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Students gather in vigil to pray for Keenan senior



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Eric Robben
Resident Assistant, Keenan Hall

Moberg continues to fight through coma at area hospital

By ERICA THESING
News Writer

Senior Brent Moberg has been drifting in and out of a coma since an AZ malformation in the right side of his brain burst Tuesday morning, according to Gwyneth Murray-Nolan, a friend of Moberg. He went to the Notre Dame infirmary at approximately 11:30 a.m. Tuesday complaining of a headache and, within minutes of arriving, collapsed and slipped into a coma, Murray-Nolan said.

Moberg, an R.A. in Keenan Hall, was rushed to the hospital and underwent surgery at 1 p.m. Tuesday to release the pressure on his brain and reduce the chance for internal hemorrhaging, according to Murray-Nolan. Since the surgery, Moberg has awakened a few times and written notes to his family and friends.

"He's aware that something is wrong," said Murray-Nolan. "He's been awake. He's recognized family. We've prayed. He wrote notes all morning about getting a drink of water and asking about Brother Bonaventure, the rector of Keenan Hall."

Moberg's progress has surprised his doctors, said senior Eric Robben, a Keenan R.A. who plays in a band with Moberg.

"It's in Brent's nature to fight this thing, and he's already fought his way back," he said. "Right now everything is up in the air. With the information we have, I think we have a lot of room for hope."

Despite Moberg's initial progress, he is still slipping in and out of the coma and it will be a while longer until doctors know anything definite, according to his sister Emily, a freshman at Saint Mary's.

"They are keeping brain pressure low," she said. "He's going to be in intensive care for about two weeks before [the doctors] know anything."

Moberg's friends and family quickly

rallied around him, organizing Masses, prayer services and vigils. Moberg's friends are a tight group, and that has helped them through this time, according to senior Tim Rosa, an R.A. in Keenan.

"We're like each other's brothers, and that's how we feel about this," said Rosa. "He's a great friend. Brent is there for anybody and everybody. There isn't a time we're around Brent that we aren't smiling. He's the definition of a friend."

Moberg's friends organized a Mass for Tuesday night and a continuous prayer vigil that began immediately after the Mass. Nearly 400 people filled the Keenan chapel for that Mass, according to Robben.

"[Tuesday] was really reassuring when we had that many people stuffed in the chapel," he said. "There were 350 people there, at least. That's phenomenal."

The vigil began at midnight Tuesday and consists of half-hour shifts, with people keeping a constant

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STUDENT SENATE

Members support broader non-discrimination clause

By TIM LOGAN
Assistant News Editor

Addition of sexual orientation to the University's nondiscrimination clause and the Student Union budget were among the issues taken up in a lengthy meeting of the Student Senate last night.

The body passed a resolution calling on the Executive Committee and the Academic Council to address the change to the clause as soon as possible.

"The timeliness of this action is important in order to get it on the Academic Council agenda," said Pangborn senator Susan Roberts. The Council's agenda is set by the Executive Committee, which will hold its next meeting on Sept. 28.

While the resolution specifically deals with encouraging discussion and did not address the nondiscrimination clause itself, debate quickly shifted to the pros and cons of adding sexual orientation to the clause, especially in light of the Spirit of Inclusion statement which was adopted in August, 1997.

"The Spirit of Inclusion ... doesn't go far enough," said Pasquerilla West senator Susan Gloss. "We need to take a more drastic action with the nondiscrimination clause itself."

Previous senates have passed resolutions directly supporting the

addition of sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause.

Others present, however, were not as enthusiastic about the resolution.

"I'm a little concerned that we haven't fully explored this issue," said Joe Cassidy, director of Student Activities. He noted that the Spirit of Inclusion statement was assembled by a group of University administrators which included lawyers and theologians to discuss the legal and religious aspects of the issue.

"It's an important issue to this campus, but there hasn't been an

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SUSAN ROBERTS
PANGBORN HALL SENATOR

effort to bring in theological experts or lawyers," he continued. There was also concern about the potential costs of this measure, which would leave the University vulnerable to lawsuits claiming discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"The legal implications cannot be forgotten here," said Morrissey senator Ryan Constantini. "This is going to end up being a cost of money to this school. We as students don't benefit from that."

There was vehement disagreement on that issue from some members, however.

"You have to pay that price to treat everyone equally," said Roberts. "This will help [homosexuals] get what we all deserve, which

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Swingers



Students participated in the second of a six-session series of swing dancing lessons offered at The Rock this year. Students can register for all six lessons or pay per lesson.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Glossy spheres of destiny

A cornfield dances lazily in the summer breezes, while images of barns and pickup trucks fill your view. Slowly, whimsical music fills your ears and you hear the voice of Paul Harvey, "In this age of fast paced-life, maybe we've forgotten the simpler pleasures in life . . . like bowling."

Kevin Dalum
Photo Editor

Suddenly, images of sweaty men and women fill your eyes, their undulating masses held in check only by a thin layer of polyester, while medieval-looking wrist braces cradle their discolored hands. The pagans hold their orbs aloft, pausing for a moment to look upon their divine orbs, before rocking them back and slinging them full force at a group of pearly white pins, standing like condemned prisoners at their execution. The noise is continuous and magnificent, the smells both enticing and revolting. Cigarette smoke wafts into the air from every ashtray, like little chimneys across a busy skyline. The participants dance to the sounds of old eight-tracks, and murmur lazily about sports teams and the stock market. It is a world beyond words.

Bowling is one of America's national pastimes, and truly deserves that title as well because it's actually done all over America, and it actually does pass time. I know people who can spend four to five hours a night just sitting, drinking, and occasionally, when their name is called, lobbing a ball at some sticks far, far away. It is far more about sitting — and who doesn't enjoy a good sit? The alley is a great temple to socialization, oozing with good feelings and frothy mugs. You just can't be angry in a bowling alley. You can be frustrated, but usually a few glances at someone far less talented than you will relieve all your stress. The rhythm of the pins is constant, and the occasional sounds of "oh boy!" and "damn!" percolate up through the continuous drone. People come and go, the pins keep falling, and all is well. It's very transcendental.

Bowling is both exciting and relaxing, with long breaks between the few and relatively anaerobic bouts of actual exertion. Sure, you can break a sweat, but that just gives you all the more reason to sit down again, and make some inane remark about how "it's not the heat but the humidity." The physical act itself is one of those rare moments that leave you speechless. Imagine actually witnessing someone of completely unremarkable physical prowess doing what looks to be an incredible complex ballet of arms, feet, ball and knees. The bowling motion is so finely tuned over centuries of bruised knees that its present form is pure poetry. The ball is held high in adornment, then swung backward and forward again, whilst the knee swings sideways and backwards to balance the throw. I challenge you to find such poetry in another sport.

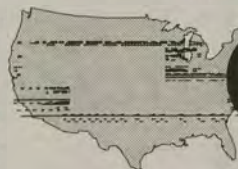
But the greatest part of bowling is that it is just plain fun. You don't even have to be good at it to enjoy the wholesome sound of 12 pounds of fury smashing into 10 columns of innocent pine. It's like a vacation any day of the week — the whole concept of the bowling alley is designed around isolating you from the world. You can forget the problems of your life: your looks, your hair, the weather, politics, the budget deficit, ebola and shower scum, and for just a few hours, you too can see life reflected in the shimmering gloss of a three-holed sphere.

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Outside the Dome

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U. Pennsylvania task force takes aim at binge drinking

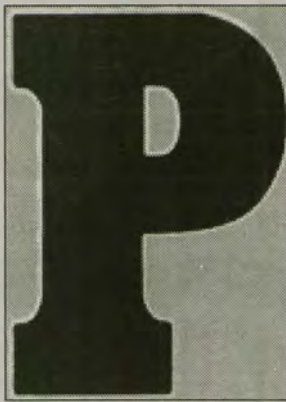
PHILADELPHIA

Calling upon Penn to make changes in its academic, social and judicial responses to collegiate alcohol abuse, a University-wide task force is taking aim at one of the most controversial issues in higher education today — the prevalence of binge drinking on many college campuses.

The issue has taken on increasing importance following the release of a recent national study reporting a major increase in binge drinking on college campuses and a year of high-profile, alcohol-related hospitalizations at Penn and deaths at schools from Massachusetts to Louisiana.

Last January, in response to several incidents of alcohol-related violence on campus, University resident Judith Rodin appointed a special committee charged with making recommendations on how to combat binge drinking at Penn.

After months of discussion, the committee has finished a 10-page report outlining strategies to mitigate the campus' "culture of acceptance for excessive drinking" and coordinate the University's efforts to prevent and punish the high-



risk behavior associated with alcohol abuse.

The report makes a sweeping set of recommendations, including improving collection of data on binge drinking, notifying parents after any alcohol-related incident involving a student, and scheduling more classes on Fridays to discourage students from beginning weekend drinking on Thursday nights.

The committee's main recommendations, several committee members said, were the hiring of a "coordinator" to oversee and administer the University's academic, disciplinary and medical responses to problem drinkers and to offer more non-alcoholic programming to students who might otherwise drink.

Leaders of Penn's Greek community criticized the report, however, for blaming fraternities' for campus alcohol abuse while ignoring the non-Greek party scene.

InterFraternity Council President Josh Belinfante, a senior, took particular exception to the report's claim that "fraternities have played a major role in a significant number of alcohol-related instances of misconduct or life-threatening alcohol overdose."

McGILL UNIVERSITY

Student group sues over tuition

MONTREAL, Quebec

The Students' Society of McGill University has hired a new lawyer to deal with the differential tuition case. Jean-Guy Bertrand, a prominent Quebec City lawyer best known for his work in a Supreme Court case on unilateral succession, has been retained by SSMU to try the case before the Quebec Court of Appeals. In June 1997, SSMU launched a lawsuit which challenged the Quebec government's differential tuition fees policy—a policy which effectively doubled tuition for out-of-province students with an additional \$40 fee per course credit. The Students' Society argued that Quebec Education Minister Pauline Marois overstepped her ministerial role in creating the policy, thereby rendering it illegal. The argument also stated that the policy was discriminatory and violated the Canadian constitution. Last February, however, the courts ruled in favor of the Quebec government, leaving SSMU with the option of appealing the decision.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

President faces discrimination suit

PITTSBURGH, Penn.

The University has not responded to a gender- and sex-discrimination suit filed in federal court against Pitt-Johnstown and its president, Albert L. Etheridge. Clea Patrick Hollis, UPJ's director of affirmative action, filed the three-count complaint in U.S. District Court in July. The complaint claims that Etheridge, since he took the president's office in 1994, has tried to "deprive Plaintiff (Hollis) of her constitutional rights, belittle her, demean her, and drive her from her employment" because she was black and a woman. The complaint alleges that Etheridge told Hollis that "he did not believe in affirmative action and that he would do everything possible to avoid implementing its principles." Hollis is seeking both compensatory and punitive damages. Her trial lawyer, Robert Cohen, would not say how much money Hollis is asking for. Cohen said the University still has time to respond to the charges. "They're not too late," Cohen said.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Police warn against predator

BOSTON

Boston University Police are telling female students to watch out for a predator who tricks his victims into having sex by impersonating their friends. Using a phony female voice, the suspect calls women at random and pretends to be a friend who is held against her will, police said. The suspect then says the friend will be hurt unless the victim agrees to have sex, often orally. "This guy is very good and very convincing," said Detective Sgt. Robert Molloy. "You would never believe that he could possibly be a man if you heard his voice." The suspect, a 31-year-old man, has victimized at least three BU students in the past six months, Molloy said. The suspect uses any information women inadvertently reveal to establish a false identity. "He calls these girls in their rooms and sets up some scenario where they are asked to leave their dorms and meet him at a designated spot, where he then makes sexual advances toward the girl," Molloy said.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Minority grad student numbers fall

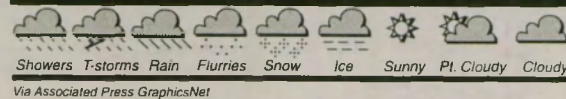
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

A new report has found the number of black students in graduate science and engineering programs nationwide fell by 20 percent between 1996 and 1997. But officials at the University of Virginia said for the most part minority enrollment in Ph.D. science and engineering disciplines has not followed national trends. The American Association for the Advancement of Science released the report, "Losing Ground: Science and Engineering Graduate Education of Black and Hispanic Americans," Friday. The report sampled 93 universities that are among the top recipients of federal funds for research and development. The report studied application, admission, financial aid and enrollment information according to race and ethnicity. The report stated that the number of Hispanic-American science and engineering graduate students fell 18.2 percent, and that anti-affirmative action rulings have produced an "unwelcoming environment."

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■ FACULTY SENATE

Committees pinpoint concerns for coming year

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

Faculty Senate members will explore the implications of a two-year probation issued last spring to the Women's Resource Center. They vowed in their first meeting of the semester last night to look into the subject and others that involve benefits, academics and administration — the issues that affect their classrooms and students.

The senate's permanent student affairs committee, chaired by assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters Ava Preacher, was concerned by events stemming from the Office of Student Affairs' decision last spring to put the student group on probation for two years for reportedly supplying pro-choice materials to interested students.

"This is a priority because it happened this summer, and students and faculty have not fully digested what has happened," said associate professor of English Barbara Green. "We are all in fact impacted by this. It raises issues about our classrooms and how freely our students are allowed to think once they leave them."

Professor of philosophy Edward Manier agreed.

"The classroom is a privileged area where you can debate all sides of an issue. You can't do that in a student organization," he said. "There's a different set of standards that applies to clubs than applies in the classroom."

Committee members discussed and considered the implications of the University's action and its treatment of stu-

dents involved in the situation. They concluded that a careful fact-finding foray was the most appropriate starting point for their efforts.

The committee also identified review of the Honor Code as warranting its attention this fall. The members, who were particularly concerned with procedural uncertainties in dealing with violations, agreed that the Honor Code likely warrants an evaluation of some sort because it has not been reviewed since its implementation in 1989.

They also agreed that the redesigned Teacher-Course Evaluation forms and the overall teacher and course evaluation process need to be evaluated.

During the senate meeting's committee reports, other chairpersons also announced the issues they plan to address first this fall:

- The academic affairs committee, chaired by associate professor of theology Gregory Sterling, will consider Notre Dame's tenure system, its space planning and proposed conference alliances.

- "We will try to explore the implications on academics of Notre Dame going into the Big Ten," Sterling said. "If we're going to have a voice, we need to have it soon."

- The committee on administration, chaired by professor of physics Ikaros Bigi, reported it will address age discrimination issues at the University, new confidentiality rules and concern over a new employee drug testing policy this fall. The committee will also continue its work from last semester on



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Assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters Ava Preacher voiced her concern over the probationary status of the Women's Resource Center at last night's Faculty Senate meeting.

University alcohol policies affecting the faculty.

- The benefits committee, chaired by professor of finance Thomas Cosimano assembled three subcommittees to explore growth of the Notre Dame endowment and its impact on tuition, medical benefits, and retirement benefits.

- Earlier in the meeting senate chairman Michael Detlefsen, professor of philosophy, delivered his chair's report to the greater senate. He briefly touched upon four groups of items.

- First, Detlefsen updated the senate on the delayed progress of their May report to the University's Academic Council.

That report addressed the University's "US News and World Report" academic rankings and proposed expansion of the non-discrimination clause.

Although this senate paper was delivered last spring, the University would not accept the document until the minutes from last May's final Faculty Senate meeting were formally approved, Detlefsen reported. That certification took place at last night's senate meeting.

- Secondly, nearly a dozen assorted concerns had been brought to Detlefsen's attention since the last senate meeting. A listing of these issues — from age discrimination to graduate student space problems — com-

prised an item of the chair's report.

"I've conveyed these concerns to the members of our executive committee and the will be reflected in the coming year's work," Detlefsen said.

Each concern was revisited in the following committee reports.

- Detlefsen's report also addressed meetings with associate provost Jeffrey Kantor regarding a campus shortage of office space.

"It may take a few years to complete," Detlefsen told the senate.

- Expansion of off-campus dial-in capabilities is complete, Detlefsen told the senate in his fourth item.

Becker: Trade with Mexico free, but not fair

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Associate News Editor

"We are in the midst of global trade and global economics — there's no insulation from it," said George Becker, president of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) last night in his lecture entitled, "Justice in the Global Economy: A Worker Perspective."

Becker acknowledged that the border between Mexico and the United States was effectively non-existent as a result of the

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), but stressed six points that the USWA feels the U.S. should focus on to alleviate the tremendous trade deficit which has emerged since the treaty.

"Global economy with global business needs global rules," said Becker. He distinguished between free trade and fair trade saying, "Somewhere along the line you have to inject another word — I think it's fair trade." Although the conditions between Mexico and the U.S. may qualify

as free, they are by no means fair according to Becker.

"The Mexican workers are just as skilled as any you'll find in the U.S. but the living conditions are horrible," he said. He related the conditions he witnessed on numerous visits to Mexico, which included dirt floors and a lack of electricity, running water and sewage systems.

The average worker in these plants makes 34 pesos, or \$4.50, for a 14-hour workday. Although most of the factories are modern, workers are still subjected

to various toxins. Women are periodically tested for pregnancy.

"They promised that this would create a whole new way of life," said Becker of NAFTA proponents. This new way of life was to include the creation of jobs and improved standard of living. He argued that instead, the wage level has dropped 40 percent, and two million jobs have been lost in Mexico.

"Mexican workers feel betrayed," he said, adding that they want the deal to be renegotiated.

More than 500,000 jobs have been lost in the U.S. as a result of the agreement. The USWA has filed a lawsuit charging that NAFTA is unconstitutional on the basis that it is actually a treaty and as such requires a two-thirds approval by the Senate. Since the agreement did not receive such an approval, the USWA feels it should be invalid.

"I'm not a protectionist," Becker clarified, but he argued that the playing field needed to

be leveled in a global economy.


"Entrepreneurs and companies are searching for the lowest price" and are going to other countries to get it, he explained. Becker said that in those countries, "Workers are exploited and their economies are raped."


Because the U.S. requires that employers account for occupational safety and health, minimum wage, unemployment, and financial supports such as Medicare and Social Security, it is unlikely that it will be less expensive for multi-national corporations to operate in the U.S.

Becker stressed fairness rather than freedom in trade and also asserted that the U.S. should "practice the golden rule." This, he said, meant that one-way trade with countries like Japan was unacceptable.

Becker is a member of the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO and the Executive Committee of the International Metalworkers Federation and the International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine, and General Workers.

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prayer chain for Moberg. "That's 48 people a day for the next four days, and every slot is filled. Sometimes there are two or three people there at a time," Robben said.

The prayer is very important to Moberg's family, according to his sister. In addition to Keenan's efforts, Saint Mary's also organized a prayer service, and the family is asking that everyone say a novena for Moberg's recovery. "Everyone is so supportive," Emily said. "We just really want everyone to pray. A lot of people are praying all over the country."

Rosa points to the faith of Moberg's family as a key in getting through this time. "I'll tell you where a lot of the credit goes to — his family, his mother, father and sister," Rosa said. "Their faith is incredible. We're leaning on them and trying to be there for them."

Rosa and Moberg's other friends would like to thank the Notre Dame community for its support.

"On behalf of the people here in Keenan, especially the staff, we want to extend a thanks to the campus," said Rosa. "It's been overwhelming and a great lift for us. Brent's family is really feeding off what this campus is doing. They are really feeding off the prayers and the support, and I know it's really important to them."

Moberg is in the Arts and Letters pre-professional program and is in the process of applying to medical schools. Besides his work as an R.A. and playing the guitar with his band in the Acoustic Cafe and at other campus engagements, Moberg also helps coach the Lewis Hall football team and is involved with Keenan's baseball team.

Rosa asks that everyone direct all cards and gifts in care of the Keenan Hall staff.

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is respect and the ability to not be discriminated against."

Keenan senator Matt Mamak agreed.

"We're not lawyers; we can't tell the future," he said. "I have to vote in favor of this because of my belief that we shouldn't discriminate against each other."

A letter was submitted to the senate by junior Jennifer Ryan opposing the measure under debate.

"Sexual orientation is a disordered inclination (akin to an inclination to steal) for which discrimination of the act and even the orientation itself, without discrimination of the person, is the teaching of the Catholic Church," wrote Ryan. "As a Catholic university, it is unreasonable to ask the University to break from its foundations and its mission."

A number of senators disputed this viewpoint during the debate, including Roberts, noting that the 1994 version of the Catholic catechism states "every sign of unjust discrimination should be avoided."

"Not including [sexual orientation] because we're a Catholic institution is not a valid objection," she said.

Ultimately, the body voted 22-2-4 to pass the resolution.

The Faculty Senate voted unanimously last April to support the non-discrimination clause, and the Executive Committee will decide on Sept. 28 whether or not to put the motion on the Academic Council's agenda for its Oct. 8 meeting.

If the Council passes the resolution, it will go to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

In other Senate news:

- The senate approved a two year payback plan for the \$66,000 Student Union debt from the 1997-98 school year. In addition to the program, the senate passed several constitutional amendments which are intended to prevent the problem from recurring.

"I think this plan is going to work out all right," said Student Union treasurer T.J. Wolfe. "It should resolve the problem rather quickly."

In each of the next two years, Student Union organizations are scheduled to pay back \$26,325, with the bulk of that money coming from the Student Union Board and the Office of the President. Together, those two offices lost more \$50,000 in the last fiscal year.

The senate also unanimously approved four measures for-



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Student Senate passed a resolution supporting the addition of sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause.

malizing the responsibilities of the Financial Management Board and the Student Union treasurer. One of these measures gives the treasurer the power to freeze the accounts of any organization which has "an unresolvable deficit [posing] a significant financial threat to the stability of the Student Union."

- The body approved the topic of the Student Government's report to the Board of Trustees this semester. The report will be on the First Year of Studies program and will include suggestions for improving the transition from freshman to sophomore year.

Among the measures called for in the report will be the establishment of a writing center for all students, the creation of a program to help sophomores select a major and the development of an undergraduate scholarship office, according to Mark Massoud, head of Student Government's department on reports to the Board of Trustees.

Massoud pointed to the difficult adjustment many sopho-

mores have after their relationship with the First Year of Studies program and its services comes to an end. He also suggested that, with the pro-

gram moving into a new building on the site of the Hammes Bookstore in a few years, now would be a good time to start expanding its services.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Irate Italians suspend strike

ROME

A two-month dubbers' strike was suspended Wednesday night, hours after Italian viewers inundated a TV network with phone calls to protest that American soap stars were speaking English instead of their usual Italian. In addition to halting the strike, the dubbers also agreed to return to negotiations, according to a report by the Italian news agency ANSA. With the shows only recently returning to the air after the traditional summer break, it was exactly what viewers wanted to hear. After the lunch-hour broadcast of "The Bold and the Beautiful," which goes by the title "Beautiful" in Italy, hundreds of viewers had called to demand their stars speak only Italian, said Yuri Priori, a switchboard operator at Mediaset.

Hamas threatens Israel

GAZA CITY

In a veiled threat against Israeli leaders, the founder of the Islamic militant group Hamas said today that those who ordered the killings of two top Hamas fugitives should fear for their safety. The fugitives, brothers Imad and Adel Awadallah, were shot to death last week when Israeli troops raided their West Bank hideout. The brothers had been involved in plotting terror attacks in Israel. Hamas said it would detonate suicide bombings in Tel Aviv in retaliation. The group, which hopes to wreck the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords, has killed scores of Israelis in more than a dozen attacks since 1994. In an interview with The Associated Press today, Hamas founder and spiritual leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin, appeared to be raising the level of threats against Israel by singling out those who ordered the killings of the Awadallahs.

Teacher uses box to punish

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.

A high school freshman allegedly forced to endure hours in the "Slacker's Box," a 3-by-4-foot space under the classroom sink, has filed a federal lawsuit against the teacher he says put him there. The 16-year-old student, identified only as CTH, said he suffered severe humiliation and embarrassment because of teacher Jeff Tytler, who was fired in 1997 after school officials charged he used bizarre, militaristic codes in his classroom. "It's one of those stories that if you tell anybody about it, their jaws drop," said Rosemarie Richard, the attorney representing the student and his parents. The "Slacker's Box" was a cubbyhole under a sink counter where students who were punished had to sit, often with their knees tucked to their chests, the lawsuit said. The boy and his family are seeking unspecified damages.

RUSSIA

Yeltsin reassures country as ruble falls

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MOSCOW

President Boris Yeltsin claimed Wednesday that Russia was returning to normal, but the ruble's value plunged again and Communists warned of a new political confrontation if any "odious" reformers were brought back into the Cabinet.

Speaking by telephone with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Yeltsin "stressed that the situation is getting back to normal," the presidential press service said. Germany is Russia's biggest trading partner.

But the value of the ruble slid Wednesday to about 13-16 to the dollar in street trading after reaching 7.5 to the dollar the day before. The drop left the Russian currency worth less than half of what it was a month ago.

Yeltsin's assessment came as he appointed two more economic moderates to the Cabinet of new Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov. The Russian leader has now given Primakov four deputy premiers — three of them considered moderate reformers and one a Communist technocrat.

The new government, designed to accommodate Russia's disparate political factions, has halted bitter feuding between the Kremlin and Communist-led opposition — at least for the time being. But it was unclear when it would spell out a plan for easing Russia's economic crisis.

"We have not yet drawn up any guidelines for our economic policy; it is only being shaped," conceded the new deputy prime minister in charge of financial issues, Alexander Shokhin.

Even the truce between various political factions remained shaky.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov warned Wednesday that if any leading reformers — "the odious people who ruined Russia" — were brought back into the Cabinet, or if the government resumed the "liberal policies" of its predecessor, political confrontation would flare again.

However, in a sign of unusual support for the government, 59 percent of Russia's urban population approved of Primakov's appointment, according to a poll by the independent All-Russian Public Opinion Research Center.

Only 17 percent disapproved, said the poll, which listed no margin of



A Russian woman begs for money near a tourist bus in Moscow.

AFP Photo

error.

Fifty-nine percent is a remarkably high level of support in Russia, where cynicism about government is the rule rather than the exception. By contrast, Yeltsin's approval rating has been hovering around four percent.

The two new deputy prime ministers appointed Wednesday were Vladimir Ryzhkov, parliamentary leader of a pro-government faction, and Vladimir Bulgak, who was science and technology minister in the previous government.

Both are considered moderate reformers and are unlikely to antagonize the opposition.

They join two previously appointed

deputies: Shokhin, a pro-government centrist leader, and Yuri Maslyukov, a senior Communist lawmaker who previously served Yeltsin as industry minister and now has been put in charge of economic policy.

The new government appears divided over how to handle the crisis, including whether to print more rubles to pay millions of workers owed months of overdue wages. The government has said its top priority is to end the chronic problem.

Central Bank chairman Viktor Gerashchenko has said he favors expanding the money supply so the government can pay frustrated workers and pensioners.

IRAQ

Iraq presents new threats to U.N.

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BAGHDAD

Iraq threatened again Wednesday to end cooperation with U.N. arms monitors if the U.N. Security Council did not reverse its decision to suspend reviews of economic sanctions.

The Baghdad government announced last month it would no longer aid U.N. inspections of suspected weapons sites. The new threat, if carried out, would end its cooperation in the U.N. monitoring of already inspected sites.

The Security Council on Sept. 9 condemned Iraq's decision to stop aiding U.N. arms inspectors as "a totally unacceptable contravention" of council resolutions. It suspended the 60-day reviews of U.N. sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had promised Iraqis that sanctions would be lifted by early next year, but the council's move left Baghdad with no mechanism to have the embargo terminated.

The Revolutionary

Command Council, Iraq's highest decision-making body, said Wednesday it would implement the Iraqi parliament's recommendation to freeze the remaining U.N. monitoring of weapons sites "at a suitable time," the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

"The duration of this time will be short if the United States and Britain persist with their hostility," the Revolutionary Command Council warned after a meeting chaired by Hussein.

U.N. arms experts must certify that Iraq has

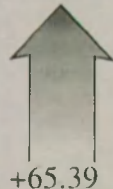
destroyed its long-range missiles and chemical, biological and nuclear weapons before the Security Council will lift sanctions.

Iraq withdrew cooperation after the chief inspector, Richard Butler, refused to certify that Iraq had destroyed its banned weapons.

Iraq's parliament called Monday for the government to put a stop to the U.N. monitoring, which would effectively close down the whole inspection operation.

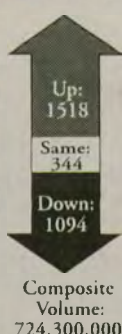
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Clinton critics admit affairs and 'indiscretions'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Rep. Henry Hyde, the House member leading the impeachment review of President Clinton, admitted Wednesday to "indiscretions" with a woman in the 1960s at a time both were married.

The Judiciary Committee chairman responded to a story in an Internet magazine, Salon, which detailed an affair with a woman identified as Cherie Snodgrass.

The Illinois Republican called the article "an obvious attempt to intimidate me" and vowed that it would not affect any impeachment proceeding. Salon has frequently criticized Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation of Clinton.

Fred Snodgrass, who lives near Fort Lauderdale, Fla., broke down and cried in an interview as he described the affair that Hyde, R-Ill., had with his ex-wife three decades ago.

"It's ridiculous. He had an affair with a young woman with three children. At least the president didn't do that," he said of Hyde.

Snodgrass, who divorced his wife, remarried her and then divorced again in 1971, said the affair devastated the children.

Calling Hyde a "super hypocrite," Snodgrass said he suspected his wife was having an affair when she began staying out until 3 a.m. and coming home drunk.

"She was so miserable; she said she loved us both," he said.

The former Mrs. Snodgrass is now Ms. Cherie Soskin of San Antonio, Texas. Efforts to reach her there were not immediately successful.

In a memo this week to Judiciary Committee members, Hyde warned that "some supporters of the president, possibly including White House staff, may be attempting to collect and disseminate derogatory personal information about members of Congress, particularly those serving on the House Judiciary Committee."

The memo added that efforts to intimidate lawmakers or interfere with their official duties would violate U.S. criminal law.

White House press secretary

Mike McCurry said the White House was not connected with the story in any way and has made it clear that anyone who peddled such information would be fired.

"People here are livid that it would even be suggested we were a source of the information and livid if anyone here attempted to be the source of that information. It is the last thing we need at this moment," he said.

"The statute of limitations has long since passed on my youthful indiscretions. Suffice it to say, Cherie Snodgrass and I were good friends a long, long time ago," said Hyde in a statement. "After Mr. Snodgrass confronted my wife, the friendship ended and my marriage remained intact."

Last week a conservative Republican, Rep. Helen Chenoweth of Idaho, admitted she was wrong to have a long-term affair with a married man more than a decade ago. Ms. Chenoweth has sought Clinton's resignation since April because of the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

And earlier this month Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., who is con-

Lewinsky inquiry costs

Summary of expenses related to the independent counsel investigation of the Monica Lewinsky matter:

Personnel compensation/benefits	\$1,861,456
Travel costs	\$949,895
Rent, communications, utilities	\$355,494
Contractual services	\$884,110
Supplies and services	\$82,653
Capital equipment	\$185,021
Administrative services	\$73,294
Total	\$4,393,923

ducting a campaign fund-raising investigation of Clinton, admitted that he fathered a child in an extramarital affair.

Hyde told a closed House Republican caucus Wednesday that lawmakers should be alert to investigations of their personal life, according to sources at the meeting who spoke only on condition of anonymity. He contended that allies of Clinton have hired two law firms to investigate Republicans.

Salon said Hyde had a five-year sexual relationship with the former Ms. Snodgrass and published a picture of a woman it identified as her sitting on Hyde's lap. The affair was carried on from 1965 to 1969. Hyde was 41 when the affair began and Ms. Snodgrass was 12 years younger, the story said.

The editors of Salon, an Internet publication, said they decided to run the Hyde story because "Clinton's enemies have changed the rules."

"Does the fact that Henry Hyde engaged in an adulterous affair, and tried to keep it hidden from his family and constituents, mean he is not fit to hold public office? Absolutely not. And the same is true of President Clinton," the editors said.

"The president's attack dogs don't know difference between breaking the law and making a mistake decades ago," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, of the story.

"Nobody doubts the credibility of Henry Hyde; nobody doubts his integrity; nobody doubts his sense of fairness and his sense of honor," said DeLay, who has called for Clinton's resignation.

Karen Johnson Cartee, a professor at the University of Alabama who writes on dirty campaigns and negative political advertising, said partisan forces likely account for recent stories about the personal lives of politicians.

"It takes some of the attention away from the president's problems," Cartee said, adding, "There is nothing the media likes better than showing politicians being hypocrites."

Efforts to uncover personal misdeeds of politicians could test the public's appetite for such details, said Robert Schmuhl, director of University of Notre Dame's program in journalism, ethics and democracy.

"It is quite possible that the public will react negatively and say 'enough is enough,'" he said. "Ev3en a tell-all culture has to have limits."

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U.S. economy stable despite world woes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan tried to reassure Congress on Wednesday that economic turmoil spreading through much of the globe will not be allowed to derail the U.S. economy.

Greenspan laid to rest talk that a coordinated round of interest rate cuts is imminent among major world powers, but he opened the door even wider to a unilateral cut in U.S. rates.

"I just think it is not credible to perceive that we can remain the oasis of prosperity that we have been ... with the rest of the world under increasing stress," he told the House Banking Committee. He first expressed that view in a Sept. 4 speech that markets took as a signal of possible rate cuts down the road.

Greenspan also spoke of his concern that the currency crisis begun 14 months ago in Asia is spreading to other regions.

"Deflationary forces are continuing to emerge," he said.

Rubin stressed the same themes President Clinton raised in a speech Monday about a critical need for the United States as the world's largest economy to play a major role in resolving what Clinton termed the biggest threat to the global economy in 50 years.

"The rest of the world looks to the United States, as the world's indispensable nation, to show global leadership at times like these," Rubin said.

The appearance by the two men lifted spirits on Wall Street. Bond prices rallied on Greenspan's remarks about potential deflation, and the Dow Jones industrial average ended the day up 65.39 at 8,089.78. The stock gain

marked the first four-session winning streak since Wall Street went into its steep summer swoon.

"Greenspan didn't give markets the immediate prospect of lower rates some had hoped for, but he is continuing to lay the foundation for an easing down the road," said Mark Zandi, economist at Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Economists said it is highly unlikely the Fed will cut rates at its next meeting on Sept. 29 but said a rate reduction at the Nov. 17 or Dec. 22 meetings

a six-part plan Clinton unveiled in his New York speech. The strategy includes coordinated efforts to boost growth, continued prodding of Japan to deal with its worst recession in half a century and proposals to provide emergency loans if needed to Brazil and other Latin American countries whose stocks and currencies have come under increasing pressure after a botched devaluation of the Russian ruble.

Reports have been circulating that the International Monetary Fund may be preparing to assemble up to \$26 billion in loan assistance for Brazil.

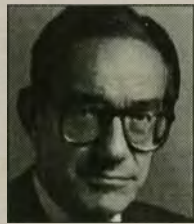
Rubin, while confirming that intense behind-the-scenes discussions are under way with Brazilian authorities, told reporters it "would be premature to comment on specifics."

The anticipation of a coordinated round of rate cuts was heightened when Clinton in his Monday speech said that the world's major industrial powers should abandon fears of inflation and unite to spur economic growth.

But in response to a question, Greenspan said: "I can safely say that at the moment there is no endeavor to coordinate interest rate cuts."

Greenspan focused his testimony on what developing countries must do to shore up their banking systems and provide better supervision to guard against risky lending in the future. He warned that any countries considering controls on the flow of foreign money would be making a mistake.

Malaysia has already announced such controls, and Russia is contemplating them in light of the plunge in value of its ruble. Greenspan said such controls are difficult to remove once in place and mean that the availability of badly needed foreign capital shrinks significantly.



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FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN

is a growing possibility.

"Clearly the talk about deflation headed our way indicates he is biased toward cutting rates," said Paul Kasriel, economist at Northern Trust Co. in Chicago.

By pushing a third of the globe's economies into steep recession, the Asian economic crisis has depressed demand and prices for a number of commodities including oil.

While economists usually view inflation as the bigger threat, falling prices for vital commodities such as farm products can create major problems as well, raising the specter of a global slump illustrated at its worst in the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Rubin repeated the broad outlines of

Whitewater trial delayed for witnesses

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA

The embezzlement trial for Whitewater figure Susan McDougal was suspended for one week to accommodate witnesses' schedules. And Mrs. McDougal was warned by the judge that she faces a contempt citation if she refuses to sit still during testimony.

During the hearing Tuesday, Mrs. McDougal brought her fist loudly down onto the defense table and swirled nearly one full turn in her chair.

"It's not acceptable to this court," Superior Court Judge Leslie Light said Wednesday. "If we have repetition of that conduct, there's going to be two possibilities."

The first is to fine or jail Mrs. McDougal, Light said, and the second is to send her to a

"listening room" where she can monitor the proceedings but be sequestered from jurors.

It was the third admonishment for Mrs. McDougal, who is accused of stealing \$150,000

from symphony conductor Zubin Mehta and his wife when she worked for them as a bookkeeper and personal assistant. In addition to embezzlement, Mrs. McDougal is charged with committing tax fraud from 1989 to 1992.

Mrs. McDougal, 43, spent 18 months behind bars rather than testify before the federal grand jury investigating President Clinton's involvement in Whitewater land deal.

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09/19.	Saturday.	Cushing Auditorium.	0800PM & 1030PM.	

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09/17.	Thursday.	LaFortune Huddle.	0900PM-1200AM.
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Campus Rock, Chapter One: Florida Evans and The Sampsons.

09/17.	Thursday.	Fieldhouse Mall.	0530PM-0800PM.	Free Shirts and CD giveaways.
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HPC (HALL PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL)

SYRs.

09/18.	Friday.	Keenan, Zahm, PE, PW, Siegfried.
09/19.	Saturday.	Keough-Hall Wide, BP, Carroll, Knott.

Formals.

09/18.	Friday.	Dillon, Morrissey.
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Keough: 1st Annual Chariot Race.

09/19.	Saturday.	McGlenn Fields.	0430PM.	Free BBQ to follow.
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CCC (CLUB COORDINATION COUNCIL)

AASA Lecture.

09/17.	Thursday.
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NDCIBD (Notre Dame Council of International Business Development): Portfolio Management Challenge Sign-Ups.

09/17-18.	Thursday-Friday.	NDH & SDH.	0430PM-0700PM.	Contact Jim McInerney or Dan Henn (x4716) with questions.
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Club Resource Center Grand Opening Tuesday, September 22nd 6-8pm in the Club Resource Center, 3rd Floor of LaFortune Dinner will be included.

CLASS OF 2000

Golf Tournament.

09/20.	Sunday.
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CLASS OF 2002

Freshman Hall Council.

09/21.	Monday.	Freshman Hall Council Reps' names must be turned into Nicole Borda in the Student Government office by 0800PM. Questions, call 1-4556.
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Freshman Hall Council Reps Meeting.

09/23.	Wednesday.	Location: TBA.	0700PM.
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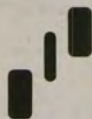
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■ ISRAEL

Palestine, Israel consider summit with Clinton

Associated Press

TEL AVIV

Israeli and Palestinian officials hinted Wednesday at a willingness to hold a summit with President Clinton later this month but avoided pinning hopes for a peace deal on any meetings.

Clinton was hoping to conduct the talks when world leaders gather in New York to attend the opening session of the United Nations General Assembly, according to a U.S. diplomatic official in Washington, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

No U.S. invitation has been extended so far, said David Bar-Illan, a senior aide to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

U.S. envoy Dennis Ross presented the idea of a summit to Palestinian leader

Yasser Arafat during two hours of meetings Wednesday in Gaza City, said a senior Palestinian official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said the idea "was possible." Arafat later told reporters that "everything was still under discussion."

At issue is a U.S. proposal

for Israel to withdrawal its troops from an additional 13 percent of the West

Bank in exchange for Palestinian measures against militant groups such as Hamas, which has carried out deadly attacks against Israel. Ross has

been trying to bring the sides to an agreement over the past week, but apparently with little success.

"There is clearly still work to be done, and we want to persevere because the pursuit of this is criti-

cal, the need to change the climate is essential and it's an objective that we need to work very hard to achieve," Ross said after his meeting with Arafat.

Fearing revenge attacks, Israel has been on high alert since its troops killed two Hamas fugitives last week in a West Bank raid.

The movement's spiritual leader, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that those who ordered the killings of the two brothers, Adel and Imad Awadallah, "should be afraid" for their safety.

On Wednesday, Israel increased security at transportation drop-off points used by soldiers.

It has also barred most Palestinians, even regular day laborers, from entering Israeli cities.

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U.S. ENVOY ON THE IDEA OF AN ISRAELI/PALESTINE PEACE SUMMIT

■ YUGOSLAVIA

NATO may be the answer for peace

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Clinton raised the possibility Wednesday of NATO intervention in Kosovo to halt a Serb offensive and avert a humanitarian disaster in that embattled Yugoslav province.

At a news conference with Czech President Vaclav Havel, Clinton said the "big problem" for Kosovo is Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's refusal to give its people the autonomy to which he said they are entitled.

"We don't want a repeat of Bosnia," Clinton said, alluding to the war that claimed hundreds of thousands of lives earlier this decade. Over the past six months, more than 200,000 Kosovo Albanians have been forced from their homes by Yugoslav forces, and he noted that the humanitarian situation is becoming increasingly precarious as cold weather approaches.

"We are doing everything we can to avert a humanitarian disaster," Clinton said.

On the possibility of armed intervention, Clinton said, "We're doing NATO planning and consulting with our allies."

In addition, he said, the United States is attempting to promote a peaceful settlement.

Earlier, State Department spokesman James Foley said there is "a growing sense of urgency" about NATO planning and increasing resolve among NATO members to act if the Kosovo situation deteriorates further.

"All options, including the air option, are open," Foley said.

While diplomacy is the best solution, he said, NATO is prepared to use force if Milosevic "forces us to do so."

Meanwhile, House International Relations Committee Chairman Benjamin Gilman of New York urged the administration to begin immediate discussions with NATO on delivering an ultimatum to Milosevic to cease all military attacks in Kosovo or "face military action by NATO."



■ GUATEMALA

Gerardi's body to be exhumed

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY

The body of slain Archbishop Juan Gerardi will be exhumed on Thursday to try to determine if he had been bitten by a dog belonging to the priest jailed for the crime.

Judge Isaias Figueroa Medina said Wednesday that he had ordered the exhumation.

The Roman Catholic archbishop was clubbed to death on April 26, two days after he delivered a church-sponsored human rights report blaming the military and pro-government death squads for most of the deaths during Guatemala's 36-year civil war, which ended in 1996.

The exhumation may be key in determining whether Gerardi was killed by a fellow priest, Rev. Mario Orantes Najera, as prosecutors charge, or by those angered by his human rights work.

Orantes lived in Gerardi's residence at the time of the killing and owns a dog that reportedly responded only to his command. Spanish experts said they saw evidence of bite marks in photographs of Gerardi's body.

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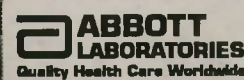


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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vinck's Position Confusing

"[Sophie Fortin and Jennifer Weaver] tried to make the case that conservatives implicitly support abortion through upholding a capitalist economic system. Even if true, which it is not, this argument still portrays conservatives in a better light than liberals who explicitly support and facilitate abortion. ("Not Peace, But The Sword," Sean Vinck, *The Observer*, Sept. 15)."

Well, Sean, let me pose a question to you. Is it better, then, to underhandedly support the very practice that conservatives are supposedly against? In my view, coming out and openly voicing your true motives is significantly more courageous and less cowardly than subtly giving your support to the other side. If one has to rely on implicitly rather than explicitly, it seems to show that one is afraid to voice one's own, true opinions. Good job on supporting your cause.

In fact, Sean, you seem to be undermining your own views all over the place. You give examples of third-world countries as places where "the rights of the defenseless are stripped away for the convenience of society on the whole." I completely agree with you. The practice of sweeping the vulnerable under a metaphorical carpet for the comfort of the rest of society is horrible and sad. So, Sean, tell me: why, then, do you not stand up for your beliefs and fight for gay, lesbian, and bisexual rights at Notre Dame and across the world? Why do you not urge the administration to support the WRC in its quest? These groups (gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and women) are constantly swept under the carpet at the University of Notre Dame, and why is that? I can easily answer in your own words: "for the convenience of society on the whole," a practice that you yourself view as injustice. So, I'll see you at the next rally for gay rights, then? Or maybe the next WRC meeting? Don't be shy, Sean, stand up for what you believe.

Well, Mr. Vinck, you may say that the "left is going crazy," and that liberals argue with "dubious intellectual merit," but before you start pointing fingers, maybe you should take a look at your own arguments. You may find that you are on our side, after all. If conservative ideology is the way you have presented it, then we don't need to hold rallies or write letters or editorials. We only need conservatives like you.

To the members of PSA and the WRC, keep on fighting. We need more people like you. And to *The Observer*, giving Sean Vinck his own column is the best thing you have ever done for the left. Thank you for that.

Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece
Junior, Walsh Hall
September 15, 1998

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Statistical Data Should Back up Claims

A recent publication distributed on campus made the claim that "After only two years here, Father Michael Baxter is already the most popular undergraduate theology professor here." While the Department of Theology is very pleased with the responses that most undergraduates give to Professor Baxter's "A Faith to Die For" class, as a statistical claim, this one is false. Regardless of whether one assesses TCE's, or the number of students who are able to take the course, or the number of students who attempt to enter it after it is closed, THEO 268 is not at the top of the Department's lists. This might be a good time to remind everyone that statistical claims need to be verified before being made public.

Kern R. Trembath
Assistant Chairman
Department of Theology

Vinck's Attack on Liberals Full of Half-truths and Misrepresentations

This letter is in response to Sean Vinck's column from Sept. 15, in which he decries the left for utilizing shallow defenses. He states that "the arguments of the Left are usually of dubious intellectual merit." But the evidence that he proposes to support this claim is in actuality dubious, and in some cases non-existent, as I shall discuss below.

To begin, Vinck claims that the emphasis of his tirade is against the radical Left. In reality, his tirade is against the Left in general, for he says, "the left is going crazy, and it's fine with me." He also says that the extreme views of the radical left "have alienated themselves from the mainstream of society." Correct me if I am wrong, but to be outside of the mainstream is the definition of a radical. These "radicals" were never in the mainstream to begin with. The point of my argument on this matter is that to make a case against the far-left may not be too difficult, but one should at least understand basic definitions if one is to present a comprehensible case. Vinck does not understand that.

The next point that must be addressed is Vinck's discussion of "evil practices" occurring at this university. In his column, he implies that people such as Professor Manier and others who defend the option of abortion are far out of the mainstream. He suggests that those who are pro-choice are somehow radical. The acceptance of abortion, however, is a characterization of most liberals generally, not of just radical leftists restrictively. And any poll that accurately characterized the opinions of society would show that being pro-choice is far from radical. To purport otherwise is asinine. As for "evil practices" occurring here — namely referrals for abortions — that is simply a matter of opinion. One side believes abortions should not be legal, the other believes they should. I will not debate this issue here, only will I say that this phrase does not help in proving that leftists or radical leftists have misguided notions; it simply characterizes one man's opinion on the subject of abortion.

Now I turn to the Capitalism issue. Socialist or Communist beliefs are not prerequisites for liberals. However, Vinck states that in many communist nations (he cites Cambodia, Cuba, and China) the people are oppressed. This is most certainly true. But the reason for these conditions is more directly a result of the far right-wing governments of those nations than it is the economic system employed (which is what Communism is — it is not a political system). I will refrain from claiming that the economic system plays no role in determining the level of freedom in a given country, because that would be ludicrous. I am not well versed in this area, but all that I am trying to say is that the type of government in place, its political system versus its economic system,

is the biggest factor in determining the amount of freedom afforded to a nation's citizens. Vinck's argument on this matter is thus off target. Instead of decrying an economic system, he needs to examine the political system. However, he will find that all of these nations have far-right governments (or, conversely, anarchy). This is not something Vinck would probably like to admit, so he overlooks this fact. This is not to suggest only right-wingers overlook facts that undermine their beliefs. I only want to point this out to show how his statement is misleading.

Finally, we come to the Clinton/Starr issue. Vinck states that "For years, society has been told that character doesn't matter in our political leaders ..." Society has not been told this — it is what a majority of society has decided for itself. Vinck then asks, "why is Clinton apologizing?" That is exactly the point. He shouldn't have to apologize for an incident

President's legalistic definition of sex is justified by the equally transparent disingenuousness of Mr. Starr's tactic of using Mr. Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky as a way of trapping him in a falsehood." This is the essence of the Clinton/Starr affair — that it "smacks of prosecutorial zealotry," as Patterson writes. Furthermore, impeachment — which is simply to be charged with committing a crime — is not a punishment for misdeeds by an official. It is a constitutional measure designed to ensure that further damage is not done to the government or constitution. It thus implies that "high crimes and misdemeanors" refers to actions that threaten to subvert the constitution. Lying, or at least equivocating about a sexual affair is obviously nowhere near the requirement for impeachment. Starr's report to Congress is nothing more than pornography packaged as evidence of serious constitutional tinkering by the President.

This is ludicrous, and, in my humble opinion, it is something about which reasonable, intelligent people cannot disagree. You may not approve of his private behavior, but it is exactly that — private.

One final objection to Vinck's column is his assertion that Clinton is "the visible leader of Democratic leftism ..." Clinton is NOT a liberal. At best, he is a tenuous centrist. The left in this country is sadly weak currently, and has been for some time. The real leader of leftism in this country is hard to pinpoint. However, there are many prominent hoodlums of far-right (really Fascist) politics. These people include Pat Robertson, Richard Mellon Scaife, Dan Burton, and many others. People who feel the need to legislate morality and force their beliefs on us all are the real threat to constitu-

tional democracy in this country, not a cheating husband.

As a devout Leftist, I hate to see my position weakened by a compelling argument from the Right. However, it makes me uneasy to see any intelligent person resort to half-truths and misrepresentations to further one's cause, whether I agree with that cause or not. Sean Vinck's column does this, and in the process, reveals more about his convictions than those he is trying to rebuke.

Paul A. Ranogajec
Freshman, Morrissey Manor
September 15, 1998



that in no way affects, and certainly doesn't undermine, the constitution.

It is important to recall how this media scandal came about. The virulent Clinton-hater and book agent Lucianne Goldberg conspired with Linda Tripp to get a book out about Clinton's sexual affairs. It then became evident to these two women that Ken Starr would be willing to peek into Clinton's bedroom (or the Oval Office hallway) in order to get "dirt" on the president since he could find no evidence of wrongdoing — in three years of work — in any of his other tenuous investigations. This became a vendetta to embarrass Clinton. For this purpose, Tripp illegally recorded phone conversations with Monica Lewinsky. Orlando Patterson of Harvard wrote in the *New York Times* "the

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Perks: On-site laundry facility, outdoor pool and sand volleyball.

Pros: Close to campus (2 blocks), mostly student residents.

Cons: Congested parking, sometimes too "party-friendly."

Applications: Applications for 1999-2000 could be available as soon as Oct. 1.



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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Slammin' Sammy ties up race

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Sammy Sosa tied Mark McGwire in grand style.

Sosa hit his 63rd home run, a tie breaking grand slam in the eighth inning Wednesday night for the Chicago Cubs against San Diego.

With flashbulbs popping and most of the crowd of 49,891 on its feet, Sosa drove a 1-0 pitch from Brian Boehringer 434 feet into the second deck in left field to make it 6-2.

Sosa and McGwire, tied for the most home runs in a season, each have nine games left.

Sosa had tied McGwire at 62 Sunday when he connected twice in a stunning performance at Wrigley Field. That gave him four homers in three days.

McGwire went back ahead when he hit his 63rd when he pinch-hit for the Cardinals in

ninth inning of the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday night.

Sosa hit the third grand slam of his career, all of them

'DON'T GO - YOU HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS?... I KNOW: WHAT DID MARK MCGWIRE DO TODAY? DID HE GET 64?'

SAMMY SOSA

this season.

It was Sosa's 22nd career homer against the Padres, the most against any opponent. He went 1-for-9 with six strikeouts in the first two games of this four-game series.

Before the game, Sosa was relaxed as he met with the media on the field. He had been holding pre-game news conferences in the Chargers'

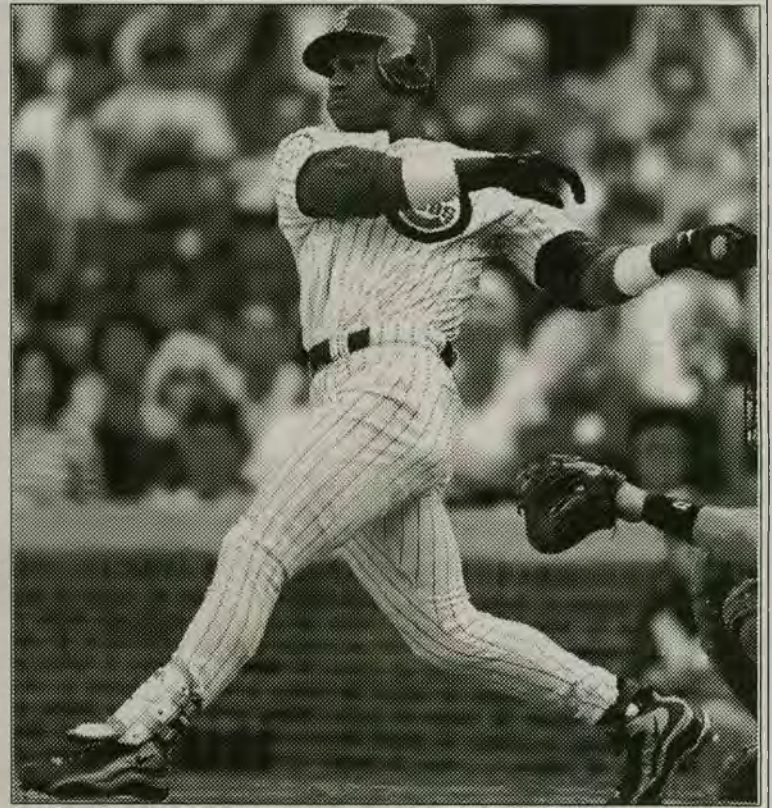
locker room at Qualcomm Stadium, but wanted a change of scenery after striking out four times Monday night and twice while going 1-for-5 on Tuesday.

He said he spoke with his mother by telephone from the Dominican Republic on Tuesday night and she told him: "It's OK. Don't worry. Tomorrow is another day. Be patient. Take your time."

When reporters ran out of questions, Sosa said: "Don't go - you have any more questions?"

Someone asked Sosa what question he might have for the media. He thought for a minute, looking up at the sky at one point, and said: "I know - what did Mark McGwire do today? Did he get 64?"

He didn't, so the two are tied. Sosa will have a chance to jump ahead on Thursday when he faces rookie Stan Spencer. The Cardinals are off Thursday.



Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa tied Mark McGwire last night for the major league lead in homers, as well as the all-time season record.

Hundley homer keeps New York within half-game

Associated Press

HOUSTON

This series couldn't have ended any other way.

Pinch-hitter Todd Hundley homered with two outs in the 11th inning Wednesday night to give the New York Mets a 4-3 win over the Houston Astros, concluding four games full of late drama.

Mike Piazza hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth

that put the Mets ahead 3-2, but Brad Ausmus homered with one out in the bottom half and sent the teams to extra innings for the third time in three days.

The Mets began the day a half-game behind Chicago in the NL wild-card race. The Cubs played later at San Diego.

New York won three of four from the NL Central champions. In each game, the Mets hit a home run in the eighth or ninth inning that either tied the score

or put them ahead.

The Astros almost won it in the 10th. Mets reliever Greg McMichael walked the bases loaded with two outs, but came back from a 3-0 count to strike out Ricky Gutierrez.

Hundley, a former All-Star catcher who missed most of the season because of elbow surgery, recently rejoined the Mets after a failed experiment playing left field. He came back primarily to pinch-hit and rest

Piazza.

With Piazza on deck, Hundley delivered his biggest hit of the season. On a 2-1 count, he hit a 94 mph fastball from Sean Bergman (12-9) over the center-field fence for his third home run of the season.

McMichael (5-4) wound up with the win and Turk Wendell struck out the side in the 11th for his fourth save. Bergman lost in his first relief appearance of the season.

Piazza, acquired in midseason to help push the Mets into the playoffs, is doing just that down the stretch. In September, the All-Star catcher is 22-for-53 (.415) with six home runs and 17 RBIs.

Mike Hampton blanked the Mets on eight hits for eight innings, and Billy Wagner took over to start the ninth. Pinch-hitter Todd Pratt led off with a single and John Olerud singled with two outs for his fourth hit.

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■ MLS

Colorado defeats Columbus

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Joey DiGiamarino's goal from about 25 yards broke a 2-2 tie Wednesday as the Colorado Rapids defeated the Columbus Crew 4-2 in Major League Soccer.

DiGiamarino opened the scoring in the 32nd minute, with goalkeeper Marcus Hahnemann assisting. He has three goals for the season, all in the last two games.

Wolde Harris clinched the victory by scoring in the 89th minute from 35 yards into an empty net after Columbus goalkeeper Juergen Sommer came out to challenge him.

The goal was Harris' 12th of the season, breaking the team record of 11 set by Jean Harbor in 1996.

The Rapids' other goal came in the 51st minute, with Paul Bravo scoring off assists from Tahj Jakins and DiGiamarino.

Stern John scored twice in two minutes for the Crew to tie

the game at 2-2. The first goal was unassisted and the second came off a corner kick, with Robert Warzycha and Billy Thompson assisting.

John has an MLS-leading 22 goals for the season, and his 48 points trails scoring leader Cobi Jones of Los Angeles by one.

The defeat was the second straight for the Crew (15-14), who have clinched second place in the Eastern Division and open the playoffs at home Sept. 30 against the New York-New Jersey.

Colorado (14-16) is third in the West and can clinch a play-off spot Thursday if Chicago beats Kansas City.

Todd Yeagley of Columbus received a yellow card, giving him 22 yellow-card points for the season and meaning he will be forced to sit out the team's next game.

Colorado led 13-9 in shots on goal and 25-23 in total shots.

Sommer had eight saves and Hahnemann six.

D.C. United 5, MetroStars 0

D.C. United scored three first-half goals Wednesday and went on to hand the New York-New Jersey MetroStars their sixth straight Major League Soccer loss 5-0, the most lopsided defeat in club history.

Penalty kicks by Roy Lassier and Jaime Moreno in the fourth and 15th minutes, respectively, staked United to an early 2-0 lead and the pair added assists on Ben Olsen's 36th-minute goal, giving the two-time MLS champions a 3-0 edge at the interval.

The victory snapped a two-game losing streak for Eastern Conference-leading D.C., which improved its record to an MLS best 23-7, good for 57 points. The MetroStars, who set a team record for consecutive losses, fell to 14-17. They have 38 points.

Their worst previous losses were by 4-0 scores on several occasions.

■ INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Real Madrid beats Inter Milan 2-0

Associated Press

Defending-champions Real Madrid beat UEFA Cup winners Inter Milan 2-0 Wednesday as the Champions League opened play with 12 first-rotation matches.

Fernando Hierro scored in the 79th on a penalty — after a foul by Argentine defender Javier Zanetti — and Clarence Seedorf made it 2-0 in second-half injury time.

Real Madrid, playing 300 miles from home in Seville — a penalty for crowd trouble in last season's European Champions Cup semifinal — neutralized Brazilian superstar Ronaldo in the key Group C matchup. It was only Ronaldo's second game since his World Cup nightmare in July.

He probably had Inter's best chance to score early in the second period but shot high and to the right of Real

Madrid goalkeeper Bodo Illgner.

Other powerhouses weren't as fortunate as the Spaniards.

Manchester United blew a 2-0 lead and drew 3-3 against Barcelona before a disappointed 55,000 sellout at Old Trafford.

Danish side Brondby upset Germany's Bayern Munich 2-1, while 1996 champion Juventus was held to a 2-2 draw by Turkey's Galatasaray. French champions Lens drew 1-1 with English champions Arsenal.

In other games, it was Kaiserslautern 1, Benfica Lisbon 0; PSV Eindhoven 2, HJK Helsinki 1; Olympiakos of Greece 2, Porto 2; Croatia Zagreb 0, Ajax Amsterdam 0; Athletic Bilbao 1, Rosenborg of Norway 1; Panathinaikos Athens 2, Dynamo Kiev 1; and Spartak Moscow 2, Sturm Graz 0.

■ NHL

Vancouver suspends restless all-star Bure

Associated Press

The Vancouver Canucks made it official Wednesday: Pavel Bure is suspended.

As promised, the Canucks suspended their top scorer after he made good on his threat not to show up in training camp.

Bure, who led the Canucks with 51 goals last season, went public last month citing "personal reasons" that he wants to be traded and will never play in a Vancouver uniform again.

The announcement of Bure's suspension was delivered in a terse, one-sentence press release issued following the team's training camp scrimmage.

The suspension is more of a formality at this point, as it will not have any real impact until NHL players begin getting paid at the start of the season.

Canucks president and general manager Brian Burke refused comment, sticking to a promise he made to the media last Sunday that he would no longer talk about Bure.

The three-time 50-plus-goal scorer, who broke into the NHL with the Canucks in 1991, has one year left on a contract that is reportedly expected to pay him about \$8 million.

Burke has previously said that if the right deal doesn't come along, he is prepared to let Bure miss the entire season.

Sabres

Dixon Ward scored two goals Wednesday night to lead the Sabres to a 5-1 victory over Klagenfurt of the Austrian League in the International Challenge hockey tournament.

The Sabres, Eastern Conference finalists last season in the Stanley Cup playoffs, were shocked early in the first period when Dieter Kalt beat NHL MVP and Czech Olympic hero Dominik Hasek for a 1-0 lead.

The goal served as a wake-up call for the Sabres, who

scored five straight goals. Michal Grosek and Ward responded in the first period to put Buffalo ahead 2-1, Paul Kruse's goal made it 3-1 after two and Ward and team captain Mike Peca closed out the scoring in the third.

Penguins

Coach Kevin Constantine is hoping that a crop of youngsters will help make up for the defensive deficiencies in last season's Penguins.

In the playoffs against Montreal, the Penguins defensemen couldn't stay with the opposition's speedy forwards.

"They might be ready now, but they might need to play a month or two in the minors or they might need a whole year there," Constantine said of his new defensemen. "When they're ready to play, we'll see if they can earn a spot."

Penguins prospects trying to make the club include Sven Butenschon, Andrew Ference, Tuomas Gronman, Pavel Skrbek, Chris Kelleher, Josef Melichar and Michal Rozsival. Of the group, Gronman spent the most time with the Penguins last season. He primarily split time with Syracuse (AHL, 33 games) and the NHL (22) last season.

In other news, the NHL announced that its 50th All-Star Game will be played in Toronto on the weekend of Feb. 5-6, 2000.

"Toronto is the home of an 'Original Six' team, the birthplace of the All-Star Game and the home of our sport's Hall of Fame," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said. "It is only fitting that the All-Star celebration should return for this milestone game in the millennium year, 2000."

It will be the eighth time the All-Star Game will be held in Toronto, but the first since 1968. The 1999 game is scheduled Jan. 24 at Tampa, Fla.



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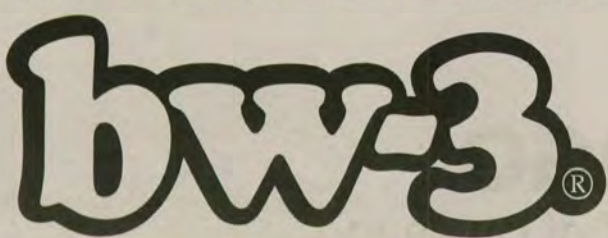
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Woody Hayes' cabin to be auctioned

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio

A log cabin once owned by former Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes will be sold at auction on the Internet.

Hayes' son, Steven, said conducting the auction electronically would increase the number of bidders and the potential



Hayes

for making more money from the sale.

Steven Hayes, a Franklin County Municipal Court judge, is selling the cabin to establish a scholarship fund at the university in the name of his mother, Anne, who died in January.

The cabin was built on his great-grandfather's 200-acre farm, Hayes said Wednesday.

The coach "always wanted to build a cabin on the land. He bought the land, but never found the time to do it," his son said.

"So between 1977 and 1979, some of his former players came down and planned it and built it for him."

A minimum bid hasn't been set for the 18- by 22-foot cabin near Middleburg in Noble County, about 90 miles southeast of Columbus.

"The opening bid will be more than the original asking price of \$49,900," Steve Vilardo, president of Complete Property Resources, said Wednesday. CPR is conducting the auction.

Gymnastics

Gymnast Sang Lan slowly recovering

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The Chinese gymnast paralyzed during a warmup vault at the Goodwill Games is learning to write her name again — using fingers that still can't move.

"Her spirit is quite amazing — highly motivated. She is consistently in a good mood," said Dr. Kristjan Ragnarsson, an expert on rehabilitation for spinal cord injuries at The Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Sang Lan broke her neck July 21 at Nassau Coliseum on Long Island and remains paralyzed.

"She's very skillful," her doctor said. "She's working very hard on things that come very simply to us."

Holding utensils with the help of a splint attached to her hand, the 17-year-old gymnast painstakingly feeds herself, combs her hair, brushes her teeth and is learning to dress herself. She gets out of bed with a sliding board onto a wheelchair, which she pushes around the hospital corridors.

It's all in preparation for a new, more self-sufficient life that includes learning English from a tutor.

"She greets me very politely in English — 'Good morning, Dr. Ragnarsson,'" the doctor said.

The bad news, he said, is that there has not been any significant change in her neurological condition since the accident. Sang still has no feeling in her lower body or her hands.

She is, however, developing

the muscles she can control, including those in her neck, shoulders, arms and wrists, and she's learning to balance her body while sitting.

For this kind of spinal cord injury, Ragnarsson said, the prognosis is "exceptionally poor." Any other development would have been "almost miraculous."

However, the doctor said, he has heard that some people with a complete spinal cord injury such as Sang's have regained some function.

He said the teen-ager is facing the bad news "with maturity."

"I'm sure there have been moments of frustration and depression, but she has kept those to herself," he said.

Ragnarsson has also treated former New York Jets player Dennis Byrd, who recovered six years ago from paralysis after breaking his neck. But Sang's injuries were more severe, he said.

Sang plans to get more education because she understands it's necessary "when you have lost the physical skills," Ragnarsson said.

She is to be discharged from Mount Sinai by mid-October to live in a nearby hospital-owned apartment and continue rehabilitation, which now takes as much as six hours a day. Her parents, who flew to New York from China after the accident, are participating in her therapy.

The costs are covered by Goodwill Games insurance and a private fund started for her.

For now, there's no talk about returning to China.

WNBA

McGee ordered to turn over son

Associated Press

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich.

A player for the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks has been ordered to turn her 3-year-old daughter over to her ex-husband while court officials decide if her basketball career interferes with her parenting.

Pamela McGee, a mother of two and a starting forward for the Sparks, said the court is punishing her because she plays basketball.

Macomb County Chief Circuit Judge Peter J. Maceroni ruled this week that McGee's ex-husband, the Rev. Kevin E. Stafford of Mount Clemens, will have temporary custody of their daughter, Imani, while a friend of the court investigation is pending.

Stafford's lawyer, Peter Lucido of Mount Clemens, said Imani missed her first

day of preschool Tuesday because McGee has delayed returning her to her father.

"This child cannot be on the road with a parent. It's totally against any good parenting skills," Lucido told The Macomb Daily. "Anyone with intelligence can concede if she's with her mother on the road she can't be in school, or develop bonds with anyone."

McGee, 35, has been staying with her family in Flint during the offseason. She has two residences, one in Los Angeles and another in Sacramento, Calif.

Until the court renders its decision, Imani is not to be taken out of Michigan. McGee may have to return to California for team-related functions as early as next month, the newspaper reported.

Friend of the Court officials

will investigate what affect, if any, McGee's obligations as a WNBA player may have on her role as a parent.

Stafford, who is senior pastor at Greater Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church in Mount Clemens, could not be reached for comment.

Sparks spokeswoman Stacey Terrien said she was surprised by Maceroni's ruling.

"This is the first time that has ever come up," Terrien said. "I'm not sure how you couldn't be a stable environment when the WNBA season's only three months out of the year. Also, half the games are at home."

McGee, who grew up in Flint, is a former U.S. Olympic basketball player. Stafford filed for divorce in 1995 and McGee returned to basketball as a career after her divorce became final.

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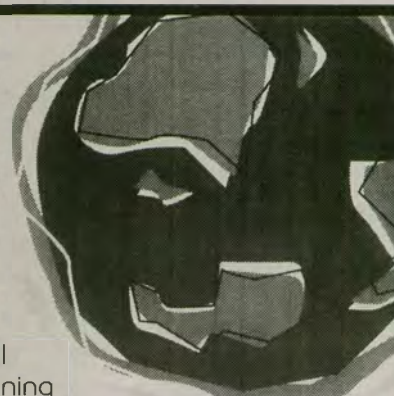
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Mondays-Tuesdays, 11:30-10:00 at St. Paul's Chapel (Fisher Hall),
Fridays, 12:00-4:45 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Freshman Retreat #18 (October 9-10) Sign-Ups

Monday-Friday, September 14-18
103 Hesburgh, 112 Badin Hall, or see your rector.

Emmaus Information Session

Thursday, September 17
Hesburgh Library lounge
6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Liturgical Choir Retreat

Friday-Saturday, September 18-19

Latino First Students Retreat

Friday-Sunday, September 18-20
Five Pines, 6:30 p.m.- 5:00p.m.

Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, September 22
Badin Hall Chapel
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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at Sacred Heart Basilica

Saturday, September 19

5:00 p.m.

Rev. Richard V. Warner, C.S.C.

Sunday, September 20

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Richard V. Warner, C.S.C.

11:45 a.m.

Rev. James M. Lies, C.S.C.

Vespers:

7:15 p.m. Sr. Eleanor Bernstein, C.S.J.

Scripture Readings

1st Reading	Amos	8:4-7
2nd Reading	Timothy	2:1-8
Gospel	Luke	16:1-13 or 10-13

Oh youth, pass the bottle!

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Are you struck by the number of people around Notre Dame who seem unable to socialize, particularly with the opposite sex, without first consuming excessive amounts of alcohol? I probably shouldn't take up this topic here since, like sex and chastity, alcohol is one of those topics that could leave me yet again looking the prude. And yet, for some reason, I feel compelled, even obliged to say something on the topic. And it wouldn't be on this page if it didn't have something to do with a deep abiding concern for those who might read this column, and if it wasn't related to the spiritual life and health of this campus.

To put it simply, alcohol on this campus is messing up people's lives. We as Campus Ministry would be remiss if we did not have something to say about the elephant in the middle of the room. As we attempt to nurture the spiritual life of this campus with our many liturgies and programs, we would be crazy to think that our efforts are unaffected by the use and abuse of alcohol on this campus. The ways in which we socialize have everything to do with the health and life of this community, as individuals, as couples, as friends, and as the larger family of Notre Dame.

Don't misunderstand me, I like to drink. It is, in fact, one of the few vices that I haven't publicly forsworn. I hope my reputation for enjoying spirits far exceeds the reality, at least from that which I hear, but I will never deny enjoying a few drinks with friends. Where we go wrong are those instances when we seem to depend on alcohol to give us what we need to adequately enter into a social situation. I don't think it takes a social scientist to figure out that there is something wrong with the way we socialize on this campus, especially at SYRs, Hall Formals, off-campus parties, and even on weekend nights (including Thursdays) at the bars.

Please, please, don't misunderstand me. I am not a prohibitionist. I do not support our becoming a dry campus. I think we would be as remiss in disallowing alcohol on this campus as we would be if we didn't attempt to teach people about responsible drinking and personal accountability. This is an appropriate time and place to learn how to drink. But I think you know that the preparatory rituals which seem to happen on this campus before hall dances are not happening in your parents homes or before office parties or even before nights out with friends beyond these days. And while you might explain it away by saying that it's just a college thing, I worry that you'll walk away from this place with fewer friendships and be far less adept at the art of socializing.

If we don't appreciate the fact that there is a direct correlation between the prevalent abuse of alcohol and the problems that we have with gender relations on this campus then we're nuts! Many would like to say that we drink so much because the social life on this campus is so bad. I wonder if the social life on this campus is so bad because we drink so much. Aside from the fact that we often sit around with the "guys" and drink, which isn't in itself a bad thing unless it becomes the very reason we gather, we should be thinking about how it relates to the gender relations on this campus.

If we've come to believe that it's "normal" to enter into an evening with a person of the opposite sex, much less end it, seriously wasted then we need to think again. Too often, the drinking is inversely proportional to how well one knows the other person. And when we go out, already intoxicated, with the person we know least well, we're in no condition to meet them, and we end the evening (early, probably,) looking the fool, or at least not knowing them any better than when we started. What will you walk away from an evening like that with? And how often have you done things in relationship that you would never have done but for the fact that you were drunk? At the time it seems to heighten our courage, but more often, upon reflection, it impairs our judgement, especially regarding physical expression. How often would we like to have those moments back when we didn't consider well enough what we were doing?

My real concern is that, in our present reality, we're not well disposed to learn how to socialize, to enter into deep and intimate relationships, friendships, with those of the same or opposite sex. We live under this illusion that we're better communicators or funnier or less timid when we're drinking, or drunk, than when we're sober. But what is that going to do for us beyond these days when we're in a social setting where there is no alcohol? If you're ever going to meet that perfect partner at church, just as your mother prays you will, then you have to learn to overcome shyness and develop the skills of communication and humor without alcohol, not to mention get up early on a Sunday morning!

It's a practical matter gang. It's not about me, or Campus Ministry, or Student Affairs; it's about you. It's about making choices for your life that are consistent with the integrated whole of the rest of your life, and of the person that you want to be when you leave this place. In these early days of the school year, take it for what it's worth and do with it what you will. But trust me, time for friendship is too fleeting to waste it.



■ NFL
Veteran QB Hostetler leaves Redskins camp

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. Discouraged 15-year veteran Jeff Hostetler cleared out his locker Wednesday, apparently leaving the Washington Redskins after his demotion to third-string quarterback.

Hostetler left Redskin Park and drove home to West Virginia after a morning meeting with coach Norv Turner. By noon, Hostetler's locker was bare and his burgundy nameplate had been removed.

"Jeff and I met this morning. I excused him from practice today, and really that's where we're at right now," Turner said. "I'll know more tomorrow."

Turner said he did not know when or if Hostetler would return. He would not discuss the details of their conversation, other than to say it concerned Hostetler's frustration over being relegated behind Trent Green and Gus Frerotte on the depth chart.

Hostetler's sudden departure caught his teammates off guard.

"I know he was disappointed with being the third. He had made that clear," Green said. "That's got to be a tough situation for a veteran who has accomplished all that he has."

A bizarre twist of fate has put

Hostetler's road at a dead end with the Redskins. Turner talked the 37-year-old quarterback into returning for another season—and thus turning down an offer to retire and become a television commentator—by promising Hostetler he would be less patient this season if Frerotte struggled. Hostetler sat on the bench 13 weeks last year before starting the final three games, and that was only after Frerotte broke his hip.

But Hostetler injured his knee in the final exhibition game in August and couldn't suit up for the season opener against the New York Giants. So when Frerotte threw back-to-back interceptions and hurt his shoulder, it was Green who got the call.

Green played well, followed it up with another good performance in a losing cause Monday night against San Francisco, and is now the starter for the foreseeable future.

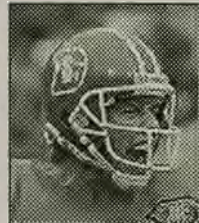
With Frerotte at No. 2, there's little chance that Hostetler could play for the Redskins any time soon. His options include retirement or a request for a trade, an enticing prospect given the rash of quarterback injuries in the NFL this season. Turner said Hostetler did not ask for his outright release.

Elway questionable for Sunday

Associated Press

DENVER

Getting treatment twice a day for his strained right hamstring, John Elway planned to test his injury for the first time in Friday's practice.



Elway

Elway, listed as questionable on the Denver Broncos' injury report, was noncommittal about his availability for Sunday's game in Oakland.

"I'm going to get treatment and keep working on it and see how we are at the end of the week," Elway said Wednesday. "It's getting better, but it's still got a ways to go. I always hope to play, but we'll just have to wait and see."

"I'm not going to practice (Wednesday). We'll see how it is (Thursday). But I think probably the forecast is to practice some on Friday. If I can't move around, if I can't go out there and defend myself, then I won't

be out there Sunday."

Veteran Bubby Brister would start if Elway can't play, with rookie Brian Griese in reserve.

Coach Mike Shanahan, who said he will prepare only one game plan regardless of which quarterback executes it, said the Broncos "probably won't know for sure about John until he actually takes a snap and tries to go through some drops. In a perfect world, we'd like to have him go through a Friday practice. But we don't want to push him where we aggravate the hamstring."

Elway, injured in the fourth quarter of last week's 42-23 victory over Dallas, suffered a similar injury in 1996. That season, he tried to play through the injury, but when it lingered he finally missed one game a month later.

"The injuries are different," Elway, 38, said. "On the last one, I was able to stay in and finish the game. That's the thing that scares me about this one, the fact that I couldn't stay in. But the last hamstring was torn and this one is not. So it's hard to compare."

Asked if he expected the

Raiders to stack the line of scrimmage and try to stop running back Terrell Davis if he can't play, Elway said, "No. There's only so many things they can do. We've got too many weapons with (wide receivers) Rod (Smith) and Shannon (Sharpe) and Ed (McCaffrey). The same thing happened with Dallas. They tried to take the pass away and we ran it. Then when they brought everybody back in to take the run away, we threw it. We're real fortunate in the fact that we're pretty balanced."

Last week, Davis ran for 191 yards and three touchdowns and Elway was 16-of-22 for 268 yards and two touchdowns and also ran for one.

The Broncos finished with 515 yards and rank second in the NFL in total offense behind San Francisco.

Based on outward appearances, Davis expects Elway to play on Sunday.

"Just seeing him walking up and down the locker room," Davis said, "he doesn't seem to be limping or hobbling. So my guess is that he will play."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Cardinals' J.D. Drew impresses in debut

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — So far, J.D. Drew is outperforming the home run king. Drew, the former Phillies draft pick who held out for one season before being drafted by St. Louis in June, couldn't have asked for a better start in the majors. He has three homers in his first eight days, one more than even Mark McGwire.

"I don't think that's going to last very long," Drew acknowledged after hitting two homers in the first game of a doubleheader against Pittsburgh on Tuesday.

McGwire, who hit his 63rd homer as a pinch-hitter later in the game, was one of the first to greet him each time.

"I told him I'm happy to get a home run in his first career home-run game," McGwire said. "I'm serious. This kid is talented, and I don't think anybody has really seen what he can do yet. He's got a real nice stroke and it's going to be nice to play with him."

Drew, however, was scratched from the Cardinals' starting lineup Wednesday night against Pittsburgh because of back stiffness.

Drew's performance in his first week has helped change McGwire's opinion of the 22-year-old outfielder. After the Cardinals drafted Drew in June, McGwire said a player shouldn't hold out until he has proved his worth in the majors. He even advocated a \$250,000 cap for drafted players.

"Make your money in the big leagues, boys," McGwire said

then. "It's absolutely ridiculous what some of these young kids are getting. They don't even know what it takes to be a big league ballplayer."

Drew and agent Scott Boras eventually signed a four-year contract worth \$7 million guaranteed and as much as \$8.5 million. Now McGwire says he'd like to hear Drew's side of the story.

"That's something that hopefully some day I can sit down and talk to him and see his side," McGwire said. "The only side we've been seeing is what the press has been writing."

For now, McGwire is just happy watching Drew hit. In his first 20 at-bats, Drew was having no trouble adjusting to big league pitching, batting .350 with seven RBIs, five runs scored and two doubles.

He had a big day against the Pirates on Tuesday, with solo homers measured at 405 and 421 feet in the first game and two doubles in the second game. Playing left field, he also threw out a runner at the plate for an inning-ending double play in the second game.

"I don't know how many millions they gave him," Pirates manager Gene Lamont said. "But I can see why they did."

Drew was booed vociferously during the Cardinals' recent trip to Cincinnati and Houston by fans who remember his holdout. A fan threw back the ball from his first career hit, a 438-foot homer against the Reds.

At home, he's treated like the star he appears destined to become.

McGwire again fails to homer

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Jason Christiansen barely avoided giving up Mark McGwire's 64th home run, too.

McGwire, who hit homer No. 63 off Christiansen the previous day, flied out to the warning track against the Pittsburgh reliever Wednesday night as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Pirates 4-0.

On Tuesday, McGwire ended his six-game, 18 at-bat homerless drought with a pinch-hit shot in the ninth inning.

This time, McGwire hit a high fly ball that fell short for the final out in the seventh, stranding two runners. With a record 63, he remained one home run ahead of Chicago's Sammy Sosa, who played later at San Diego.

McGwire was 0-for-3 with a walk, his 155th of the season. He needs 15 walks in the final nine games to tie Babe Ruth's 1923 major league record.

McGwire walked in the first, took a called third strike in the third, and also flied out to center in the sixth.

Eli Marrero's two-run double off Christiansen broke up a scoreless tie in the seventh, and rookie Joe McEwing brought home another run

with a squeeze bunt as the Cardinals won for the 13th time in 17 games.

Matt Morris (6-5) allowed four hits in seven scoreless innings. Mike Busby worked the eighth and Juan Acevedo finished up.

Pirates reliever Todd Van Poppel (1-2) retired one of the three batters he faced in the seventh. Pittsburgh has lost 16 of 20.

Like his teammates, McGwire had little luck against Pirates starter Chris Peters, who allowed two hits in six scoreless innings. Peters retired 14 of the last 15 batters he faced.

Morris retired the first nine batters, four of them on strikeouts. He walked Peters to load the bases with one out in the fifth, but got out of the jam by starting a home-to-first double play on TonyWomack.

Expos 3, Marlins 2

In what might be their last game in Montreal, the Expos rallied for two runs in the ninth inning on pinch-hit RBIs for a 3-2 victory over the Florida Marlins.

Robert Perez hit a pinch RBI single and Jose Vidro drove in the winning run with a double to rally the Expos.

Marlins rookie starter Kirt Ojala (2-6) entered the ninth with a three-hitter. He gave up a leadoff walk to Shane Andrews, and one out later, pinch-runner Mike Mordecai advanced on Bob Henley's groundout.

Perez's single up the middle scored Mordecai before Vidro hit his game-winning double over the head of center fielder Preston Wilson.

Steve Kline (3-6) relieved Mike Maddux with two outs and the bases loaded in the top of the ninth. Kline got of the jam by forcing Wilson to ground into a fielder's choice.

The Expos' ownership group has set a Sept. 30 deadline to decide whether sufficient financing is available to build a \$165 million downtown stadium in time for the 2001 season.

If they do not proceed with the project, the team will likely be sold and moved, possibly before the beginning of next season.

Cliff Floyd hit two of Florida's six doubles.

Ojala gave up five hits and three runs in 8 2-3 innings. He struck out six N four in one inning.

Bob Henley led off the third inning with his second homer for Montreal.

National League Baseball								
Division	W	L	PCT	GB	Home	Away	DIV	Streak
Eastern Division								
Atlanta	98	55	.641	---	53-25	45-30	25-18	Won 3
NY Mets	85	68	.556	13	45-31	40-37	20-20	Won 1
Philadelphia	70	82	.461	27.5	38-40	32-42	18-23	Lost 3
Montreal	61	92	.399	37	39-42	22-50	23-20	Won 1
Florida	50	103	.327	48	28-47	22-56	17-22	Lost 1
Central Division								
Houston	97	56	.634	---	53-24	44-32	33-15	Lost 1
Chicago Cubs	85	67	.559	11.5	50-28	35-39	26-22	Won 1
St. Louis	76	77	.497	21	44-32	32-45	26-25	Won 2
Milwaukee	72	81	.471	25	37-39	35-42	21-30	Won 1
Cincinnati	70	83	.458	27	35-40	35-43	21-29	Lost 1
Pittsburgh	68	84	.447	28.5	39-38	29-46	22-28	Lost 2
Western Division								
San Diego	95	57	.625	---	53-23	42-34	28-12	Lost 1
San Francisco	80	71	.530	14.5	43-31	37-40	17-24	Lost 2
Los Angeles	77	75	.507	18	43-31	34-44	22-20	Lost 1
Colorado	73	80	.477	22.5	40-36	33-44	20-19	Won 1
Arizona	61	91	.401	34	31-42	30-49	15-27	Won 3

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Toronto	81	70	.536	24	Lost 2
Baltimore	77	73	.513	27.5	Lost 1
Tampa Bay	59	90	.396	45	Won 1
Central Division					
Cleveland	84	66	.557	---	Won 3
Chi White Sox	71	79	.473	12.5	Lost 1
Kansas City	69	80	.463	14	Won 4
Minnesota	65	85	.433	18.5	Lost 6
Detroit	58	93	.384	26	Won 1
Western Division					
Anaheim	81	70	.540	---	Lost 1
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Paterno, Penn St. battle Pitt

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

There's been something missing from the Penn State-Pittsburgh rivalry for, oh, about 10 years now.

The rivalry. A series that once was televised nationally every year and featured some of college football's biggest names — Tony Dorsett, Dan Marino, Jack Ham, Franco Harris — is almost an afterthought. At least to Penn State.

It's not just the timing, either, of Saturday's game at Pitt Stadium — the third weekend of the season rather than late November; Penn State's jump to the Big Ten five years ago terminated that tradition. It's also the hard times that have fallen upon Pitt, which has appeared in only one bowl game to Penn State's eight in the 1990s.

Since Pittsburgh last beat Penn State in 1988 in a long, passionate rivalry that has never had a nickname but never really needed one.

Pitt is 38-62-2 under four coaches: Mike Gottfried, Paul Hackett, Johnny Majors and Walt Harris. Penn State is 86-23-1 under one: Joe Paterno.

The series was interrupted, perhaps mercifully, for four years from 1993-96 after Penn State joined the Big Ten. It was resumed last year following outcries from state lawmakers and traditionalists upset that Pennsylvania had lost not just a ritual of sports, but one of society.

There's just one problem: It's still not the game it once was.

And Pittsburgh's problem is to make it competitive again before the series terminates again after the 2000 season, due to scheduling conflicts, perhaps not to be resumed again for years and years.

Sure, Pitt enjoyed a mini-revival last season under Harris, finishing 6-6 and making its first bowl appearance since 1989.

But any present day comparisons between the No. 8 Nittany



The Observer/John Daily

After years of bad seasons, the Pitt-Penn St. rivalry has diminished.

Lions (2-0) and unranked Panthers (1-0) is merely coincidental.

Pitt enjoyed its best recruiting class in nearly a decade last winter, stealing away for the first time in years a few players that Penn State wanted — namely, running back Brandon Williams, who will start Saturday, and linebacker Amir Purifoy.

But Penn State still gets most of the players it wants from western Pennsylvania, such as star linebacker Brandon Short, who grew up a Pitt fan in McKeesport but, with pro aspirations, couldn't bring himself to play there.

And until Pitt levels the recruiting field in its own backyard, the area that sustained the Panthers throughout their run of Top 10 finishes in the 1970s, the Penn State rivalry will be one in name only.

"Hopefully, some day we can once again make it a rivalry," said Harris, who coached against Penn State as Ohio

State's quarterbacks coach before coming to Pitt. "As long as you get pounded like we did a year ago (34-17 in State College), I don't think there really is much rivalry."

There certainly wasn't when the series ended in 1992 with a 57-13 Penn State rout, or the three seasons before that when Penn State also won, even if the scores were much closer.

So it's no surprise that Penn State, coming off easy victories over Southern Mississippi (34-6) and Bowling Green (48-3), is a four-touchdown favorite Saturday over Pittsburgh, which held off Division I-AA Villanova before winning its opener 48-41. The Southern Mississippi score is notable because that team blitzed Pitt 41-7 in the Liberty Bowl last season.

Pitt quarterback Matt Lytle grew up in Penn State territory in Wyomissing wishing he could play for the Panthers against the Nittany Lions, explaining, "Pitt always threw the ball a lot more."

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are against the move. Then there's the television contract Notre Dame has with NBC. The Irish have a contract through the 2005 season, which would conflict with ABC's broadcast of all Big Ten games through 2007.

In my opinion, it's important to take a look at this all from a historical standpoint.

Looking back for more than a century, Notre Dame and the Big Ten have had quite a history together, and it's almost always been less than cordial.

Back in 1895, the presidents of the universities of Chicago, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Northwestern, Purdue, and Michigan established the "Western Conference" as part of an ongoing effort to reform the illegal practices rampant in collegiate athletics. Almost immediately after the conference's foundation, Notre Dame applied for admission. It was promptly rejected, due to the fact that the University was not large enough and that it had "vague player eligibility rules." A year later, Notre Dame amended its "Athletic Constitution" to comply with conference standards.

Meanwhile, the Western Conference kept taking on new members. After adding Indiana and Iowa in 1899, the league was renamed the "Big Nine." In 1908, after Michigan withdrew over a rules dispute, Notre Dame was ready to step in again as a replacement. However, they were rejected again, this time for unknown reasons. This prompted Fr. Thomas Crumley, Vice President of the University, to say the battle for admission was "fought on theological, rather than athletic grounds."

Father Crumley was indeed correct: there is evidence to show that Western Conference representatives showed contempt for Catholic higher education. However, the conference's rejection of Notre Dame was actually a Godsend, for it allowed the university to continue to run athletics its own way, instead of shaping it towards the whims of the conference.

Notre Dame's rejection had many effects, not just in football. Western Conference members refused to schedule football and baseball games with the university. Opponents in the midwest soon became hard to find, apart from Michigan. However, after the Irish upset them 11-3 in 1909, the Wolverines never played them again until 1942.

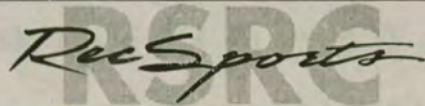
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In 1926, the University tried one last time to enter into Western Conference, once again with similar results. This time, it was Knute Rockne who was leading the charge, meeting with all the member schools in an attempt to overcome the prejudices of Catholic higher education. To show that it had nothing to hide, Notre Dame offered to appoint a committee to visit the school to search for violations. However, the Big Ten once again refused, voting not to enlarge the conference and preventing the University from applying in the first place.

In 1930, the Big Ten went so far as to meddle with Notre Dame's schedules and their opponents. In a match between Notre Dame and Northwestern that was scheduled to take place at Soldier Field, the conference invoked a little-known rule that forced both schools to move the matchup to 48,000 seat Dyche Stadium; a far cry from the 120,000 that could fit into Soldier Field. To make matters worse, the proceeds from the extra gate receipts were planned to go to charity, a noble cause considering it was the height of the Great Depression.

While some may say that this is all just "ancient history" and should be ignored, these facts still make an important point. If the Big Ten had overcome their prejudices and decided to accept Notre Dame, it is quite possible that the Irish would never obtained the love-hate relationship that makes them such a part of Americana.

They say that "those who forget history are doomed to repeat it". Well, I hope that the members of the University who are considering the move to the Big Ten think about the facts above, before something like this happens again.



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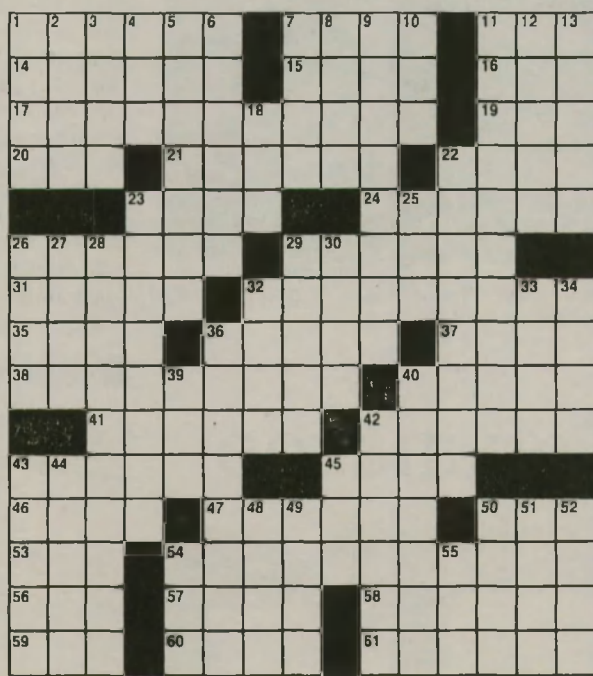
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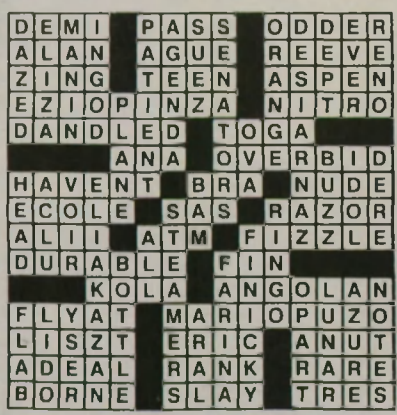


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■ MEN'S SOCCER

Freshman Walton earns respect for Irish offense



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Freshman Shane Walton moves the ball past a defender in a recent game. Walton has emerged as a key member of the Irish offensive unit, and has been twice named Big East Rookie of the Week.

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

Just two weeks into the season, the Irish have a freshman whose play makes him look like a veteran.

Shane Walton, a forward from San Diego, Calif., leads the Irish attack with five of the team's 12 goals. Starting in all four games thus far, he has scored in each of the them. His necessary contributions have earned him consecutive Big East rookie of the week honors for the two weeks the conference has given out the award this year.

"I think if I'm playing well, the team will do just fine. Right now, I'm still getting comfortable with the team. They're doing everything they can do to help me achieve that," commented Walton.

It's ironic that for a freshman still relying on upperclassmen to get him settled, it is the team that counts on Walton to help rejuvenate the Irish attack. Quick and athletic, Walton represents a "go-to" forward on the field. When a drive breaks past the midfield and makes its way to the net, Walton is usually in the equation that has, more often than not, resulted in a shot on goal. Whether scrambling in the box or in the air, the Irish have counted on the freshman to get the job done.

"His contribution is very apparent," said co-captain Matt Johnson. "In the past, we really haven't had someone to

go to and count on to score a lot of goals for us. With Shane, we can count on him scoring the goals."

But the total result for the team extends way beyond just the goals that Walton knocks in himself. His explosive style is exactly what Notre Dame was looking for to spark the offense. Thus far, the team is averaging three goals a game, almost twice as many as the 1.8 mark they posted last year.

Opponents are aware that although Walton leads the offense, the threat to score is just as great among all the attackers. Forward Ryan Cox has returned to the lineup after injuries sidelined him last year to crank out two of his own with five assists. Prior to an injury against Northwestern, Scott Wells has stepped up with a goal and an assist in two games. Andrew Aris, Ben Bocklage, and Reggie McKnight have also had similar opportunities this year.

"Everyone's really pretty comfortable with Shane. He's adapted well to the way we play. He's really been a positive contribution to the team," commented Cox.

The Irish hope that as teams focus their defense on containing Walton, the plays will continue to develop.

"I think its going to be tough for him to score as the season progresses. The teams are going to see that we go to him.

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■ SMC SOCCER

Belles rung up in Kalamazoo

By KATHERINE LEWANDOWSKI
Sports Writer

After coming off a successful and exciting tournament weekend in St. Louis, the Saint Mary's soccer team was ready for anything. Although the 20-member team came out strong, they were not able to match the aggressiveness of Kalamazoo. They played tough, but the Belles were still defeated 10-0, yesterday afternoon.

The offense worked hard at moving the ball up field, but they were unable to get past the stingy Kalamazoo defense.

On defense, the Belles were tested time and again. Goalie Joanne Wagner was truly tested throughout the entire game. She came through with an impressive 19 saves.

"All we need to do is focus more as a team," said Wagner. "More importantly, we need to forget about the past and concentrate on our future as a team. We have a very talented and strong group, and once we

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The Observer/Beth Mayer

The Saint Mary's soccer team was unable to match Kalamazoo's talent level yesterday.

■ IRISH INSIGHT

ND should 'Just say No' to Big Ten

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

One of the most interesting facets of Notre Dame's rich athletic tradition is that our football team continues to maintain its status as an independent. When I left school for the summer, I felt fairly secure that Irish football would retain that stigma for years to come.

So, you can imagine my surprise when I opened my local newspaper in August to find out that the Big Ten may be interested in adding Notre Dame as part of an expansion. In fact, I was shocked to discover that talks between the two organizations have been going on since April.

Of course, there would be some advantages to joining the Big Ten, and not all of them apply to football. As the most western member of the Big East, most Irish teams have to travel great distances

to play conference matches in basketball, soccer, volleyball and other sports. Most of the schools in the Big Ten are closer to home, and within driving distance.

In football, the conference contains a number of top-ranked schools. No less than five schools in this year's pre-season top 25 poll come from the Big Ten.

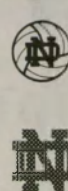
There would be a few disadvantages as well. The football team would have to play a conference schedule, which would cut down on the non-conference, inter-regional rivalries. When the Irish travel west to play USC or head up to New England to face Boston College, alumni from that area who aren't able to fly back to campus come flocking to see their team play. For this reason, most alumni (and that will include all of us students eventually)

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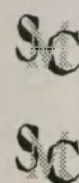
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Friday, 7 p.m.



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