyles, but when events take us back to Chicago, we learn that he was merely there to collect "relics," and other ancient artifacts. That makes him an archaeologist, and not a cultural anthropologist at all.

Why is all this important? For two reasons: One, it confirms my Three Laws of Anthropology in Movies, which are 1) movie adventurers never used to be anthropologists, and now, they all are; 2) these anthropologists are always archaeologists, never cultural specialists; and 3) all of them are either Indiana Jones or the victim of a horrible curse that only more scientifically oriented heroes can overcome. Thus I lay down the gauntlet at Hollywood in defense of my beloved major, which my friends will laugh at even more now.

I haven't even arrived at the second reason yet,

which is: Two, all this harping over details in the opening shots which offend my academic sensibilities is the only worthwhile and/or noteworthy thing to say about this movie. That's it; that's all, nothing else. For this article's (and my editor's) sake, however, I of course can think of something else, something that will hopefully help you to decide whether to rent this movie or watch old Bulls highlights instead (Guess what? Jordan hits the shot. Sorry I ruined it for you).

"The Relic" stars Penelope Ann Miller (from "Carlito's Way", which nobody but two roommates in St. Ed's have seen), Tom Sizemore (from many cop/action movies, all of which escape me, which is not surprising), James Whitmore (the old guy who committed suicide in "The Shawshank Redemption"), and many even more inconsequential people (sorry, Linda Hunt) with nondescript names (notable exception: Chi Muoi Lo, who should win the "Name Far More Intriguing Than Your Character" Award). Miller, Sizemore, and Whitmore are all good guys; of course, only the two young ones survive. Really, the only bad person in the movie is Lo (if it's Chi, I apologize), who is certainly neither WASPish nor glamorous, and may have been the only one.



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures
Penelope Ann Miller plays a sleuth with style in "The Relic."

A convenient mixture of "Jurassic Park" pseudo-science, a monster who looks like "Predator's" dog (they shamelessly and inexplicably copied the insectoid mouth), and the disaster movies of the seventies, "The Relic" is nothing new, and therefore, nothing scary. Of course there's tons of gore, dismembered bodies, and lots of scenes where YOU CAN'T SEE THE MONSTER, BUT YOU KNOW IT'S THERE. Unfortunately, we've all seen "Jurassic Park", or at least watched one of the "Alien" movies. Even if somebody retreated from society twenty years

ago, they're sure to have seen "Jaws", and so the audience for "The Relic" has now shrunk to only those under age seven who can't possibly appreciate the chemical basis for the movie's premise. All the better; the most real enjoyment that can be gleaned from this film is probably the laughter at the ridiculous running gag about Chicago cops with a connoisseur's taste for New Age coffees.

To wit, "The Relic" leaves much to be desired. My advice: desire more (not much more), and go rent "Species". I know, it's just another trashy horror movie with horribly underused talent, but the anthropologist is an anthropologist, and the monster is a heckuva lot better looking. What can I say, I like my man-eaters blonde.

ment. He debates whether he should try to save his current relationship, one which is slowing down in passion, but speeding up in commitment...or take the risk of looking for a new romance. He also wrestles with his religion: Catholicism basically tells him he will go to hell because of his lifestyle (premarital sex, birth control, et. al). This soft heart turns towards Barry — not exactly the man to go to for advice on love.

And then there's Jack (Jack Mulcahy) — the eldest brother who at first appears to have found true happiness. He and his wife, Molly, are the stereotypical happily married young couple. Or so they seem, then Molly expresses her wish to have children, then Jack ponders whether he is REALLY willing to have sex only with this one woman for the rest of his life.

With Barry giving the advice, Patrick decides to break it off with his longtime girlfriend. Jack's loyalty to Molly ends when Barry's former girlfriend decides she is interested in married men. Jack foolishly thinks he can not only control a five-year marriage losing fire, but also successfully maintain an illicit affair.

And even Barry struggles with his single life principle: never commit. Several chance encounters with the same beautiful actress, who doesn't easily return Barry's affections, starts his own doubt in his beliefs.

This movie is simply an extremely fun show. The skillfully written dialogue flows naturally, and the conversations are hysterically on the mark. Although this film is low in budget, it certainly does not skimp in talent — all characters act with great skill, and the audience will find something intriguing about each one.

Not only is this an amazing comedy, it's a great late-night conversation piece as well. I feel that a movie is only "great" if you continue to think about it long after the tape ends. This one will easily inspire those profound 3 a.m. discussions to extend our procrastination.

SOAP OPERA UPDATE

General Hospital

By GENEVIEVE MORRILL
Accent General Hospital Correspondent

This week in Port Charles, Brenda's stalker is revealed to be...Harry Silver, who blames himself (and her) for Lily's death. He seems to be plotting a most unpleasant end to Ms. Barrett. Meanwhile, Miranda and Jax spend the night in a hotel and wrestle, while she is half-naked (there appears to be SOME feeling there, but then, let's give Jax the benefit of the doubt...he was cold and needed to warm up?) Sonny spends the night on Brenda's couch, since her hubby is gone. Brenda spends the time popping pills like there is no tomorrow. Jax comes home to find Corinthos lounging around, drinking Brenda...oops, sorry, BRANDY. Sonny informs Jax that he will protect Brenda, regardless of what he OR she says; he doesn't want another woman he loves in bite-sized parts around the wharf district. When Brenda attempts to defend Sonny's actions, Jax jumps down her throat. Is there trouble in paradise? Miranda admits to Felicia that she still loves Jax, but she has no right to be with him since he got on with his life like she wanted. The square continues.

Stefan gives Katharine the impetus she needs to get on the ball and WORK at her physical therapy appointments. She is so energized that she actually changes that grungy hospital gown she's been wearing since December and gets a haircut. Stefan is thrilled to be a positive influence. Katharine admits to Miranda that she does not want to know the identity of her secret friend; then, all the mystery would be gone.

The whole Tom and Felicia situation is getting worse and worse. He lies to her when he spends the night at the Spencers', and then again when he has to take them out of the country. Felicia figures out the first lie and mentions it to Mac; he tells her to get Tom out of her system. Later, he follows the good doctor to the Spencers' and sees Tom embracing a blond woman. Did the super sleuth see Laura's face? Either way, this is a no-win situation: either Mac tells everyone Tom is cheating or he blabs that Laura has had a miraculous recovery.

Robin is worried that if she goes into treatment, the HIV will take over her life. What really scares her is the chance that the cure will not work...or so she says. Jason assures her that even if they never have sex, they will never stop making love. What a man! He comes to the conclusion that Robin is angry that she herself has the chance for a cure that Stone never had. He accepts her fear and promises he will never stop loving her, but it's time to start thinking about their future.

Lucy makes overtures of friendship to Felicia, and is rebuffed...in favor of Taggart?! Bet the girl talk could get interesting. She then finds that Kevin has received an offer of employment from Cassadine Incorporated, AND is seriously considering it. Stefan invites them to dinner on the "Island of the Damned," sending her fleeing home. Lucy, while looking fab in her '40s "lady in red" do, had a bad week.

Monica's sexual harassment trial begins, and the dirt is flying. Everyone in town turns out to support her. Emily is so upset that A.J. lets her skip class and go out to lunch with him. He tries to convince her that everything will be OK, and that now that he is cured he can have a few drinks now and then, no problem. Hello, snow job! Alexis wants Ned to testify for Monica, and Ned tells her not to put him under oath; she takes the hint. Dorman sees the trial as a big game, and puts on a performance, but Alexis catches him in a lie under oath. Dorman reacts with a particularly nasty slur. Alan hops the court divider and decks him, court erupts.

Luke tells Laura they'll never return to the Port as long as there is a Cassadine in town, as Lesley actually brushes her own hair. Now that Luke has the new 'do, Grandma gets the best 1970's hair award.

Email Genevieve Morrill with YOUR GH comments at morr8584@saintmarys.edu

RENTAL REVIEW

Video Pick of the Week

"THE BROTHERS McMULLEN"

By JOHN BARRY
Accent Movie Critic

It took a while to find a film worth recommending to the entire student population. I wanted a film that was meaningful, entertaining, funny, and yet still not seen by most American movie-goers. I chose "The Brothers McMullen" because it is a small-budget film that somehow surpasses the quality of many big-budget Hollywood products.

"The Brothers McMullen," the story of three adult Irish Roman Catholic brothers living in New York, begins at their father's funeral. At the ceremony, their mother tells her son, Barry (Edward Burns) that her true love is living in Ireland, not lying six feet under, and she leaves after giving her son a final piece of advice: "Don't make the same mistake I did;" she married due to pregnancy, not love. Later Barry and his brother Patrick move back into their childhood home — alongside their third brother, Jack, and his wife.

Now, this might sound to you like a sappy, slow-paced sloth of a drama, but the opposite is true. This movie is a hilarious comedy, that will keep you laughing.

The three brothers all face a similar dilemma: what do they want out of life? Throughout the movie, they address such issues as family, love, adultery, premarital sex, and religion. Their views shape each other's lives and forges stronger family bonds in the process.

Barry (Edward Burns who also wrote and directed) swears that he never wants to get married. Patrick (Mike McGlone), providing a foil to his brother, is a hopeless romantic who desires that eternal commit-

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En garde...



The Observer/Rob Finch
After their strong weekend showing at Cleveland St., the Notre Dame women's fencing team improved to 21-1, while the men moved to 16-2.

See tomorrow's Observer for coverage

■ **PRO BOWL**

Brunell leads AFC to victory

By KEN PETERS
Associated Press

HONOLULU

An investment banker made a kick for a \$1 million at the Pro Bowl on Sunday, a day when the NFL's best couldn't buy a field goal.

The Indianapolis Colts' Cary Blanchard, who missed two earlier field goals, finally hit a 37-yarder 8:15 into overtime to lift the AFC to a 26-23 victory over the NFC.

Blanchard missed a 41-yarder that would have won the game four minutes earlier, while Carolina's John Kasay missed three attempts for the NFC — the last from 39 yards with 11 seconds left in regulation.

Jacksonville's Mark Brunell, who threw for 236 yards and one touchdown and took the AFC on a 66-yard drive to Blanchard's winning field goal, was voted the Pro Bowl MVP. A 43-yard pass to New England's Ben Coates keyed the winning drive in just the second Pro Bowl to go into overtime.

Cornerback Ashley Ambrose kept the AFC in the game with a Pro Bowl-record, 54-yard interception return for a TD. His interception against Kerry Collins in the fourth quarter gave the AFC a 16-15 lead.

Green Bay's Brett Favre played only through the first series of the second quarter. He was replaced by Washington's Gus Frerotte, who was filling in for the ailing Troy Aikman. Brunell, who

Alstodt 'banks' on million dollar field goal attempt

Associated Press

HONOLULU

Lance Alstodt, an investment banker from New York, coolly drilled a 35-yard field goal through the center of the uprights Sunday to win \$1 million.

Alstodt had one chance, one kick for the grand prize in the "Hershey's \$1 million Pro Bowl Kick!" halftime event.

A former high school soccer player, Alstodt teed the ball up, took a few strides to set himself up for the kick, and wasted no time taking it. The ball was

almost dead center from the start, and with plenty of distance.

Alstodt, 26, already was doing a little hula dance as the ball sailed through the posts.

Then the NFC and AFC all-stars, who remained on the field to watch the million-dollar try, gleefully mobbed him.

Alstodt, who works for Chase Securities Inc., and three other contestants were randomly selected from more than 200,000 entries nationwide.

"He handled the pressure real well," said John Kasay, kicker for the Carolina Panthers.

replaced John Elway on the AFC team, took over for Drew Bledsoe of the New England Patriots.

Frerotte and Brunell, though, did not disappoint the crowd of 50,031.

Brunell completed 12-of-22 passes, including an 80-yard TD pass to Oakland's Tim Brown that tied the score 23-23 with 44 seconds left in regulation. Frerotte immediately marched the NFC back down the field, but Kasay's kick was off and the teams headed to overtime.

Frerotte completed 13-of-25 passes for 193 yards, including a 53-yard TD throw to Cris Carter of Minnesota.

Brown had five catches for

137 yards, and St. Louis' Isaac Bruce had seven receptions for 104 yards for the NFC.

Detroit's Barry Sanders was the leading rusher with 11 carries for 59 yards, including a 6-yard touchdown, and Curtis Martin of New England led the AFC with 13 carries for 48 yards and a 3-yard touchdown.

Favre led the NFC to scores the first two times it had the ball, including a 5-yard TD pass to guard Randall McDaniel of Minnesota on a trick play where he lined up as a receiver. Favre completed 6-of-11 passes for 143 yards.

Blanchard, whose other miss came from 55 yards, made a 28-yarder in the second quarter.

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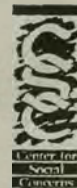
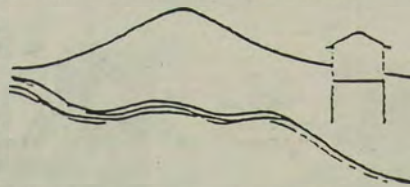
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Vols scrape past Ole Miss, UConn stays strong

By TOM SHARP
Associated Press Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. Abby Conklin made a jumper just inside the 3-point line with eight-tenths of a second left Sunday to lift No. 9 Tennessee to a 74-72 Southeastern Conference victory over Mississippi.

The Lady Vols (16-7, 4-3) led by 16 points midway through the first half and by 15 early in the second, but Mississippi (13-7, 3-5) chipped the lead away behind Christy Sides, who had 16 points.

Tiffani Johnson led the Lady Vols with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Chamique Holdsclaw had 15 points, Kellie Jolly 14, and both Conklin and Misty Greene added 10.

Tennessee led 45-30 early in the second half when a 3-point shot by Sides started a 9-0 run for Mississippi. Another 3 — the Lady Rebels made 11-of-22 treys on the day — by Anita Milons tied it 47-all with just under 14 minutes left.

Five 3-pointers in a six-minute span kept Ole Miss in the hunt after that. The last one by Regan Seybert came with 5:07 left and tied the game 66-all.

It was tied 72-all with 37.7 seconds left when Mississippi called time out in its own end to set up a play. The Lady Vols defense forced a shot clock violation, however, and Tennessee took over with 13.7 seconds left.

On the Lady Vols' first offensive foray the ball was slapped out of bounds under the Tennessee basket with three seconds left. After each team

called a time out, Conklin came off a screen, took the inbounds pass, turned and fired in the game-winner.

**CONNECTICUT 98
PROVIDENCE 68**

PROVIDENCE, R.I. Nykesha Sales scored 21 points and Carla Berube added 18 as No. 1 Connecticut continued its string of blowouts, beating Providence 95-68 Sunday.

UConn (20-0, 11-0 Big East) dominated every facet in reaching the 20-victory plateau for the fourth straight year and recording its 27th consecutive league victory. The Huskies held the Friars (11-9, 6-6) to 37 percent shooting while making 54 percent of their shots and dominated the boards 48-36.

UConn's victory margin is 28 points per game, and no team has been closer than 11 points.

Providence, winner of eight of 11 coming in, took its only lead, 4-3, when Nadine Malcolm made a layup. The Huskies responded with an 18-2 spurt that included eight points from 6-foot-7 center Kara Wolters.

The Friars closed to 11 but the Huskies put the game away with a 17-1 run, showcasing their balance by getting scoring from six players during the stretch.

Wolters finished with 16 points, while freshman Shea Ralph provided her usual spark of the bench with 14 points, six assists and only one turnover.

Malcolm led Providence with 27 points and Meghan Hinds added 13. Kerri Chatten, averaging 17 points, made her first shot but no others and scored 3

points. The Friars made their only run after falling behind 38-12. Hinds started the 12-3 spurt with a jumper and Mandy Saunders ended it with two free throws to cut the deficit to 41-24 at 3:56.

An officials' timeout gave allowed the Huskies to regroup and they responded with five straight baskets — four layups and a 3-pointer by Rita Williams to take a 52-24 lead.

Providence got a jumper by Malcolm and a 3-pointer by Hinds to close to 54-32 at half-time.

UConn placed four players in double figures during the half, with Sales leading the way with 13 points. The Huskies also had 16 assists to just six for the Friars.

It was more of the same in the second half, with the Huskies never allowing the lead to dip below 20. In a play that illustrated UConn's unselfishness, Williams whipped a half-court pass to Berube, who caught it in the air and gave a touch pass to the hustling Wolters for a layup and an 83-52 lead with 9:23 to play.

About the only areas where the Huskies struggled were on 3-pointers (4-13) and free throws (7-16).

**KANSAS 67
NEBRASKA 59**

LINCOLN, Neb. Freshman forward Lynn Pride scored 15 of her 19 points in the second half as No. 12 Kansas rallied from a dozen points down to beat Nebraska 67-59 Sunday night.

With the Jayhawks (16-3, 7-1 Big 12) trailing 46-34 and 10:17 remaining, Pride made two free throws to ignite a 23-6 surge that paved the way for Kansas' ninth straight victory over Nebraska.

The spurt was capped by a basket from Patience Grayer that gave Kansas a 57-52 lead with 3:56 remaining. But Nicole Kubik hit a 3-pointer, and Anna DeForge made one of two free throws to pull Nebraska (16-2, 6-2) within 57-56 with 2:43 left.

But the Kansas defense stifled the Huskers, and Tamecka Dixon hit two free throws to widen the gap.

Kansas held Nebraska to just four field goals in the last 10 minutes, all of them 3-pointers by Kubik, who led the Huskers with 16 points. LaToya Doage added 13 points and DeForge 11.

Dixon added 17 points for the Jayhawks.

Kansas was dominant at free-throw line, where it was 19 of 25 compared to 8 of 13 for Nebraska. The Jayhawks also were dominant on the offensive boards, pulling down 19 rebounds under their own basket compared to 12 for Nebraska.

Kansas fell behind 8-1 in the first four minutes, but fought back to take an 11-10 lead on Dixon's free throw with 12:19 remaining in the half.

The Huskers opened the second half with a 9-0 spurt led by DeForge, who had five points and two assists in the run.

Nebraska held its double-fig-

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TEAM	RECORD
1. Connecticut	19-0
2. Old Dominion	18-1
3. Stanford	21-1
4. Louisiana Tech	19-2
5. Alabama	17-4
6. North Carolina	18-1
7. Georgia	16-4
8. Virginia	15-4
9. Tennessee	15-7
10. Texas	14-3
11. Texas Tech	13-5
12. Kansas	15-3
13. Florida	15-5
14. LSU	18-1
14. Vanderbilt	13-6
16. Wisconsin	14-4
17. Clemson	14-6
18. Arkansas	15-4
19. Notre Dame	18-4
20. S. F. Austin	18-3
21. N. Carolina St.	14-8
22. Duke	14-6
23. Michigan St.	16-3
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The Observer/Mike Ruma
Erroll Williams took 0.01 seconds off his personal best in the 60-meter hurdles last weekend at the Meyo Invitational.

See tomorrow's Observer for coverage

■ NBA

Jordan, Bulls topple Sonics

By JIM COUR
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE
George Karl lost a psychological battle with Michael Jordan.

Trying to challenge Jordan's pride, the Seattle SuperSonics coach said this week Jordan was afraid to go to the basket and was trying to protect himself in the latter stages of his career.

"I'm not scared to go anywhere on the court," said Jordan, who poured in 45 points to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 91-84 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics on Sunday.

In a rematch of last season's NBA Finals, Jordan hit 19-of-28 shots — 16 of them jump shots — as the Bulls won their seventh straight game and their 16th out of 17.

"When teams give me the jump shot, I'll take it," Jordan said. "If they take away the lanes, I'll go for the jump shot."

A somber Karl tried to back away from his pregame comments about Jordan.

"I never tried to get into his head," he said. "I said Michael is a great jump shooter, which he is. I've never said anything derogatory about him. He's a great player."

Jordan's teammates had some advice for Karl.

"If I was coach Karl, I'd be quiet," Ron Harper said. "To say anything about Michael's game is ridiculous."

Said Hersey Hawkins of the Sonics: "Yeah, he is shooting a lot more jump shots. But he's

making them."

Payton wasn't around to talk about the game afterward, but before the game said it didn't pay to talk about — or to — Jordan.

"If you try to get into his head, instead of 25 he'll get 50," he said.

Earlier this month, New York Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said Jordan tries to "con" his opponents.

"His way is to befriend them, soften them up, try to make them feel he cares about them," Van Gundy said. "Then he goes out there and tries to destroy them. The first step as a player is to realize that and don't go for it."

Right after hearing Van Gundy's remarks, Jordan went out and scored 51 points in the Bulls' 88-87 win over the Knicks.

The Bulls — and Jordan — showed not much has changed since last season's NBA Finals. Jordan remains the best player in the league and the Bulls are still a better team than the Sonics.

Jordan led the Bulls to a 4-2 series victory over the Sonics last June.

The Bulls beat the Sonics with Dennis Rodman last spring. They improved their record to 8-1 without the suspended Rodman.

For Jordan, it was his third highest scoring total of the season. He had those 51 against New York and 50 against Miami. He had the most points by a Sonics opponent this sea-

son despite being guarded by Gary Payton, last season's NBA Defensive Player of the Year, for part of the game.

"The other guys (Scottie Pippen and Toni Kukoc) couldn't get into a rhythm so I took it upon myself to be more aggressive," Jordan said.

"When rode the tails of a great offensive performance by Michael," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said.

"You saw one guy out there who was awesome," Harper said. "He was all by himself doing his thing out there."

The Sonics thought Jordan got some help from the officials, but the facts showed otherwise. He only went to the free throw line six times.

"Right now, MJ is on a roll," Sam Perkins said. "One-on-one, he gets the calls. That makes it tough as a defender. I guess we needed to double-team him more today."

The Bulls opened a 19-point lead early in the second quarter, led 50-39 at halftime and watched Payton lead the Sonics back within 2 points. Then, they let Jordan perform his magic again.

When Jordan sank a 3-point shot with 5:33 to go to put Chicago in front 88-70, a discouraged Payton, knowing he'd met more than his match again, exchanged looks with a smiling Pippen. For once, Payton didn't have anything to say.

Seattle came back with 10 unanswered points, but Detlef Schrempf missed a 3-point shot and Payton, who led the Sonics with 24 points, was called for an offensive foul against Steve Kerr.

Jordan had 26 points in the first half on 11-for-17 shooting, including a 3-point shot from just inside the half-court line at the end of the first half.

Payton poured in 14 points, including three 3-pointers, as the Sonics cut their halftime deficit to 2 points, 60-58.

Jordan responded with three straight jump shots and then found Jason Caffey under the basket with a pass from mid-court for a 68-58 lead with 1:37 left in the third quarter.

The Bulls' defense was almost as terrific as Jordan. It held the Sonics to a season-low 84 points and a season-low 36 percent (25-for-69) from the field.

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■ NBA

Pacers use Best for victory

Indiana comes back for last-minute victory

By HANK LOWENKRON
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS

The Indiana Pacers dug a deep hole for themselves and then climbed back for a dramatic 92-90 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Sunday.

Travis Best hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 39.4 seconds to play and Reggie Miller scored 28 points as Indiana Pacers came back from a 20-point deficit for its third consecutive victory.

"I feel confident any time a situation like that comes up," Best said of his 24-footer. "I was wide open. ... I didn't want to force anything. There was no question in my mind on taking the shot."

New Jersey, which got 32 points from Kendall Gill, had only one field goal in the final six minutes after leading 79-72 with 8:49 to play.

"Travis hit the biggest shot of his young life in this building," Miller said of his 24-year-old backcourt mate. "You have to have different guys willing to take that big shot. It makes you a much stronger ball club."

Derrick McKey picked up an assist on the go-ahead basket when he rebounded his own miss and passed to Best for the basket that gave Indiana a

91-90 edge. McKey then blocked two shots by Gill as the Pacers held on for the victory.

"It's tough any time they clear out and go one-on-one. But Derrick did a real good job getting a hand up," Best said of McKey, who declined to speak with reporters.

"Best hit a big shot and they played good defense," Gill said.

Despite the loss, New Jersey coach John Calipari saw a lot he liked from his team.

"I'm really happy with the way our team played tonight. They (the Pacers) turned up the heat on defense and did a great job."

"We played through Kendall (at the end) because I thought it was our best option. It worked all game long," Calipari said. "This effort I can live with."

McKey had eight of his 12 points in the final quarter, including a 3-pointer that gave Indiana its first lead of the second half — 80-79 with 7:13 to go.

New Jersey then held the Pacers to four free throws by Miller in the next four minutes, and the Nets led 90-86 with 2:05 remaining.

Rik Smits, who scored 16 points, made a layup with 1:45 left to make the score 90-88 and set the stage for Best's shot.

After a pair of jump balls, Gill drove to the basket with 3.3 seconds remaining and was blocked by McKey. Miller

was fouled in the scramble for the ball and made the first of two free throws to end the scoring.

However, it was the play of the entire Pacers team that allowed for the come-from-behind victory.

"It was a complete effort from all the guys," Smits said. "A lot of guys did a good defensive job at the end. Derrick [McKey] was outstanding."

Free throws made a significant difference in the outcome. New Jersey made 13 of 14 while Indiana was 27-of-35.

Dale Davis had 17 points and 10 rebounds for Indiana, his third straight double-double and fourth in five games. Jayson Williams had a double-double for the Nets with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

The Pacers trailed 51-31 in the second quarter and 57-44 at halftime, but got back into the game with 10 consecutive points in the third quarter.

The Nets built their 20-point lead with a 25-9 run as Indiana went nearly five minutes without a field goal. A jumper by Gill ignited the run 55 seconds into the period, giving New Jersey a 28-22 advantage, and the Nets scored the next seven points before Smits made a free throw with 8:16 left in the half.

Khalid Reeves hit a 3-pointer and Gill scored New Jersey's next five points, making the score 48-30.

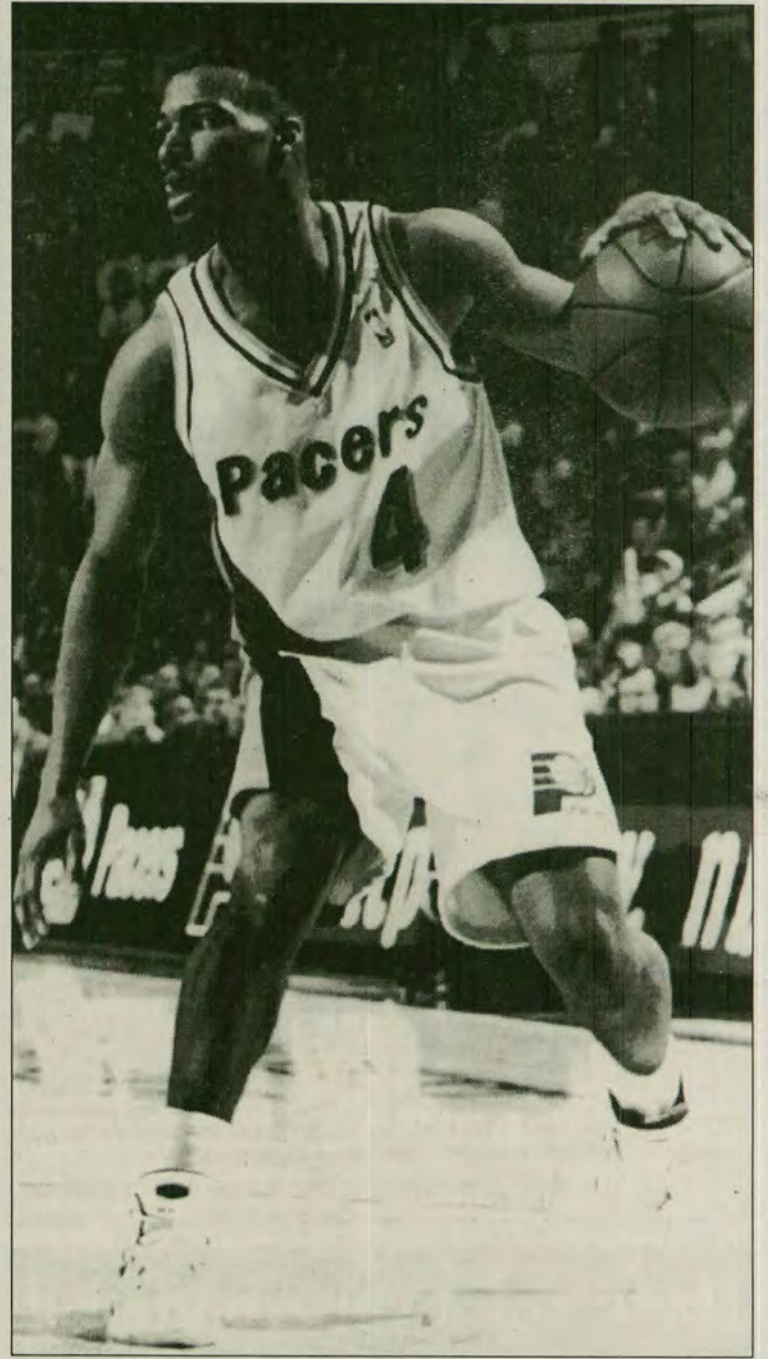


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Travis Best's three-pointer with under a minute left in last night's game allowed the Pacers to clinch a 92-90 victory.

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■ MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Duke climbs ACC with win over Georgia Tech

By DAVID DROSCHAK
Associated Press Writer

DURHAM, N.C.

Trajan Langdon scored 17 points and held Georgia Tech's Matt Harpring in check with his defense despite giving away four inches, and No. 12 Duke defeated the slumping Yellow Jackets 70-61 Sunday.

The Blue Devils (17-5, 6-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) moved into a second-place ACC tie with No. 5 Maryland and No. 7 Clemson heading into their Wednesday night showdown with No. 2 and league-leading Wake Forest.

In addition to Langdon's offense, Roshown McLeod added 17 points for Duke.

The Yellow Jackets (8-11, 2-7), the defending ACC regular-season champions, fell to 0-7 this season against ranked opponents. Dating back to last season's ACC tournament, Georgia Tech is winless in its last nine games against top 25 teams.

Georgia Tech's strategy was to post up the 6-foot-7 Harpring inside against the smaller Langdon, but the all-ACC forward started 2-for-8 and only had five points in the game's first 29 minutes. Harpring finished with 18, but got most of his points after Duke had built the lead to as many as 15 with 5:38 left.

Georgia Tech, which has lost seven of its last nine games, was hanging close to the Blue Devils early in the second half and trailed by just eight points with 14:15 left.

That's when Langdon, coming off a career-high 28 points in a win Wednesday night over No. 19 North Carolina, went to work.

He scored on a free throw, a running baseline jumper as the

shot clock was about to expire and a shot in lane within a span of 1:26 as Duke took an 11-point lead.

The Yellow Jackets never got closer than eight points thereafter.

In the first half, Langdon scored eight of his points during the tail end of a 17-3 run that gave the Blue Devils a 24-11 lead 6:11 before intermission. He had a pair of 3-pointers and a one-handed baseline shot within a three-minute period.

The Yellow Jackets did close to 24-17 as Harpring made his first basket after starting the game 0-for-5. But Duke led by 11 points at halftime after Ricky Price hit a 15-footer, and McLeod made a 3-pointer and a 10-foot jumper within a span of 1:14 near the end of the period.

Georgia Tech, which has had shooting woes all season, made only 9 of 29 shots in the first half for 31 percent and shot under .500 for the 19th straight game this season.

ILLINOIS 78
INDIANA 74

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Bob Knight didn't have to look far to find Indiana's biggest problem. The 17th-ranked Hoosiers scored just one point in the first four minutes of the second half.

"How important was it? You don't need ... Einstein to answer that question," Indiana's coach said after Illinois won 78-74 Sunday, its first victory at Assembly Hall in seven years.

Knight benched Neil Reed at the start of the second half, and started three freshmen.

"We need leadership, and I'm going to get it with freshmen, it's just that simple," Knight

said. "I've done everything I can to get leadership out of those juniors, and the hell with it."

Kiwane Garris scored 28 points for the Illini (15-6, 5-4), including seven free throws in the final minute.

"We knew they were shooting a lot of free throws, so we just had to come in and shoot more than they did," Garris said. "Basically, we were just trying to drive and make them foul us instead of sending them to the line."

Indiana (17-6, 4-5), which came in as the Big Ten leader in free throws at 76.9 percent, managed only 62.1 percent. Indiana had nine more attempts and three more points from the foul line, but it was the Illinois free throws down the stretch that made the difference.

"We didn't want to send them to the free-throw line. We still did that way too much, but we got them deep in the second half before they got to the bonus. And our zone certainly contributed to that," Illinois coach Lon Kruger said. "I don't think the zone was great, but it did accomplish some things we were after."

Indiana trailed 46-34 early in the second half but fought back to take the lead. The Hoosiers led for the final time with seven minutes to go, but Kevin Turner's 3-pointer put the Illini in front for good at 66-65.

"We didn't actually get the shot we wanted coming off the inbound play, yet we just played out of it," Kruger said.

Indiana then fell behind by seven only to close within a point in the final minute.

"We scratched back and got a lead and then just gave up. I don't know what really happened," Indiana center Jason

Collier said. "We just let it slip away, and there's no reason for it at all. Especially in the Big Ten, you've got to protect your home court. It's just something we shouldn't let happen at this point."

Garris, who moved past Eddie Johnson into second place on the Illini scoring list with 1,706, made two free throws to give Illinois a 73-66 lead with 59 seconds remaining.

Andrae Patterson's hook and Reed's 3-pointer pulled the Hoosiers to 73-71 with 47 seconds to go, but Garris made one of two from the line.

Reed's two free throws with 15 seconds left closed it to 74-73. One second later, Garris sank two free throws to keep Illinois safely ahead. A.J. Guyton made one free throw for Indiana, and Garris made two more free throws with four seconds remaining.

"I thought Illinois made some really big plays offensively," Knight said. "They paid attention to each other, and when they needed a bucket, they had some definite things they did and they got the basket. Garris was obviously very, very good. We weren't able to handle it."

Chris Gandy added 21 points and Matt Heldman had 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Illini.

Patterson led Indiana with 17 points, while Reed added 16 and Charlie Miller 14.

Indiana appeared to take control with a streak of 15 points early in the first half.

Illinois led 10-4 before a 3-point basket by Reed and a three-point play by Collier tied the game. Guyton stole the ball and fed Collier on a fast break to give the Hoosiers the lead. Indiana's biggest lead was 19-10 before two free throws by

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Men's Basketball	
TEAM	RECORD
1. Kansas	22-0
2. Wake Forest	18-1
3. Kentucky	20-2
4. Utah	15-3
5. Maryland	17-4
6. Minnesota	19-2
7. Clemson	17-4
8. Cincinnati	15-4
9. Louisville	18-3
10. Arizona	13-5
11. Iowa State	15-3
12. Duke	17-5
13. New Mexico	16-3
14. Villanova	16-5
15. Stanford	13-4
16. Michigan	16-5
17. Indiana	17-6
18. Colorado	16-4
19. North Carolina	13-6
20. Xavier	15-3
21. Tulsa	17-5
22. Texas Tech	13-5
23. Texas	11-7
24. Marquette	14-4
25. South Carolina	15-5

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Gandy gave Illinois its first points in a span of 5:30.

Garris got his first basket on a 3-pointer with 8:20 to go. Minutes later, two more baskets by Garris started a 19-8 Illinois streak, and 3-pointers by Garris and Heldman in the final minute put the Illini ahead 37-33 at the half.

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 Junior Danny Rothschild teamed up with co-captain Ryan Simme for a victory in the No. 2 doubles match this weekend against William and Mary.

■ MEN'S TENNIS

Irish netters off to best start since '92 season

By JIM ZALETA
 Sports Writer

On Saturday, the 29th ranked Notre Dame Men's tennis team improved its already perfect record. The now 6-0 Irish defeated William and Mary 6-1 in Virginia.

This is the best Irish start since the 1992 season. The team's impressive victory over Illinois gave them the needed momentum that led them into the weekend at full speed.

The Irish were again led by senior Jakub Pietrowski and freshman Ryan Sachire. Pietrowski defeated Lee Harang in two sets, 6-4, 6-2, at No. 1 singles. Pietrowski, paired up with sophomore Brian Patterson, also won the No. 1 doubles match in a tie breaker 9-7.

Living up to the expectations his teammates and coaches had for him, Sachire defeated William and Mary's Christian Jordan 7-5, 6-3. Sachire and Trent Miller won the tie breaker to win the No. 3 doubles match 9-8.

Senior Co-Captain Ryan Simme and Junior Danny Rothschild won the No. 2 doubles match to sweep the doubles point for Notre Dame.

The Irish won all but one

of the singles matches. After losing the first set at No. 3 singles, Simme regrouped and came back to defeat Trevor Spracklin 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Simme is continuing to be a leader for the Irish as he continues to improve on his 85-52 record. Patterson defeated Steve Williams in two sets.

Patterson won the tie breaker in the first set and won the second 6-3. Coach Bobby Bayliss predicts that he can be one of the best players in the Midwest this season. Patterson is undefeated in singles this season.

Rothschild nearly shut out his opponent as he defeated Ian Boettcher 6-1, 6-1. Rothschild is described as the quintessential team player by the Irish coaching staff.

"Danny is one of the best athletes on the team," Bayliss commented.

The only Irish defeat in the match was in No. 6 singles. Junior Vijay Freeman won the first set but was defeated in two straight by Anshuman Vohra 3-6, 7-6, 6-3.

The Irish continue their season when they face Kentucky on Feb. 11 when they travel to Lexington to face the Wildcats.

■ SPORTS BRIEFS

Tae Kwon Do — Students are instructed in accordance with World Tae Kwon Do Federation techniques. This semester-long course meets Sundays from 3-4 p.m. in Rockne Rm. 301. You must register in advance at RecSports and the fee is \$20.

Jazz Dance — A Jazz Dance class will be offered Monday and Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. in Rockne Rm. 219. All levels are welcome, but space is limited. There will be an information meeting on Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. in Rockne Rm. 301. The fee is \$30 for the semester and sign-ups will begin at 8 a.m. on Jan. 27 in the RecSports office. Classes begin on Feb. 3.

Cross Country Ski Clinics — RecSports will be sponsoring three clinics this winter. The first clinic will be on Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. and there will be two offered on Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. The fee for the clinic is \$5 with an additional \$3 rental fee if you need to rent skis. Registration in advance is required for all three cross country clinics.

Martial Arts Institute — Beginners practices start this Thursday, Jan. 23 at 4 p.m., in 219 Rockne. Classes meet twice a week, Thursdays and Sundays 6-8 p.m., 219 Rockne, throughout the semester. Join us Thursday or call Kyle @ 4-2078 for more information.

Cross Country Skiing — Rentals are available from Fri., Sat., and Sun., from 11-4 p.m. The rentals are located in the Golf Shop.

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■ SAINT MARY'S SWIMMING

Belles use intensity to prepare for final stretch

By SARAH GILLEN
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's swimming and diving team has been making waves at Rolfs Aquatic Center this past week. The Belles competed at home last Thursday against DePauw University and then again on Saturday against University of Indianapolis.

The women are amidst the most difficult part of the season due to many dual meets and strenuous workouts. According to senior captain Shannon Kelleher, the team is holding together well despite the demanding schedule.

The dual against Depauw was a close finish with Depauw at 127 and Saint Mary's 103. DePauw had a considerable advantage in the number of team members, but the Belles were able to keep the scoring close by attaining high place finishes in their races.

Kelleher performed well in her events, including a personal best in the 1000 free with a time 11:06. Coming in a close second place for this event was junior swimmer Allison Smith.

The competition was very strong Saturday against University of Indianapolis.

"This meet was very challenging both physically and mentally because our team is recovering from the Depauw meet in addition to strenuous workouts," Kelleher expressed. "I am very pleased with everyone's performance during this intense time."

Freshman swimmer Michelle Samareta put in another top performance with a second place finish in the 100 breast with a time of 1:13, just seconds off of a school record.

Diving coach Dan Slattery expressed pleasure with his team as well. During the last two meets the squad has dove unopposed to the other teams.

"I am pleased with the way the Belles are working together as a unit," Slattery said.

The unit was made complete this semester as sophomore Katie Ryan returned from studying abroad.

The Belles are completing the final steps of their season with intensity as they prepare physically and mentally for high quality performances at the Liberal Arts Championship meet Feb. 21-23.

Hockey

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Jason Sessa then set up a goal by junior Joe Blaznek 77 seconds later, and the hosts took the first of three leads in the game, 2-1.

Junior captain Steve Noble re-tied the game for Notre Dame midway through the second, tipping home a rebound shot after another Seyferth power-play blast from the left point (9:35) and thereby giving the Irish only their fourth multiple-power play goal game of this season.

Notre Dame had an excellent opportunity to take the lead late in the second period, as they had a 5-on-3 power play. They failed to convert, however, and Sessa countered for the Lakers, scoring his eighteenth goal of the season and netting a 3-2 lead.

But the sea-saw game continued, as senior defender Ben Nelson again tied the game in dramatic fashion with a break-away goal midway through the third period. The stage was set for what Conoir later called "the turning point of the weekend." The Irish had many chances to get their fourth goal but couldn't do it.

"We had good chances," emphasized Noble. "We just

couldn't convert them. It takes concentration and focus. It's just you and their goalie. You've got to be ready to shoot it, to get a rebound, or to screen him."

The Boys were unable to do so, but their opponents were. Senior Mike Peron received a clearing pass from Grahame and muscled his way along the left endline before touching a shot on goal. Eisler stopped the shot but senior Mitch Lane was in position to nudge the puck into the net.

"That really took the wind out of our sails," quipped Noble.

What broke the Boys' back occurred just 7 seconds later, when Joe Blaznek gathered a faceoff in the left circle and beat Eisler with a quick shot. "That was a miscommunication on our part," elucidated Cotnoir. "It was an all-around bad goal and it shouldn't have happened."

The following night the Lakers stormed to a 4-0 victory over a Notre Dame squad that played its fifth game in eight days, all against nationally ranked teams. The Lakers got on the board with a shorthanded goal in the first period with just 50 ticks left on the clock. Lake Superior forward Ben Keup led an odd-man rush down the right side but his centering pass wound up along the left boards. Bryan Fuss

tracked it down and fired the puck into the slot where it looked as if Irish senior captain Terry Lorenz would be able to gain control. However, as he tried to send the puck out of the middle, he inadvertently swept it into the upper right corner of the net past a stunned Eisler.

The Lakers made it 2-0 in the second period on Joe Blaznek's 20th goal of the season. From a near impossible angle at the bottom of the right circle, the fired the puck past a screened Eisler into the upper left corner. Later in the period they also got a pair of goals just 52 seconds apart to ice the game. "They got lucky goals," stated Cotnoir. "They had deflections, bounces - the got only 1 goal in my book."

"Our power play was bad tonight," stated Noble of the 0-8 mark. "We've just got to capitalize on our chances."

What does head coach Dave Poulin say to a squad that, fighting for the final spot in the playoffs, suffers through a weekend that could deject their spirits? "He told us to stay positive," recalled Noble.

"He just emphasized the importance of the days to come [in reference to this weekend's games against Ohio State]," stated Cotnoir. "He said we need 4 huge practices because this is the biggest weekend of the season."

Hoops

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ties at the charity stripe as they went 15-21 from the line.

"It was nice to have a solid win," Peirick commented. "We've had some trouble putting teams away recently."

Still, the Irish look for continued improvement and consistent domination.

"We didn't play as hard as we could have the whole game," Peirick said. "We're still looking for to play our best basketball for forty minutes."

The Irish will come back home for a contest against Syracuse this Thursday before they head back east for their biggest game of the year thus far against the Connecticut Huskies.

UConn is undefeated and can be found atop the national polls as well as the Big East standings with Notre Dame right on their heels.

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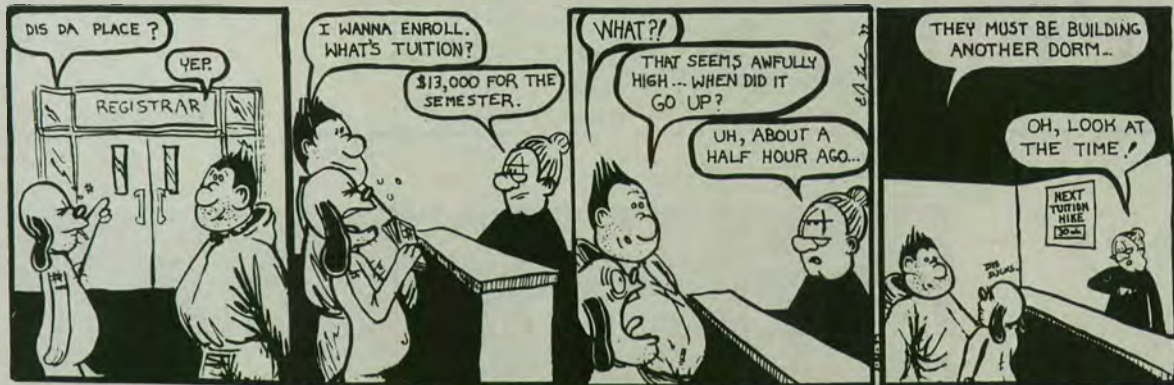
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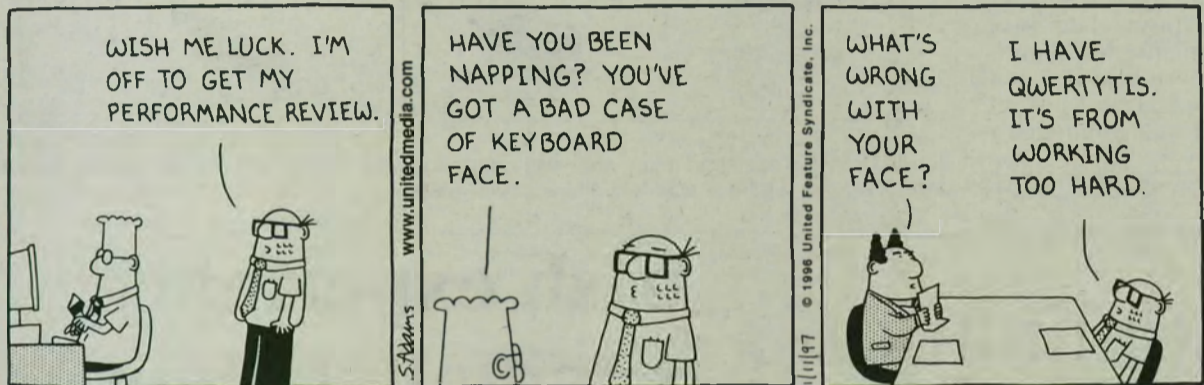
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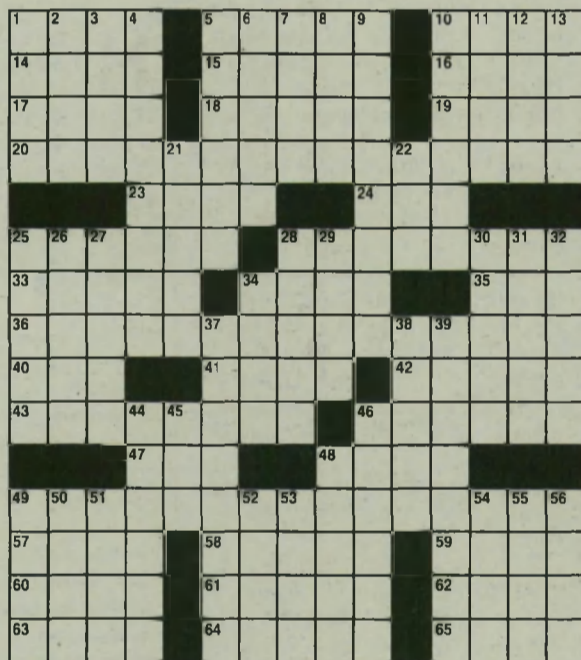
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 - 17 Plot size
 - 18 "Greetings!"
 - 19 Suffix with million
 - 20 Chickens that lay brown eggs
 - 23 Toward shelter
 - 24 Old French coin
 - 25 Mad (Wonderland character)
 - 28 Pedalers' place
 - 33 Kitchen garment
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 - 57 Pitcher Nolan
 - 58 Bridal walkway
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 - 63 Ground grain
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 - 5 Soror
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 - 10 Face hardship bravely
 - 11 She's a sweetie in Tahiti
 - 12 Wren or hen
 - 13 Greek Mars
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 - 26 Cop (negotiate for a lighter sentence)
 - 27 Folklore dwarf
 - 28 Defeats
 - 29 Radio host Don
 - 30 Skirt type
 - 31 Having a key, in music
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 - 37 Jurassic Park revival
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be wary of fast talkers who want to share your resources. An attractive older individual may have designs on your heart. Give this situation serious thought.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look to the future with confidence. Beware of making snap judgments that could lead you astray. You need to do some research and weigh your options before making a commitment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A change of pace is very welcome now. Business from abroad is both fast-moving and lucrative. Make reservations for a trip overseas. Your personal finances show slow but steady improvement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Concentrate on projects already in progress. Your powers of concentration are remarkable. Be cautious when dealing with someone who may envy your reputation for excellent service.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Staying in a positive frame of mind should be easier today. Public relations activities take up the lion's share of your time. Trust your instincts; a friend really does have your best interests at heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look for ways to hasten career advancement. Consulting an expert may open your eyes to new money-making opportunities. Take your time if pondering a change in employment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Exercise patience even if eager to forge ahead. Higher-ups will be impressed by your thoroughness. Work quietly to prove that you have what it takes for the long haul.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be at your best today. Productivity continues to rise — and so does your self-esteem! A romantic interlude leaves you glowing. Family finances may be difficult.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be realistic when assessing an employment or financial situation. Changing horses in mid-stream could be a serious error. Your expectations may be too high for others to meet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Anchor your dreams in solid achievement. Reaching a coveted goal may take longer than anticipated. Discussing a financial situation with experts may convince you to apply for a loan to advance a pet project.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A dramatic event will give you a real jolt. Seek solitude in order to get a true reading of current circumstances. Friends are supportive but can offer little help.

Of Interest

Teach for America will have a representative at the Center for Social Concerns at 5:30 p.m. today to discuss the program, benefits and opportunities.

Club registration packets for the 1997-1998 school year are now available in the Student Activities office, 315 LaFortune. Questions? Call Student Activities at 1-7308 or the Club Coordination Council at 1-4078.

Auditions for "Picnic," a William Inge play to be directed by assistant professor of theatre Mike Morris, will be held at Saint Mary's College on Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regina Hall Rehearsal Studio, room 016. Four male roles are available. No audition appointments are necessary. For more information, call 284-4640.

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Notre Dame

North
 Beef Turnovers
 Salsa Rice Soup
 Vegetable Lo Mein
 Stir-Fry Seafood Medley

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 Chicken Fajita Salad
 Chili
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HOCKEY

Lakers drown 'Boys'

Notre Dame drops two to Lake Superior

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The playoff drive for the Boys of Winter stalled this weekend as they dropped a pair of Central Collegiate Hockey Association games to the Lake Superior State Lakers, 6-3 and 4-0, extending their losing streak to four games.

"We obviously would have liked a split," explained sophomore defenseman Benoit Cotnoir, "but that didn't happen."

Notre Dame (5-14-1) remained in eighth place, with Ohio State and Alaska-Fairbanks trailing the Irish by just one point each, while Lake Superior State (17-9-4) moved into sole possession of second place. To put the teams' records into perspective, consider the following fact: Lake Superior State picked up two CCHA victories in two days this weekend, while Notre Dame's

last two CCHA wins have spanned two months (January 18 against Alaska-Fairbanks and Dec. 7 against Alaska-Fairbanks).

The weekend began auspiciously for the Boys on Friday night. Though the Lakers held the Irish shotless for the first 15:40 of the game, junior Irish goaltender Matt Eisler kept them in the game, stonewalling the Lakers in the first 20 minutes and turning away all 16 shots he faced. Late in the first period, the Irish capitalized on a power play. Cotnoir slid a pass across the blueline for freshman defenseman Sean Seyferth, who sent a slapshot from the left point that deflected off of junior Laker goaltender John Grahame and into the net for a 1-0 lead.

The lead, however, quickly dissipated. The Lakers scored two quick goals in the opening moments of the second period to snatch a 2-1 lead. Fifth-year Laker senior Gino Pulente fed sophomore Tobin Praznik, who beat Eisler to the glove side for the first goal just 39 seconds into the period. Sophomore



The Observer/Brandon Candura
Benoit Cotnoir's assist on a key goal was one of the bright spots of the Irish Icers' unsuccessful weekend games against Lake Superior State.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Squad returns to domination

By JOE CAVATO
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After narrowly escaping their last two contests, the Notre Dame women's basketball team was hoping a visit to 4-16 St. John's squad would provide the calm after the storm.

Muffet McGraw's team dominated the Red Storm from the tip as the Irish shot 60 percent from the field in the first half and the hosts shot a dismal 25 percent. With the 75-47 triumph the Irish remain undefeated in conference play as their record now stands at 19-4 and their win streak has

been pushed to nine.

Beth Morgan, who was one of five Domers who scored in double figures, lead the way in the first stanza with 13 points on five of seven shooting. Six of Morgan's game-high 15 points came in the first three minutes as she ignited a 10-0 run to start the contest.

"Things were going well for us right from the start," junior guard Mollie Peirick said. "Beth really got us going."

Peirick turned in a great all-around effort as she poured in 15 points, dished out five assists, grabbed six rebounds, and came up with three steals.

"We came out in a man-to-man defense and we haven't done that all year," she added. "We are trying to get more variety on defense."

In the paint, senior forward Rosanne Bohman got eight of her ten points in the first half contributing on a 16-0 run which gave the Irish a 20 point lead at the break.

At one point in the second half the Blue and Gold had pushed their lead to 33 as they maintained their defensive pressure as they held the Storm to 27 percent shooting in the second half.

Katryna Gaither played just 19 minutes but was affective as she scored 14 on five for nine shooting. Sophomore guard Sheila McMillen provided a spark of the bench with twelve points.

In addition to being hot from the field the squad took advantage of their opportuni-



The Observer/Mike Ruma
Junior Mollie Peirick helped lead the Irish to a sound conference victory over St. Johns on Sunday.

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Irish experience windfall, fallout

By mid-January, Notre Dame's recruiting forecast was looking bleak. While many of the players, who had visited in December, had not yet committed elsewhere, time had become an enemy.

In recruiting there are two important pearls of wisdom: 1) The longer a southern recruit delays his decision,



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the more likely he is to stay in the South, and 2) Recruits tend to commit to their initial favorite despite other leanings in between.

When Notre Dame's third official recruiting weekend began, January 17-18, the Irish were stuck at eight commitments and Mother Nature wasn't doing the Irish any favors.

As some may recall, that was the weekend of below zero weather and blizzard conditions, and the Irish were hosting players from California, Louisiana, Texas and Arizona.

With that snow came something magical, maybe it was just plain Irish luck, but from January 19 to January 23 the commitments came pouring in.

Kevin Dansby: After January visits to Florida and

Southern Mississippi, linebacker Kevin Dansby (6-3, 215, 4.5) of Birmingham, AL finally committed to Notre Dame.

With his brother Melvin returning to Notre Dame for a fifth year, Kevin had been considered a lock. Yet, he made many Irish fans very anxious with his delayed decision.

During his senior season, Kevin had 171 tackles, 6 sacks and 3 INT's, and was named USA Today all-USA Honorable Mention all-American.

"One of the top linebackers in the South," Bill Kurelic said. "He has excellent speed and ranges all over the field to make plays."

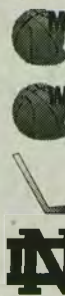
Brock Williams: One of Notre Dame's failures in past years has been their inability to sign top cover cornerbacks. While Brock Williams (5-10, 185, 4.4) is not listed among the top corners in the nation, he is considered a natural cover corner and has the potential to be excellent.

"He's overshadowed by his teammate Fred Booker, but is also excellent," Allen Wallace of SuperPrep commented. "He's tough with a good work ethic."

Going into the weekend, recruiting analysts tabbed Williams as a must have for the Irish. Yet, when the weather turned foul, many thought the Irish had lost this Louisiana native. Surprisingly though,

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



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vs. Ohio State
February 7, 7 p.m.

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February 8



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