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Panel: Diversity at ND presents challenges

By KATE STEER
Assistant News Editor

The Notre Dame community has its work cut out for it when it comes to diversity.

According to the eight panelists in the "Colors of the World" presentation Wednesday, Notre Dame presents a myriad of challenges for minority and majority students alike.

As part of the weeklong Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, the panel brought together students of various ethnic and racial backgrounds to offer their personal insights of Notre Dame and diversity.

Mike Brown, a junior, chose Notre Dame without visiting the campus. His expectations for life on campus were based on the statistics he read in college guidebooks.

"I went based on the magazine," he said, "and I didn't expect too many minorities to be on campus."

Other students visited campus as part of recruitment programs and had opposite impressions of the University.

"I came on recruit weekend, and I saw more minorities than I have ever seen. Then when I came back that first week of school, I was like 'Where'd they all go?'" said Sharon Watson, a sophomore



JOB TURNER/The Observer

Student body president Micah Murphy challenges Notre Dame to "step out of their comfort zones and expand their horizons." Murphy and other members of a panel discussed the diversity problems Notre Dame faces Wednesday.

from Tulsa, Okla.

Watson's parents, whom she called "mixed," came to the United States in the 1970s and settled in a predominantly white area of Tulsa. Watson's experiences as a minority began early, and the

recruitment weekend gave her the impression that Notre Dame offered a more diverse environment.

Meghan Healy, a junior biology major, grew up with experiences in the white minority of Brazil and West

Africa. "When I was applying to colleges, I didn't think race was going to be a big deal, and I expected normal interaction among different groups," she said.

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New plan increases college aid

By ERIN PIROUTEK
Assistant News Editor

With college tuition rapidly outpacing the rate of inflation, financial worries rank with chemistry tests as major sources of stress for many students. Especially at private institutions like Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, students and their families often make great sacrifices to afford education.

Help may be on the way.


In a press conference last week, President Bill Clinton unveiled plans to help students pay for higher education.

"When we make college more affordable, we make the American dream more achievable," Clinton said.

The plan's central component is the "College Opportunity Tax Cut." Phased in over 10 years, the \$30 billion program would provide an average of \$10,000 in tax deductions per middle class family as well as a possible \$2,800 in tax credits for each student.

The plan also removes the 60-month limit for deducting

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JOHN MCCAIN

ELECTION 2000

<http://www.mccain2000.com>

BACKGROUND

- *1967-1972: During an air raid on Hanoi, becomes a POW in what soldiers called the "Hanoi Hilton"
- *1982-1986: Represented Arizona in the House of Representatives
- *1986- present: Represented Arizona as U.S. Senator

"Congress has found the funds to raise their own salaries, but they can't find enough to help lower and middle-income Americans,"

-John McCain

REPUBLICAN

McCain disputes old politics

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Associate News Editor

Riding his campaign bus, the "Straight Talk Express," across the country, Republican presidential candidate John McCain has made it clear he doesn't play within political party lines.

Known for arguing with Republican colleagues in Congress, the Arizona senator holds many characteristics of traditional conservatives but bucks the GOP on various issues. This hasn't earned him many points among the Republican party faithful, and could hurt his chances to win the Republican presidential nomination.

Leading the fight for campaign finance reform, which most Republicans bitterly oppose has distanced him from some conservative voters, said Patricia Fava, communications director of the Alexandria, Va.-based American Conservative Union.

"Although his chances in the New Hampshire primary are

fairly strong, conservatives have taken issue with McCain over First Amendment rights related to campaign finance reform," Fava said. "He is, in effect, alienating conservatives with his stances on some issues."

McCain, who co-sponsored a campaign finance reform bill with Sen. Russ Feingold (D-Wisc.) addressed the issue in a Dec. 7 Republican debate.

The McCain-Feingold bill called for banning unlimited contributions that corporations, lobbyists and unions can give to national parties.

In the debate, McCain argued that campaign finance reform is the only way to clean up the

political system and make sure American citizens' best interests are represented over those of special interest groups.

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John McCain
presidential candidate

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the legislative process that has embarrassed so many of us," McCain said.

In a January debate in South Carolina, Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush argued that McCain's campaign finance reform bill would hurt

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INSIDE COLUMN

Tumbling Down

I fell down the stairs in DeBartolo. There's nothing quite so embarrassing as falling down stairs. It's like screaming, "Look! I don't know how to walk! I'm incapable of putting one foot in front of the other! I don't know how light switches work either!" I felt like I was back in high school, a freshman falling on the senior stairs.



Laura Patelle

assistant managing editor

But in my defense, the stairs were slippery with all the melted snow carried in on people's boots. Anyway, it was at 3:15 on a Tuesday afternoon, when the halls were full of masses of students rushing to get out of DeBartolo. I slipped, my feet went out from under me, and I took a beautiful fall — an arms-in-the-air, limbs-flying, hip-banging, arm-whacking sort of fall. It hurt. It startled me. Why was I suddenly on my butt when seconds ago I was walking down the stairs like a normal person?

The stairs were packed with people, a veritable sea of humanity. It took me a minute to get reoriented, to regain my feet (and my dignity) and to continue on my way.

A couple of my fellow students snickered at my plight. But everyone else hurried on to the next class. Not a single person offered me a hand up. Not a single person asked, "Are you okay?" NOT A SINGLE PERSON. Not one of my fellow Domers could be bothered to take a minute out of his busy day and offer me a hand or inquire if I needed help. I was just another obstacle in the day, just one more thing to be hurried past and stepped around. Most people didn't even bother to look at me.

Now, granted, this is a small incident. If I had seen me fall, I probably would have laughed. It was funny. It's a natural human reaction to laugh when someone falls. But it's also a natural human reaction to ask, "Are you all right?"

There's this story of a class of divinity students who had the room assignment changed for their final exam. As they rushed to the other side of campus to make the final on time, they were stopped by a homeless person asking for change. Not a single person stopped. They all arrived at their final to discover that that WAS their final, and none of them had passed.

I'm told the story's apocryphal. But it makes a good point.

Most of the students who passed me on the stairs were probably involved in volunteer service — 77 percent of Domers are. Lots of them were probably hurrying off to the CSC or to tutoring projects or similar service activities.

Yet not one of them had the time to offer a hand to me when I fell. Not a single person could turn from their mindless following of the DeBartolo herd to ask if I was all right. I sat there with my twisted ankle, wounded dignity and bruised pride, and was startled to discover that nobody was willing to stop and help me to my feet.

Helping others isn't something you get to schedule from 2 to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Helping others is something you do when you see limbs flying and bodies falling on the stairs at 3:15 on a Tuesday afternoon in DeBartolo. Or whenever else someone needs it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/ SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Lecture: "Chinese Women's Art and Values," Lioa Wen, 4 p.m., Hesburgh Auditorium	◆ Film Festival: Student Film Festival, 7:30 and 9:45 p.m., Snite Museum	◆ Discussion and booksigning: Ralph McInerney, philosopher, 2 p.m., Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.	◆ Concert: Darlene Catello and Dawn Westman, 2:30 p.m., Haggar Center, Saint Mary's College
◆ Meet the Candidates: Forum with candidates, 7 p.m., Haggar Parlor, Saint Mary's College	◆ Competition: "Play of the Mind," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's College	◆ Film Festival: Student Film Festival, 7:30 and 9:45 p.m., Snite Museum	◆ Life Choices Program: "I Am Woman: Is Feminism Dead?," 6:30 a.m., WNDU, channel 16

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

LSU dean stabbed at home; student charged

BATON ROUGE, La. A Louisiana State University student allegedly stabbed the University's dean of students Monday morning, after the student found out he was being investigated for grade tampering, according to Baton Rouge Police.

Interim dean of students John Baker sent a letter to Marques Smith, 21, informing Smith he was being investigated on the charge, said Cpl. Don Kelly.

The student then allegedly went to Baker's residence at approximately 7:10 a.m. Monday morning and posed as an FBI agent, Kelly said.

Baker was backing out of his driveway when police said Smith stopped Baker and told him to get out of his car, Kelly said.

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Don Kelly

Baton Rouge police officer

said.

Smith stepped between the car and the door, and the two men began to argue, Kelly said.

When Baker tried to exit his car, the student allegedly pulled out a large kitchen knife, Kelly said.

Baker and Smith then allegedly fought over the knife, and in the process Baker sustained a stab wound to his neck and Smith received a wound to his arm, Kelly

said.

After the incident, Smith attempted to run away, but one of Baker's neighbors detained him until police arrived, Kelly said.

Smith, who was taken to Earl K. Long Hospital and treated for a wound on his arm, was later released and booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison, Kelly said.

Smith, a junior in philosophy, is charged with attempted second degree murder, Kelly said.

Baker was admitted to Our Lady of the Lake Medical Center and treated for a stab wound and several cuts to his face and ears, Kelly said.

Baker was released from the hospital Monday morning, according to OLOL.

Baker has served as the interim dean of students for the university since August 1998.

Freshman beer-drinking declines

TUCSON, Ariz.

Freshmen may be less drunk than ever before — at least according to new research. Alcohol consumption has decreased among freshmen college students, according to a study by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California Los Angeles. This year, the annual study shows the lowest level of freshmen beer drinking in the 34-year history of the survey. Additional findings of the survey were an increase in stress among college freshmen and a high percentage of freshmen who reported being bored in high school. The number of freshmen who drank beer frequently or occasionally was down to 50 percent in 1999, compared to 75 percent in 1981. Liquor and wine rates were 67 percent in 1987, when the question was first asked, and have now fallen to 54 percent. Koreen Johannessen, University of Arizona director of health promotion and preventive services, said University of Arizona freshmen drinking has dropped by 20 percent in a survey done last year. This figure is based on five or more drinks in the last two weeks in one sitting, she added.

Breakers spring for cash in rip-off

BOSTON

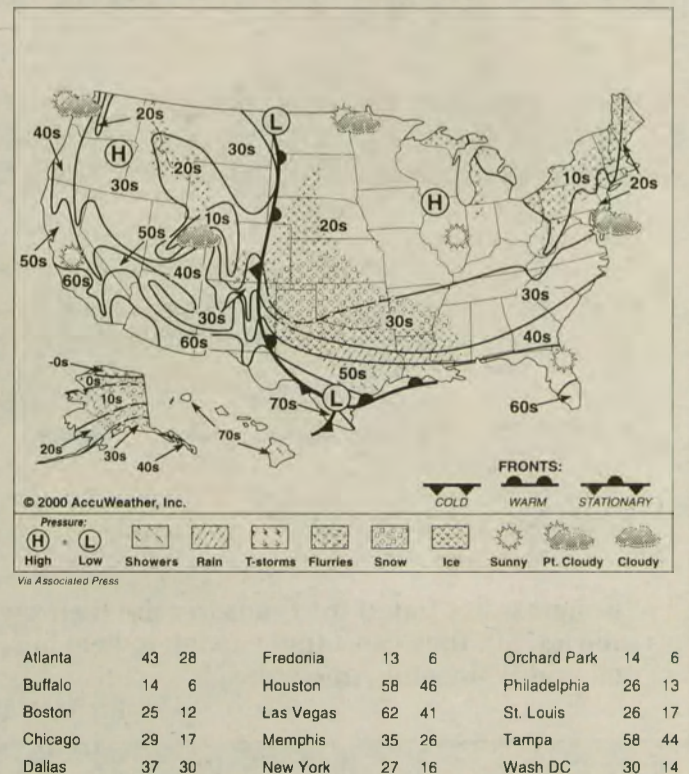
The glossy travel brochure on Bobi Slabin's lunch table showed beautiful young men and women sunbathing on white beaches, relaxing under a clear blue sky. Her spring break, the literature promised, could resemble this pictured paradise — for few hundred dollars. However, Slabin, a College of Arts and Sciences freshman at Boston University, was unimpressed. "There's no such thing as a free lunch," she said. "It seems sketchy. It's just too good to be true." Rachel Brasier, who works for Touraine Vacations and Cruises, agreed. Students eager to get away for spring break, she said, can be easily attracted to tour packages promising cheap vacations full of amenities. Many packages include meal plans, parties, nightclub admission and drink coupons. But there can be trouble in paradise. According to Brasier, fly-by-night firms often stuff their brochures with bonuses to compensate for a shoddy vacation package. "They're cheaper for a reason," Brasier said. In the past, Brasier has encountered problems with spring break tour operators, whose vacations become nightmares.

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Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

Senate: Mass campaign e-mail violates bylaws

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Candidates for student body elections cannot use e-mail to directly communicate with voters, dorm representatives decided at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

Judicial Council president Kelly Folks presented her committee's bylaw regarding e-mail Regulations in support of the resolution.

"The problem of abusing e-mail has not been an issue yet because e-mail simply hasn't been around," Folks said. "Now everyone assumes everyone has e-mail and therefore it can be abused easily. Candidates have the option of talking to people personally or making a public appearance, but soliciting votes by e-mail is not allowed."

Candidates running for office are encouraged to create a Web site and then the Judicial Council will send out an e-mail to notify students of these various Web sites, Folks said.

Senators reactions varied regarding the proposal.

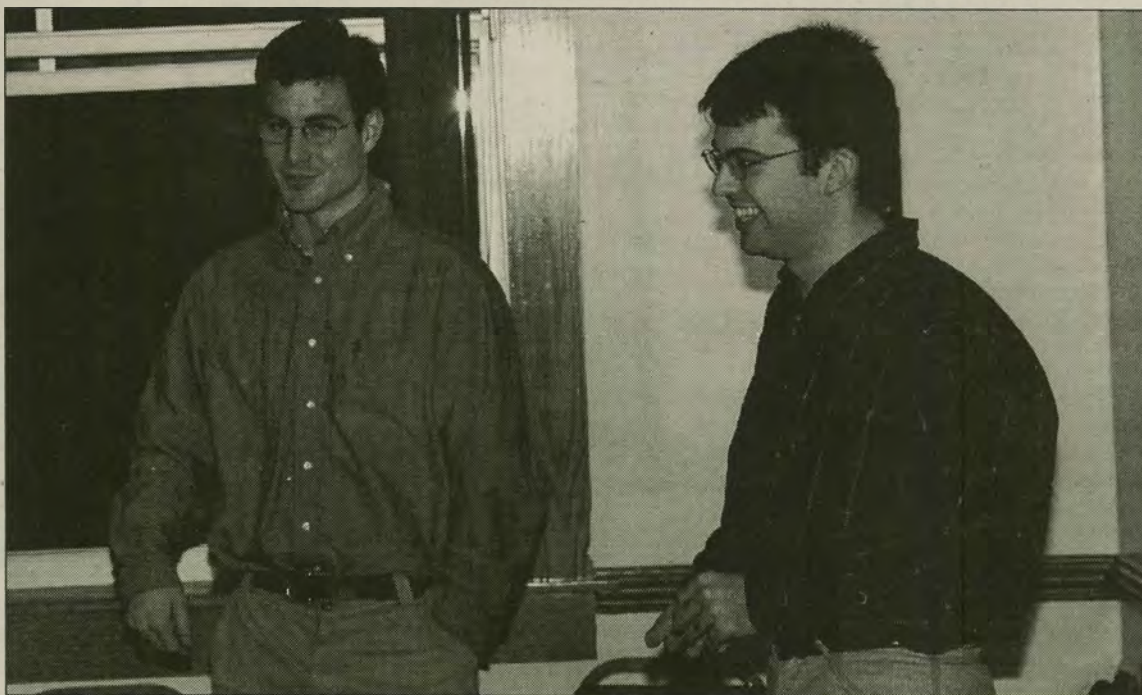
"My personal opinion is that if people want to sit around and type in each individual address and waste that much time, they should be allowed," said Welsh Family Hall senator Candice Marcum. "People then have the option to click on it, delete it, and never have to even read it."

Other senators disagreed, saying e-mail should not be used in political campaigns.

"I back Kelly," said Brian O'Donoghue, Keough Hall senator. "It is the senate's responsibility to ensure that abusing e-mail does not happen."

"It is not fair that people who don't want these e-mails still receive them," said off-campus senator Pat Foy. "This is abusing people and thus this issue should be made black and white. It must be clear because even eliminated all e-mails, there will still be issues. We have a committee assigned to this issue, and I support their opinion."

Overall, almost all senators agreed with Foy and O'Donoghue and the resolution was passed.



"I thought the rule was a little overboard," said assistant Board of Trustees report chairman Mark Donahay (left) of the senate's decision to forbid using e-mail to campaign. "No one has abused e-mail in the past, and if a candidate did abuse it, he would not win any favor with the voters." Donahay plans to run for student body vice president with John Osborn (right) this spring.

The senate also discussed Saint Mary's reaction to The Observer's role as an independent publication.

"Since this is not a black-and-white issue, the Saint Mary's student government was hesitant to comment until we had some clarification as to how the College's administration viewed our position on this issue," said Saint Mary's/Notre Dame liaison Maureen Donovan in a prepared statement.

The College administration perceives Saint Mary's role as a secondary one of subscriber and contributor to the newspaper, Donovan explained. "But The Observer's declared 'independent' newspaper is never totally independent because it exists because the University is there. A college newspaper is more of a laboratory of those

who wish to practice the craft of journalism. Therefore, it is not without the need for supervision to some extent."

Donovan explained that Notre Dame has a different relationship with The Observer than Saint Mary's, whose role will remain secondary because it does not provide the same resources as Notre Dame.

"In response to the restrictions being placed on The Observer's advertising policy, the Saint Mary's College administrators told our student government that they would not discourage the student body to exercise their personal rights to express their views, as subscribers on this issue in the form of editorials, et cetera," Donovan said. "However, the administration did not feel that it was their responsibility to comment on an issue that defines The Observer's relationship with the University of Notre Dame."

In other senate news:

◆ Vice president Michael Palumbo noted that student government lacks a SafeRide coordinator. As soon as one is hired, SafeRide will be up and running, he said.

"If we could get a coordinator and get drivers trained, we could be up and running next week; but that is ideal," Palumbo said. "To give you our honest opinion, it's really in the preliminary stage."

◆ Palumbo also said the online book sale is awaiting help from the Office of Information Technologies. "It is a little stag," he said, "but we're trying to get it started up again."

◆ Emily Todd, Hall Presidents' Council liaison to the senate, announced that HPC's date week will be Feb. 21 through 27. "This semester we have extra money and we are asking dorms to sponsor separate events," she explained. "Thus, these will be held on campus and more students will be able to attend."

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McCain

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the Republican party and conservative interests.

McCain responded, demonstrating his willingness to go against party politics and said, "I've always thought that what's best for the country is best for the party."

Taking on issues that the Republican party vehemently opposes could hamper McCain's chances for winning the Republican presidential nomination.

"All along one of the things that has been a problem is his tendency to go against the Republican party on certain

issues," said Patrick Pierce, associate professor of political science at Saint Mary's. "McCain is a real maverick kind of guy, but the Republican party is not a maverick kind of party. He has taken a lot of issue stances that will alienate the conservative core and the Republican party rank and file."

The McCain campaign ignored the Iowa Caucus and instead focused its energies on the Feb. 1 New Hampshire primary.

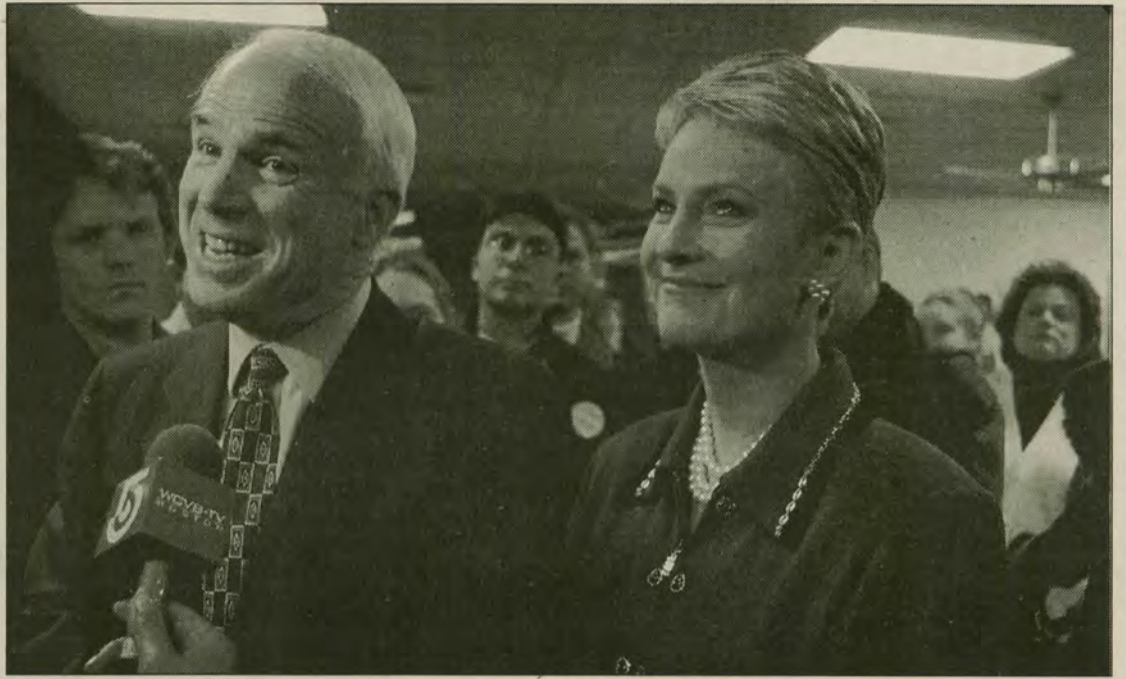
It appears New Hampshire conservative voters like

McCain's politics.

A Jan. 25 CNN poll shows that 45 percent New Hampshire Republican voters would vote for McCain with only 33 percent voting for rival Bush.

"I've always thought that what's best for the country is best for the party."

John McCain
presidential candidate



Senator John McCain leads George W. Bush in the New Hampshire polls. McCain followers hope that if McCain can win the New Hampshire primary, his campaign will gain more momentum.

AFP Photo

Latin American program creates new understanding

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

When Isabel Jakob arrived in the United States in 1981, she was fleeing a civil war in her home country of El Salvador.

"The Spanish Civil War had lasted three years, so when I left two years into the civil war in my country, I figured I would go to the United States for a year or two until the war was over," Jakob said.

However, the civil war in El Salvador lasted another 13 years, and Jakob was settled in America by the time it was over. Now a Spanish professor at Notre Dame, Jakob met with several colleagues to support the new Latin American Area Studies Program (LAASP), funded by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

In a reception Tuesday celebrating the Program's inception, Father Tim Scully, vice president and senior associate provost, talked about how the LAASP will "form a community of people who are willing to share experiences, scholarship and ideas."

The goals of the program are far-reaching and include developing research grants, internship opportunities in Washington, D.C., Minneapolis and Mexico and foreign study programs in

Mexico and Chile.

"We can celebrate and help one another understand the life of another culture," Scully said.

Fran Hagopian, acting director of the Kellogg Institute,

found it "a real pleasure to have faculty and students interested in this program."

"Every university should have a program like LAASP," she said. "It is exactly the type of thing we

should be doing."

LAASP will look closely at all Latin American countries, including Brazil, where, unlike most Latin American countries, Portuguese is the national language.

Notre Dame Portuguese professor Ana Maria Goulet and visitor Sandra Teixeira stressed the importance of Brazil's impact in Latin America.

"Brazil is the biggest country in Latin America, and I want more people to know about it," Goulet said. "This program will give more exposure to Latin American students and open up their horizons."

"I moved to South Bend 18 months ago from Brazil and I am very interested in the institute," Teixeira said. "We can

not neglect the importance of Latin America."

Many faculty members from departments not involved in Latin America were on hand for the reception. American studies professor Susan Ohmer noted the program's ability to unite people.


Anthropology professor Father Patrick Gaffney agreed.

"I am convinced that the United States — especially among educated people and Catholics — should get much more involved with our Latin American neighbors," he said. "The history of indifference has isolated many English-speaking Americans from economic opportunity and political possibilities. This program gets students involved and that is something very important."


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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Blix becomes Iraq's lead weapons inspector

UNITED NATIONS

Hans Blix, the retired chief of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, is slated to become the new lead U.N. weapons inspector for Iraq — a compromise appointment that raised questions Wednesday even before it was formalized. The Security Council gave its unanimous approval to the Swede after a tortuous month of negotiation to find a candidate all 15 members could agree on. After consultations Wednesday morning, U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke announced that consensus had been reached and Secretary-General Kofi Annan formally nominated Blix. "Let those who saw divisions in the international community know that I am speaking now on behalf of a united, unanimous Security Council," said Holbrooke, the current council president. Russia, France and China last week rejected Annan's first nominee, Rolf Ekeus, who headed the first inspection agency in Iraq until he became Sweden's U.S. ambassador in 1997. France proposed Blix in a bid to compromise and the United States lukewarmly went along for the sake of consensus, diplomats said.

Mexico receives upbeat drug evaluation

MEXICO CITY

Citing improvements in technology, strategy and coordination, top Mexican officials gave an upbeat evaluation Wednesday of their fight against drug smuggling and said they were more than doubling their spending on the battle. But it was unclear what effect their struggle has had on the availability of drugs. For the first time in years, Mexico doesn't have to worry much about winning "certification" in the United States' annual evaluation of countries' cooperation in combatting drugs. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said this month that cooperation has been "at a very good level." So in the Mexican government's annual report on the progress of anti-drug efforts, officials delivered a barrage of figures and plans they said showed they have come far in 1999.

British lawmaker dies at age 82

LONDON

Former lawmaker Willie Hamilton, a flinty republican who missed few opportunities to lambast the royal family, has died at 82, funeral organizers said Wednesday. Hamilton died at a hospital in Lincoln, eastern England, early on Sunday, funeral director Danny Docherty said. The cause of death was not given. Hamilton represented the Scottish districts of West Fife, and then Fife Central, for the Labor Party in the House of Commons from 1951 until his retirement in 1987.

SWEDEN



French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, professor Elie Wiesel, Swedish Prime Minister Goran Persson, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and Austrian Chancellor Victor Klima pose for the traditional family photo at the International Forum on the Holocaust in Stockholm, Sweden, Wednesday.

Holocaust memory stays alive

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM

In the first such international gathering of its kind, world leaders and activists came together Wednesday to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive in the face of rising neo-Nazism.

Prompted by a lack of awareness among youth, the Swedish government organized the forum as part of a Holocaust education campaign in its own country. Six million Jews and 5 million others — including Gypsies and homosexuals — were killed during World War II at the hands of Nazi Germany and its supporters.

"In another few years, the generation of the Holocaust, the living witnesses, will be gone," Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Barak told some 600 delegates. "Even now, Holocaust deniers and neo-Nazis ... are operating in the open."

As he spoke, three neo-Nazis were on trial in the southern Swedish city of Helsingborg, charged with distributing racist videos and compact discs.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said that education was imperative "so that ordinary people shall never again ... turn ordinary places into execution chambers."

Schroeder, speaking in German, warned against the spread of Neo-Nazism

in Europe and said increased international cooperation and the use of police and the judiciary were needed to fight racism.

The three-day conference opened with Holocaust survivor Tana Ross, who read a poem about the need to speak out.

The meeting was the first of its kind to bring together world leaders and activists to discuss the Holocaust, and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel suggested Sweden make it an annual event.

"Why not declare that this is only the first," he said. "From now on have an annual Stockholm conference on humanity and conscience."

Swedish Prime Minister Goeran Persson, who was applauded by the forum for inroads he has made in World War II education, agreed to work to create an annual forum.

"The danger lies in our failure to learn from history; our failure to see the connection," Persson said.

The conference comes at a time when Sweden is reevaluating its wartime role and confronting increasingly visible neo-Nazi activity. A 1997 survey showed that nearly one-third of youths between the ages of 12 and 18 did not believe the Holocaust happened. However, questions have been raised recently about the survey's numbers and the way it was conducted.

Gonzalez reunites with grandmothers

Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.

Elian Gonzalez was finally reunited with his grandmothers Wednesday at a "neutral site" that had to be arranged by the U.S. government because of the personal and political passions swirling around the 6-year-old Cuban boy.

Elian was driven to a nun's house in Miami Beach to see his grandmothers, who had flown in from Washington and were then brought to the home in a helicopter.

The grandmothers came to the United States last week to appeal to the American people and Congress to send the boy back to his father in Cuba. Elian's relatives

in Miami want him to stay and are fighting a U.S. government order sending him back.

The grandmothers were to see Elian privately, with the boy's Florida relatives nearby in the house. Elian's father, in a letter printed in the Communist Party newspaper Granma, asked to be included in the reunion by telephone.

Justice Department spokeswoman Carole Florman said the women would not be allowed to take the boy home with them afterward. A lawyer for Elian's relatives, Spencer Eig, said the visit was expected to last two hours.

A few people tossed flowers at the car that took the women from the helicopter to the house, where about 200 demonstrators waited outside.

Some cheered and others booed as the grandmothers were driven by.

The grandmothers had also flown to Miami on Monday but left town without seeing Elian. The Miami relatives insisted that any reunion take place at their home in the Little Havana neighborhood, but the grandmothers said they were uncomfortable going there. Anti-Castro Cuban immigrants have been holding protests around the home.

After long negotiations, the Justice Department ordered Elian's relatives to bring him to the nun's house. The agency said it had the authority to do so under the arrangement letting the boy stay in this country pending further immigration proceedings.

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Simplicity is key for Renner/Nagle campaign



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Crissie Renner and Michelle Nagle carry extensive BOG experience into a field of candidates that lacks BOG exposure.

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Crissie Renner and Michelle Nagle may not have included several objectives in their election platform, but as the saying goes, less is more.

Including only five objectives that span campus wide, the Renner/Nagle ticket's goal is to increase campus-wide communication, starting with Board of Governance.

"When students look at our platform, they may only see five goals and ask why," Nagle said. "Behind each one of these goals is an incredible amount of research. These are feasible. We know that we can make them happen."

Renner noticed a lack of consistent communication between governing boards during her three-year tenure on Board of Governance.

"It seems right now that people are distant, and a little hazy about what's going on around campus," Renner said. "Often, among BOG, Student Activities Board, Student Academic Council, and Residence Hall Association, I feel like we're competing for that same audience."

As a solution, Renner and Nagle have proposed bi-weekly meetings of representatives from all campus governing boards, forming "synergy"

among the boards to increase attendance and quality at campus events.

Secondly, the team has proposed a programming commissioner for BOG, who would handle the organization of Pride Week, Winter Carnival and other special events throughout the year.

"It is difficult for one person with other responsibilities to give 100 percent [to Pride Week]," Nagle said.

By turning over responsibilities to the programming commissioner, they hope to include an odds/evens class powder puff game, a campus wide prayer service, a battle of the bands, and potentially incorporate Midnight Madness into the week.

"Pride Week was a tremendous success, but we didn't feel that it met its full potential," Renner said.

The pair also introduced the possibility of restructuring the current meal plan, adding more "Munch Money" for use at Haggar Crossings.

The ticket has received the go-ahead for complimentary guest passes, which would allow students to bring one guest per semester free of charge to eat in Noble Family Dining Hall.

The team also investigated expanding library and postal hours to make them more accessible for student. After

Platform Highlights

Most feasible idea

adding programming commissioner to BOG

Least feasible idea

adding more Munch Money to meal plan

The final word

While not as ambitious as other candidates, Nagle and Renner have attainable, practical, and relevant goals for the SMC community.

meeting with library directors, a trial period before midterm exams could clear up speculation that students aren't interested in the expanded hours.

As far as including more on their platform, Renner and Nagle are careful to point out that their platform will continually develop as the year progresses.

"What the students believe in, we believe in," Nagle said. "We know our resources, and we know how to execute things. Board of Governance has a huge impact on campus. We want to bring understanding about who we are to students."

Koelsch/Rodarte fight to find delicate balance

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Presidential candidate Emily Koelsch and vice presidential candidate Rachele Rodarte want to stay away from big ideas.

"[Board of Governance] has done a great job doing new things this year," said Koelsch, who has served as the commissioner for women's issues the past two years. "The big ideas have really come out. Pride Week was bigger and better, we're planning a new Winter Carnival. What we want to do now is take things that are already on this campus and take them to the next level."

The duo seeks to improve is the Women's Resource Center, currently located in the basement of Le Mans Hall. The Koelsch/Rodarte platform contains a proposal that would redefine the center, potentially integrating it into the ongoing Campus Master Plan.

"As a women's college, something is missing if you don't have a place where you can go, as a woman, and ask for help," Rodarte said. "It seems like we need an area to promote that."

The ticket also hopes to expand the alumnae-endorsed application

Platform Highlights

Most feasible idea

student-endorsed application

Least feasible idea

cable TV channel

The final word

Koelsch and Rodarte have targeted several areas that need attention, such as the women's center. But students could be channel surfing for awhile before they find SMC TV to be a reality.

process, extending the idea of a student-endorsed application

"We want to have a way for students to go into the community and recruit," Koelsch said. "When you have a student who has endorsed your application on campus, that's a powerful connection."

Retaining students was also a campus concern for the ticket, who looks to spin off September's Senior Celebration and formulate class traditions to create a more cohesive experience during a student's four

years, including a junior ring blessing, sophomore abroad care package program and a first-year wrap up event.

"It seems that we come together for orientation, and then we graduate, and there's nothing in between," Rodarte said.

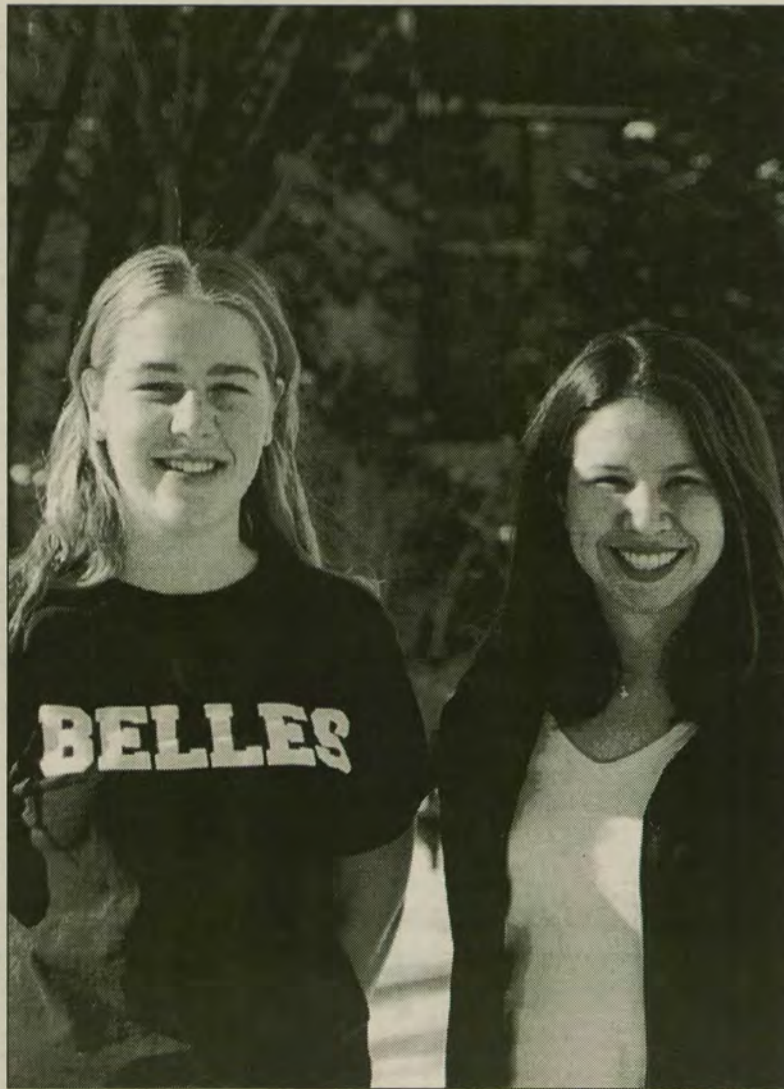
While the platform is dominated by smaller ideas, they also have big plans, one of which is a cable TV station.

"We have the satellites and wiring all over campus for a cable station already. This is something we can do," Rodarte said.

But while the pair came up short with specifics or funding proposals for the project, they did express hope of integrating it into the College curriculum through the communications department.

Overall, concern for combining spirit, academics, and community to bring Saint Mary's into the millennium and to the next level are their goals, Koelsch and Rodarte said.

"Emily and I come from completely opposite ends of the spectrum," Rodarte said. "Because we have different perspectives of the school, we feel we can put those together for balance, and direct those views to take Saint Mary's to the next level. It's a delicate balance."



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Emily Koelsch and Rachele Rodarte have founded their campaign on enhancing existing strengths on campus.

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Koepke/Hollis tackle needs of average student

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Jill Koepke and Desiree Hollis focus on the little things.

Assembling their leadership experience from smaller leadership organizations, such as Le Mans Hall council, VISA (Volunteers in Support of Admission), the Pride Week committee and junior class board, the Koepke/Hollis ticket prides itself on having a perspective that only the every day student can have.

"I am a normal, every day student," said Hollis. "I work in the dining hall. I don't have a car. I feel like it's an advantage to bring in the perspective of the average student."

Not having any previous experience in Board of Governance, Koepke said that new faces with knowledge of every day life at Saint Mary's is an advantage.

"It's not that we haven't been involved at all," Koepke said. "We are two new faces that aren't the typical BOG faces. While having BOG experience would be nice, it doesn't necessarily make us less qualified."

One of the key initiatives Koepke/Hollis look to continue is to build on the tradition of Pride Week, which they said is symbolic of one of the key points of their campaign.

"One of the most important

Platform Highlights

Most feasible idea

Emphasizing interhall competition through new intramural program support.

Least feasible idea

Formal auction

The final word

Clearly the platform has pride for Saint Mary's in mind ... but little else.

things is to be proud of the school you go to," Koepke said. "We want to do things to bring the campus together, to improve spirit."

The ticket plans to support Saint Mary's enhanced intramural program and foster more inter-hall competition to increase pride, they said.

The ticket also targets increased communication, through e-mail access to BOG and more information distribution through the Web.

The ticket strongly emphasizes fundraising activities that will continue to foster spirit, but will also allow petty funds for BOG to use in the event funding is needed.

One of those proposals is an "Inner Beauty" Pageant, which raises money but also seeks to recognize involved students on campus.

"A club, organization, or dorm could nominate someone who is very involved on campus, academics or in activities," Koepke said. "They would have to demonstrate their inner beauty, ... some funny talent or something else. We want to recognize students on campus who aren't recognized," she said.

Among fundraising activities such as capture the flag competitions, snowball fights and a dating game to replace the discontinued date auction, the ticket also proposes a formal auction to raise money.

"Basically, seniors would donate their formal dresses when they were leaving and by silent auction, students could bid on them," Hollis said. "A lot of students don't have the money to buy new dresses, and no one wants to wear the same one twice."

The ticket also prides itself on activities that would bring the campus together, such as more twilight tailgates, picnics, on-campus movies and more programs with Notre Dame and Holy Cross.

"Our biggest concern is really bringing this campus together," Koepke said.



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Jill Koepke and Desiree Hollis hope to make school pride a strong theme in their administration.

Bittner/Banahan illuminate with ideas

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

While typical candidates for student body president and vice president can boast years of Board of Governance experience, neither Missy Bittner nor Molly Banahan can include such credentials on their résumé.

But that, Banahan said, is their advantage.

"It's when you bring new people in that the greatest ideas come about," Banahan said.

Bittner and Banahan, who each hold positions on junior class board and Le Mans Hall council, have assembled a platform that includes more than 20 goals for the year, in areas stemming from Pride Week, multicultural development, spirituality and service and communication improvement, don't believe that the volume of proposals will hinder any of them from being accomplished.

"You could say that it's only a year, but you could also say that we have a year to get this done. A year is a long time," Bittner said. Bittner and Banahan have already set the ball in motion for several of their initiatives, one of which is enhancing Pride Week activities that have become central to celebrating Saint Mary's spirit.

Banahan contacted the Oprah Winfrey show late in the semes-

ter to investigate the possibility of bringing the talk-show host in as a special speaker.

"Bringing Oprah, a woman who has clearly struggled in life and enjoys celebrating women, would be wonderful because she is a very powerful role model," Bittner said.

Winfrey, who has a summer home 10 minutes from South Bend, was interested in speaking at a women's campus, Banahan said.

"They said that we had about a 70 percent chance of getting her here," she said. "And that's incredible. Right now, we're just waiting to hear."

Other initiatives central to the ticket's campaign are to work to increase communication on campus, which the ticket said is central to keeping students involved.

Part of their communication package includes initiating a proposal for a campus cable network.

Other communication proposals include investigating a call waiting/integrated messaging option that would allow students to check voice mail, e-mail and faxes on any campus computer.

"There is a telecommunication switch that has to be replaced within a year," Bittner said. "We can replace it, or we can integrate a new system. Call waiting/integrated messaging could be that new system."

Platform Highlights

Most feasible idea

Bringing Oprah Winfrey to campus was researched ... and surprisingly attainable.

Least feasible idea

cable TV channel

The final word

This ticket is motivated, but may be biting off more than it can chew. And with so many proposals, will there be adequate funding available?

Overall, proposals that include using detex cards for laundry and vending machine use, expanding meal plan options, including intercultural courses in the core curriculum, and Christmas at Saint Mary's service projects are all goals that can be attained, the ticket said.

"Coming to college, you're like a rock thrown into a pond," Banahan said. "Some rocks make little ripples, others make large ones. We're here to make large ripples," she said.

"When we're gone, we want the good things that we started to shine on," Bittner said.



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Molly Banahan and Missy Bittner want to bring new light and new ideas to Board of Governance.

Diversity

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Senior Joline Cruz, whose family is of the San Juan Pueblo tribe of New Mexico said students need to proactively seek experiences with various cultures and races.

"If you want to consider this a diverse university, you have to go out and find it, but it's there," she said.

The panelists spoke about the progress that they have seen in their college experiences.

"I think I've seen a lot of people learning from each other. People have different opinions about how things are on campus, but I'm starting to recognize the issue as an important one to people," said Jesse Dang, a junior MIS major, who is first-generation American born to Vietnamese parents.

Other members of the group have not had an opportunity to witness change within the University, such as freshman Scott Kelley.

Kelley was born in Korea and came to the United States at age 8 to live with adoptive parents after his father died. Despite the limited time that he has spent here, Kelley is aware of the problems that the community faces.

Citing his personal relationships, Kelley said communication between minorities and with the majority is the key to overcoming the barriers.

Communication was the

main element that the panelists pointed to as necessary and lacking in racial and ethnic relations.

Diversity is a valued quality of any setting and can be successful if there is an effort.

Brown, the University's first black leprechaun, said he faced potential problems in this role.

He was encouraged to prepare for stereotypes that he might encounter, but he feels confident that he is prepared for other people's images of the way things should be.

"What I'm doing now to deal with stereotypes is what I've done in the past: to be myself," said Brown.

Student body president Micah Murphy responded to challenges from the audience to take note of the minority stereotypes of the majority by offering a

method for overcoming stereotypes in a diverse environment. "Comfort zones keep people from reaching out and learning about other cultures. We have to challenge ourselves to step out of these comfort zones and expand our horizons."

Anna Lisa Vargas, former La Alianza executive, agreed.

"The most important thing is to meet each other in the middle. If we don't do that, we'll never get anywhere."

The panel was coordinated with student government. The Martin Luther King Jr. celebration will conclude today with a prayer service at 7 p.m. in Keenan-Stanford Chapel.

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Jesse Dang
junior

Education

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interest paid on student loans and increases Work-Study funding by \$77 million.

Additionally the maximum Pell Grant, aimed to aid low-income families, would increase from \$3,300 to \$3,500.

Sue Brandt, associate director of Financial Aid at Notre Dame, applauded this move.

"They're increasing grant money to the neediest of students," she said.

The GEAR UP program, which targets middle school students from low-income families, would receive an additional \$125 million.

The program enlists the support of colleges to provide students with opportunities to eventually receive post-secondary education.

Brandt noted that the proposals cover all phases of college education. The Pell Grants help students while they attend school.

Tax credits benefit students' parents, who often shoulder a large portion of educational costs.

Making interest tax-deductible helps students repay loans after graduation.

But students shouldn't rejoice yet. The measures, which will be appended to the administration's fiscal 2001 budget proposal, need Congressional approval — a formidable hurdle in this election year.

"Major things will have to wait on the next president and the next Congress," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) told reporters last Wednesday.

Despite apparent benefits, Brandt stressed the need to be cautious about approval of the plan.

"Right now we don't have

Where is the money going?

When President Clinton's "College Opportunity Tax Cut" plan becomes operational in 2003, the money will be divided as follows:

\$716 Pell Grants

\$400 Initiative Programs

\$40 Minority Programs

\$35 College Completion Challenge

(all numbers in millions)

*The program gives a \$10,000 tax cut to middle-income families with children in college.

JOSE CUELLAR/The Observer

enough information," she said, noting that other programs could potentially be cut to pay for the proposed increases.

The proposal will expand upon currently available education tax credits. The Lifetime Learning tax credit is now a \$1,000-per-family credit that is applicable for any year of post-secondary education.

The Hope tax credit — which remains unchanged in

Clinton's plan — provides up to \$1,500 per student during the first and second years of college. Family income determines eligibility for the credits.

There is little that student aid offices at universities can do to influence Congressional votes on Clinton's proposal, but they are able to help students make the greatest possible use of existing aid programs.

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'Play' fosters intellect, leadership

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Creative new ways to shape the new century will spring to life this weekend at Saint Mary's.

For 10 years, the Play of the Mind program has challenged students, faculty and administration to think intellectually. This year's theme, "Intellectuals in Action, Shaping the New Century," stresses the roles and responsibilities that college students and faculty have in the intellectual world.

"Play of the Mind started from an attempt to help students feel more comfortable when thinking about ourselves as intellectuals and how it affects things outside the classroom," said Patrick White, director of Play of the Mind since its inception.

Thirteen women's colleges will participate in this year's festival. Visitors will stay with 175 host students, who worked with faculty and student development professionals to plan presentations and prepare to lead group discussions.

About 30 faculty and administrators will be involved as well.

"Our mission at Saint Mary's is a role of leadership and connection to the rest of the world. How can [our students], as intellectuals, as thinking women, make a difference for good."

Patrick White
director, Play of the Mind

"I think it helps give our students an opportunity to meet students from other women's colleges — there are only about 80 left," said Georgeanna Rosenbush, conference director since 1994. "It also gives them an opportunity to see what happens on other campuses."

Intellectual cooperation

Play of the Mind has always been about intellectual life and leadership.

"When it was started it was to help students practice ways to be leaders and have an affect on this institution," White said. "I think in the United States we're still nervous about the

term intellectual and what it might mean. We accuse intellectuals of being dry and not fun, but we're trying to break out of that here."

The interactions throughout the weekend are especially important.

"There is a great deal of energy and sense of flow from the participants," White explained.

Play of the Mind helps give people a sense of encouragement and new ideas to plant on their campuses.

Rosenbush remembers a shy student who attended the conference.

"She came as a shy girl, but Play of the Mind gave her confidence to get up and out and do things," Rosenbush said. The girl later got a job for CNN and was "introducing all kinds of people."

White believes everyone can benefit from Play of the Mind.

"Our mission at Saint Mary's is a role of leadership and connection to the rest of the world," he said. "How can [our students], as intellectuals, as thinking women, make a difference for good?"

Guests from other colleges arrive today, and the conference kicks off tonight with the keynote presentation, "Re-imagining the Intellectual: Facing the future, Seeing the World," in O'Laughlin Auditorium at 7:30.

Profs: Under U.S. law, Elian must go

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

Since he was found floating in an inner tube off the Florida coast on Thanksgiving Day, controversy over Elian Gonzalez's fate has continued to rage.

"The law is pretty clear ... he needs to return to Cuba," said Barbara Szweda, professor of immigration law at Notre Dame.

Although many refugees do receive political asylum because they fear returning to an oppressive culture, the fact remains that Elian needs to prove his case just as any other immigrant would, Szweda explained. In the past, the U.S. has offered immunity to persons persecuted in their home country because of religion, ethnicity, nationality, membership in social groups or political opinion, but no one is ever guaranteed admittance into the country.

Because of the recent well publicized mobilization of both Cuban nationalists and Cuban Americans, Elian's case has developed into a much deeper controversy.

"He ought to be sent back

to his parents," said Benjamin Radcliff, professor of government at Notre Dame. "That is the obvious course that will follow. [This] INS issue has been caught up in the political, as the Cuban population in Miami is trying to use Elian as their own public relations tool."

"The battle right now is politics versus the law," Szweda said. Elian's relatives in Miami are currently attempting to tie up the courts in order to stall the INS immigration process. Legally, however, Elian's future resides in the hands of his father, his rightful guardian, Szweda said.

Anthony Messina, Notre Dame professor of government, concurred.

"The law is on the side of the father," he said. "It's pretty straightforward that there is little legal founding on the decision to keep him in the U.S."

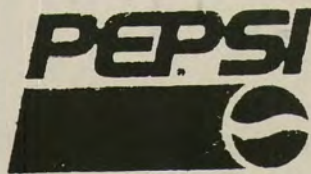
Elian has been in the U.S. for two months, and concerns are beginning to surface that some type of decision needs to be made quickly.

"The longer he is here, the more difficult it will be to leave the world of Disney," Messina said.

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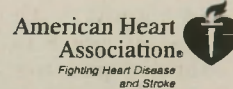
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Palestinians refute newspaper's peace proposal report

Associated Press

JERUSALEM
A Palestinian proposal for a final peace settlement that includes concessions on Jewish settlements and Jerusalem was reported Wednesday in an Israeli newspaper — but it was immediately repudiated as unfounded by Palestinian officials.

According to the report in Haaretz, the proposal cedes some West Bank territory containing large blocks of Jewish

settlements to Israeli sovereignty in exchange for parts of Israel. It also reportedly offers joint administration of Jerusalem.

Another innovation in the proposal — reported by Haaretz to have been unveiled by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in a meeting with President Clinton



Arafat

President Clinton

last week — is a backdown on refugee policy.

According to Haaretz, the new Palestinian proposal has Israel recognizing the right of Palestinian refugees whose forebears left Israel during its independence war to return — but not actually allowing such a return in practice.

The issue of refugees' right to return to Israel proper is largely symbolic because Israel is not expected to allow it in practice. However, the refugees are expected to be allowed to return to territories of an eventual

Palestinian state as part of a final peace deal.

Haaretz did not give the source of its report.

Palestinian officials said there was no basis to the report, insisting their bottom line remains the same: a return of all Palestinian-inhabited land captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast War, a capital in east Jerusalem, and the unequivocal right of Palestinians to return.

"It's not true at all," said Yasser Abed Rabbo, one of the two lead Palestinian negotiators. "We didn't submit such a plan to

the Americans, nor to others, we didn't even discuss these proposals with the Israelis. This looks like an Israeli trial balloon."

Still, two of the proposals — land trades that would allow some Jewish settlements to remain under Israeli sovereignty, and shared administration of Jerusalem — date back to informal talks held by Israeli Yossi Beilin and Palestinian Mahmoud Abbas five years ago. Both men are now in influential positions: Beilin is Justice Minister and Abbas is a top aide to Arafat.

NETHERLANDS

Tribunal reaches final verdict

Associated Press

THE HAGUE

The first war crimes trial since the post-World War II prosecutions at Nuremberg and Tokyo came to an end Wednesday after nearly four years of hearings, appeals and cross-appeals.

U.N. judges concluded Dusan Tadic's case by shaving five years off a 25-year sentence given to the Bosnian Serb police reservist for torturing and murdering Muslim and Croat prisoners.

U.N. Chief Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte welcomed the ruling, despite the show of leniency to the 44-year-old nicknamed Dusko. "We are hoping that this is the last the tribunal will hear of Dusko Tadic, that he will be able to start serving his sentence," said her spokesman, Paul Risley.

Tadic's case, which began May 7, 1996, was emblematic of the glacial pace of proceedings at the U.N. tribunal, set up in 1993 to try war crimes suspects from the Balkan conflicts. The tribunal has convicted 13 Serbs, Muslims and Croats, but Tadic's case is the only one to have finished the appeals process. And more than

30 suspects remain at large, including Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

Summarizing the appeals ruling, Judge Mohammed Shahabuddeen of Guyana said Tadic's conduct "was incontestably heinous" but the original sentence was overly severe given his limited responsibility.

"His level in the command structure, when compared to that of his superiors, or the very architects of the strategy of ethnic cleansing, was low," Shahabuddeen said.

Tadic was given credit for nearly six years spent in pretrial custody. The defendant gazed ahead indifferently during the half-hour session.

Tadic was arrested Feb. 13, 1994, by German police in Munich after refugees recognized him from the Omarska and Trnopolje prison camps in northwestern Bosnia.

In 1993, the world was horrified by photographs of emaciated men behind barbed wire at those camps, evoking images of Jewish prisoners at Nazi death camps in World War II. Under pressure to act, the U.N. Security Council set up the tribunal.

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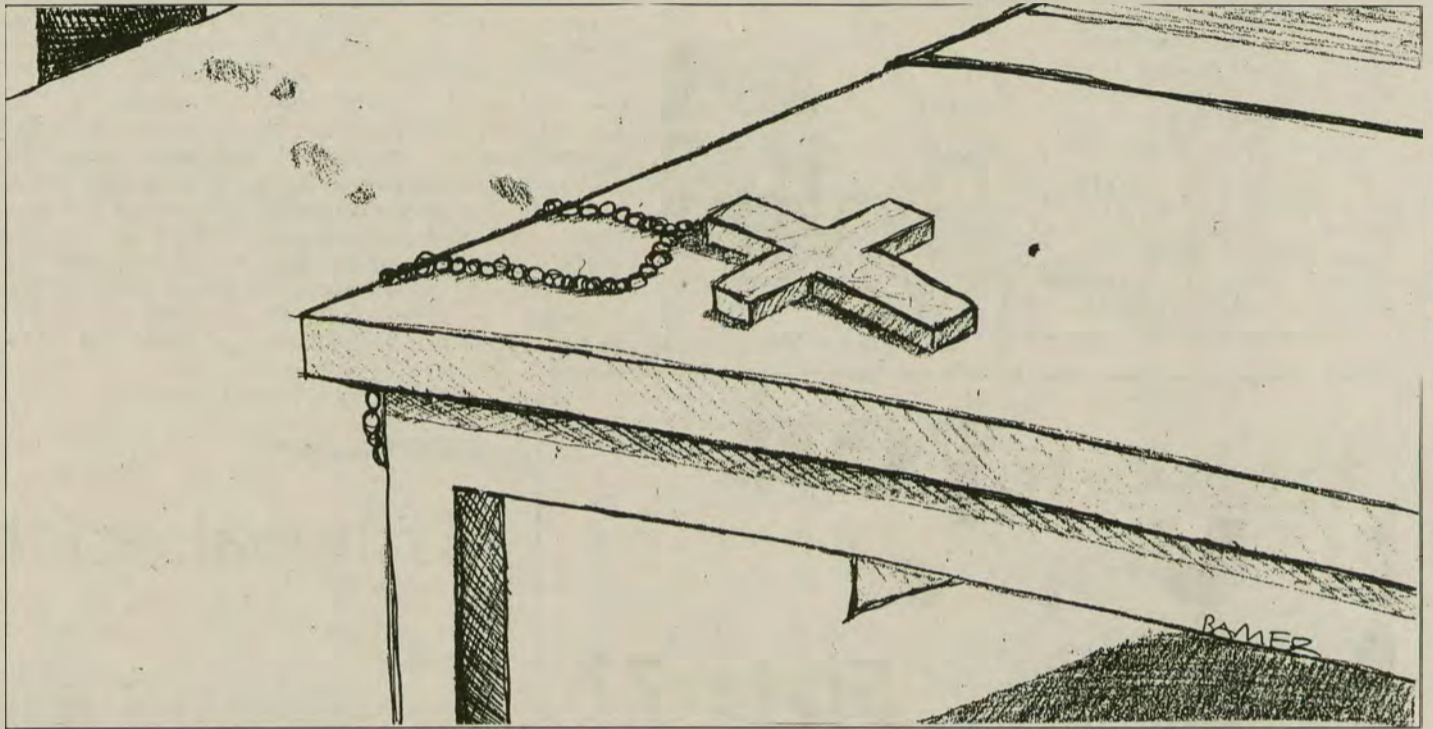
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Pope should retire to save Church in China

With our recent leap into the 21st century comes news that China and the Vatican are at odds over the installation of Catholic bishops.

China, without Vatican approval or consultations, ordained bishops of their political liking into the Catholic Church. In an obvious and blatant disregard of the Holy See, politics is driving the Asian country's agenda. Yet the Vatican has remained paralyzed in this outrageously disrespectful assault on the Church.

Such blatant actions against the Church have historically triggered more than just a luke-warm condemnation as in this instance. Some wonder if the lethargic inaction is an indication that Pope John Paul II is unable to keep pace with the rigors necessary to lead the Church against major assaults from powerful government officials.

Critics cite one paradox that immediately comes to mind as a slowing down of the pope. While the Vatican has not forcefully acted against China, last year the Holy See took swift and heavy-handed action against Sister Jeannine Gramick, a school sister of Notre Dame, and Salvatorian priest Robert Nugent, who ministered for 29 years to the gay community. The Vatican permanently prohibited the two "from any pastoral work involving homosexual persons" and declared them "ineligible, for an undetermined period, for any office in their respective religious institutes."

In defending the Vatican's actions, Bishop Joseph Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston said that while Sister Gramick "offers the opinions of others, she does

not mention the church's teaching" that homosexual activity is intrinsically disordered "and she confuses theological opinion with authentic church teaching." The bishop went on to say that Sister Gramick offered the opinions of moral theologians who hold that, like heterosexual acts, homosexual behavior "is good and holy in God's sight when it is an expression of special and unique love which one person has for another."

Swift and harsh sanctions were issued over how the rank-and-file religious carried out Church dogma regarding what is intrinsically evil versus intrinsically evil persons. Bishop Fiorenza seems to be supportive of swatting a fly with a bowling ball in an effort to maintain discipline within the Church ranks. Yet the seriousness of the bishops' elevations in China is met with silence. Not since the days when popes sold cardinalships to raise crusade funds has such perplexing behavior come from the Vatican.

Pope John Paul II was the right man at the right time when elected pope. His roots in oppressed Poland tied into a global movement to crush communism and eliminate the Iron Curtain. He energized oppressed peoples around the world and greatly contributed to the new world order steeped in freedom.

In light of the pope's failing health, some question why cardinals are required to retire while a pope is inflexible for life. Is the policy another of those "corrected" details, like establishing Christmas in late December to coincide and compete with the pagan holiday, that were defined during the early days of the Church? Does anyone really believe that the next pope miraculously somehow changes on the day of his election, or is he, as some contend, the same today — mere years, months or maybe just weeks before he ascends as pope?

Many wonder why the current pope

cannot retire. Modern demands of 21st century society upon the Church, like the current China situation, the AIDS crisis in Africa or starvation in overpopulated Third World countries, dictate that the pope be more responsive. Was it Jesus or a pope who decreed that popes serve until death? Wouldn't it strengthen the Church to have a pope emeritus to advise a sitting pope?

We need not abandon our values while moving towards bold, imaginative responses to world problems. A vast majority of Catholics in the 1970s, along with political leaders like Ronald Reagan, opposed both abortion as well as the use of fetal tissue research. Yet today, through fetal tissue experimentation, scientific research, without intrinsically supporting abortion, is close to curing the very disease that will soon claim Reagan's life. Fetal tissue research is now seen by many Catholics as a valuable tool in the fight of disease.

Each journey into a new millennium carries with it a new set of demands along with a new set of opportunities. It is easy to rewrite scripture so the congregation may better understand it. However, increasing the ranks of our religious may depend upon relaxing the rule of celibacy. Thwarting AIDS, hunger and overpopulation in undereducated nations may demand the use of contraception.

The Catholic Church's survival in Asia may rely on the retirement of a pope. What some view as words of a heretic may just be bold, successful answers in a difficult, fast-paced global society.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The worst prison is a closed heart."

Pope John Paul II

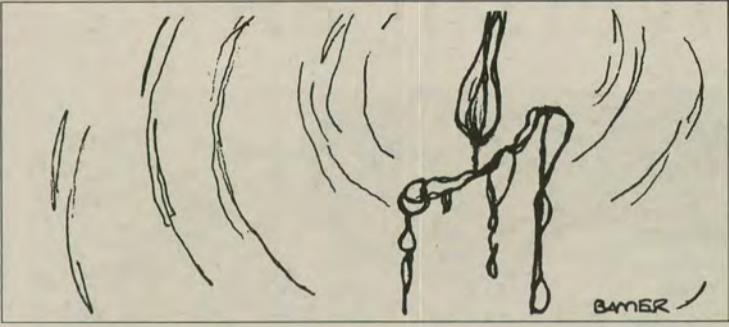
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



MLK a modern prophet

On Sunday, Jan. 16, the eve of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, we read the story of young Samuel being called by the Lord to deliver a message to the elder Eli. At that time, Samuel was not familiar with the Lord because the Lord had not revealed anything to Samuel yet. He was young. Then one day the Lord called him. "Samuel, Samuel." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to sleep." The Lord called a second time. "Samuel, Samuel." Samuel ran to Eli again and said, "Here I am. You called me." Eli realized what was happening and said, "The Lord is trying to talk to you. Go back to sleep, and the next time you hear the Lord's voice say, 'Speak Lord, I am listening.'" Finally, on the third try, Samuel heard the Lord's call and obeyed. He went to Eli and told him everything he heard from the Lord. "At that moment, he caught a glimpse of himself. He grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect. He became known as a prophet of the Lord."

While the young Martin Luther King Jr. completed his graduate school requirements, the voices of Rauschenbusch, Niebuhr and Tillich inundated his thoughts. Should he follow their example and become a working minister first or should he take the advice of many and begin teaching in the academy? While Martin completed his dissertation, there were several churches in the South looking for a pastor. Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., decided to "audition" the young graduate student to see if he could preach. On Jan. 10, 1954, the 25-year-old King ascended the pulpit of Dexter and gazed out over a packed sanctuary of inquiring faces. He thought to himself, "Later, he said he thought 'Keep Martin Luther King in the background and God in the foreground and everything will be all right. Remember, you're a channel of the gospel, not the source.'" He preached on "The Three Dimensions of a Complete Life," Revelation 21:16. The sermon was a success. Martin, like Eli standing before God, "caught a glimpse of himself. He grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect. He became known as a prophet of the Lord."

Since September, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee has met each Thursday at 8 a.m. in Greenfields Restaurant. As administrators, getting up early is no great sacrifice. For students, it's quite the opposite. Walking to the south end of campus at 8 in the morning for anything other than class is unheard of in the Free World. Yet, every Thursday morning for three months, it happened. As the planning began, the force and impetus behind the entire celebration derived from the ideas and vision of students. Your peers are young adults who respond to the call to participate in what we believe each year to be a worthy endeavor. To each meeting they bring their ideas, energy, passion, insight and commitment, and they put together three days of thought-provoking events. Even though their knowledge of Dr. King has been formed by oral tradition, history assignments and annual news clips, somehow the spirit of the man ignites something within them. Like Samuel and Martin, their youth, vigor and faith in God are the very things which keep us hopeful. As administrators, we relish this ambition and delight in the witness of God's presence in them.

Tonight at 7 p.m. in Keenan-Stanford Chapel, we will conclude our celebration with the prayer service "Walk in the Light of Christ." Your peers invite you to gather and listen for God's call. Join them and respond by saying, "Speak Lord, I am listening." Like them, examine and act on the depth and breath of your word. As a University community, we will test the tenacity of our convictions and listen to the story which defines the truth of our present reality. Collectively, we will dispel the darkness which challenges us and walk in the light which will forever unite us.

May the days to come provide moments of reflection and introspection, as we share this light. Then, one day, we may proclaim, "At that moment, we caught a glimpse of ourselves. We grew up, and the Lord was with us, not permitting any word of ours to be without effect. We became known as prophets of the Lord."

Chandra Johnson and
Priscilla Wong
Campus Ministry
January 26, 2000

Do you really belong here?

I came to the University of Notre Dame to continue to grow in my faith. I'm here to learn and pray, to be a better person for having been here. Isn't that everyone's ultimate goal? Believing this, I was confused by the words of one of my peers. A freshman, Jeff Eyreman, wrote Tuesday that marriage is not necessary for true love. Knowing from definite personal experience, I agree that love can develop before marriage, but it completes itself in matrimony. Marriage is a relationship including not only the two people, but also God. To truly give yourself to someone, there must be a commitment to the other person and to God. There must be marriage. Jeff, this is not a personal attack, and I'm not pretending to be perfect. However, how can a teenager who has not yet even chosen a major make such a decision? God intended us each for one person,

and I believe that our bodies belong to the person we're going to marry someday. Our bodies are not ours to give or take. We are in God's hands.

This is Notre Dame. We are special and alone. We are many things and have many identities. But we bear the name of Our Mother, the Virgin Mary. A Catholic university and a Christian environment. To come here you must acknowledge that you will be surrounded by it. If you can't accept the morals, ideals and teachings of the Catholic Church and the views of this place where you have chosen to be educated, then do you really belong here?

Elizabeth Bauer
Freshman, McGlinn Hall
January 27, 2000

Sex means commitment, not just affection

Tuesday, Jeff Eyerman wrote a letter endorsing the view that marriage is an out-dated and unnecessary sacrament. According to him, marriage is not necessary to legitimize sex as long as two people are "in love." For the moment, let's set aside the question of what constitutes being "in love," because frankly, that whole line sounds like a grade B movie come-on.

Instead, let's look at the other side of this argument, from the doctrine of the Catholic Church. Sex is sacred. Maybe many of you reading this have never heard that particular phrase used before and maybe even find it trite. That's because you haven't thought it through. Sex is the act by which ordinary human beings become co-creators of new life with God. As a result of the importance of this act, God has created a safe, nurturing environment for sex: within marriage. Sex unites two people in the act of creating new life, one new soul and body from two individual people. Remember that reading? Genesis 2:24, "Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two become one flesh." Also, Mark 10:6-8, "But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Black-and-white, clear as crystal. Sex is reserved for the holy union of marriage with the blessing of God. God intended sex to be used for the procreation of children, the formation of a family and the strengthening of the relationship between husband and wife.

This relationship is important enough that it is used to mirror the relationship of Christ to His church: Christ is the bridegroom, the Church is His bride. Starting a family is not something to be taken lightly; therefore, neither is sex. If one does choose to have sex outside of marriage, there are serious consequences. The first is that the two individuals have sinned against God and against His laws for man. The second consequence is that the two individuals have cheapened something very sacred. And no amount of

"love" can erase that sin; only the sacrament of Penance can do that. But sex in marriage isn't just for the procreation of children; it's also for strengthening the bond of love between the man and woman committed to the marriage.

Sex, as Mr. Eyerman doesn't seem to understand, makes each partner extremely vulnerable.

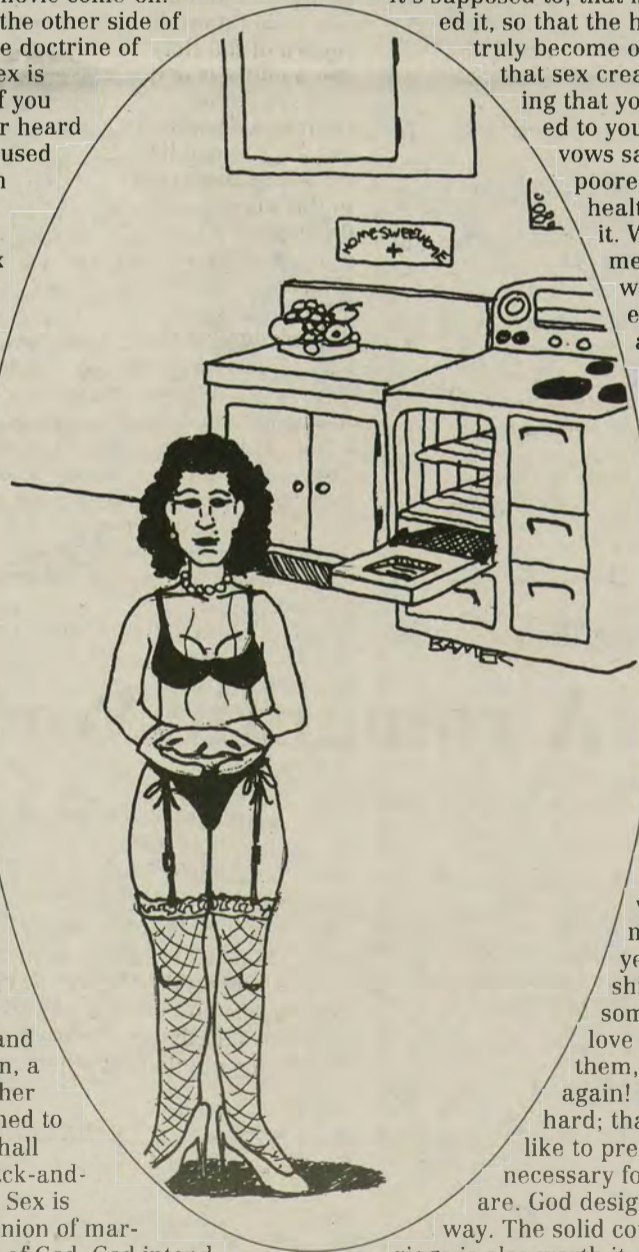
It's supposed to; that is the way God intended it, so that the husband and wife may truly become one. The vulnerability that sex creates is filled by knowing that your spouse is dedicated to you for life. Just like the vows said, "For richer or poorer, in sickness and in health" and all the rest of it. Without the commitment of marriage, sex will leave you totally exposed and emotionally deserted, no matter how much "love" you have!

Within marriage, however, it raises you, your partner and your love to unbelievable heights and actually moves you closer to the heart of God. Mature Christians realize that true love requires commitment. Otherwise it's just a child-like infatuation, one that will someday fade.

Most people don't want a one night, one month or even a one year intense relationship with the fear that someday the one they love will break up with them, leaving them alone again! Commitments are hard; that's why many people like to pretend that they aren't necessary for sex. But they still are. God designed our species that way. The solid commitment of marriage is also worth it. People have been making just such commitments and raising close, loving families, all the while being deeply in love. And that kind of love can be learned and practiced even when you don't feel like it, even when it isn't convenient.

Marriage brings with it the grace and TRUE love to withstand anything, forever. Love, true God-intended love between a man and a woman, IS precious. It's also sacred. And the two souls become one.

Katherine Hoppe
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January 25, 2000



MOVIE REVIEW

'Girl, Interrupted' delivers it all

By JILLIAN DePAUL
Scene Movie Critic

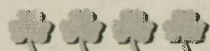
When Susanna Kaysen spent a year in a mental institution during the 1960s for attempting suicide, she was diagnosed with a borderline personality. Even after reading "Girl, Interrupted," the memoir Susanna wrote during her time in the infamous McLean Hospital (it's the same hospital in which Sylvia Plath spent a few of her teenage years), and seeing its movie representation, it is still unclear what is actually wrong with someone who suffers from a borderline personality. What borderline is she crossing exactly? Is it madness and sanity, or is it merely adolescence and adulthood? This is the question at the heart of "Girl, Interrupted." Is the woman in the center of this story insane, a danger to herself and society, or is she simply confused and misunderstood by the very society in which she is trapped?

Making "Girl, Interrupted" was a labor of love for its star and executive producer, Winona Ryder, who said she read the brilliantly poignant and concise memoir by Susanna Kaysen and was inspired not only to see it adapted into a film, but to see it done right. The project was several years in the making, since Ryder shopped it around to several different screenwriters and directors before finally settling on James Mangold, an unlikely choice, who also wrote and directed the 1997 police drama "Cop Land," and "Heavy" in 1995. The film version of "Girl, Interrupted" succeeds because it does not adhere to the unspoken and often incorrect rule that a good adaptation is a strict adaptation. The book is simply a collection of the author's memories and thoughts of that time in her life, which, despite being extremely provocative, does not translate well direct-

ly into film. Therefore, the film injects the necessary elements of plot and direction into the bare-bones story, while maintaining the essence of the book. This essence is the desperation, confusion, and eventual strength of the main character, conveyed in an honest and compassionate voice.

In the tradition of the rather specific mental institution genre of filmmaking, including "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "Girl, Interrupted" has a terrific cast ensemble. The other patients, nurses, doctors and even orderlies collectively give the film a sense of place. And consequently, the hospital itself becomes a touchingly funny character at times and a frightening one at others. Whoopi Goldberg is as solid as ever playing Valerie, the tough but caring head nurse of their ward;

"Girl, Interrupted"



out of five shamrocks

Director: James Mangold
Starring: Winona Ryder, Angelina Jolie, Whoopi Goldberg, Clea Duvall and Vanessa Redgrave

an antithesis of Nurse Ratched, Valerie usually understands the girls better than their doctors. Vanessa Redgrave is radiant but underused as the only one of Susanna's doctors who has a clue, challenging her to re-engage with society on her own terms instead of withdrawing from it completely.

But the real prize of the film is a group of patients who form a camaraderie that is in some way demented, but mostly genuine. There is Georgina, Susanna's roommate and a pathological liar, played by Clea Duvall. There is Polly (Elizabeth Moss), a sweet, young woman who happened to burn off half of her face when she was a girl and is affectionately called "Torch" by her ward mates. You cannot forget Daisy, played by Brittany Murphy who you may recognize from "Clueless," the aloof member of the ward who eats whole chickens which are supplied by her father and stores the carcasses under her bed.

Finally, Angelina Jolie is in a class by



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Winona Ryder plays a misplaced patient in a mental ward in the effective, disturbing film, "Girl, Interrupted."

herself as Lisa, the heartless, sociopath ringleader of the group. Jolie gives one of those rare electrifying performances that absolutely ignites the screen. She has already won a Golden Globe for her performance, which is without a doubt worthy of an Academy Award. The success of the film hinges on the validity of her portrayal of Lisa, the alternative to re-assimilation into society for Susanna. Lisa tells the truth when society lies. Susanna is both drawn

to her truth but anchored in the reality external to the hospital walls, even if it is false. Jolie captures simultaneously the seductive and the destructive qualities of her character. The chemistry between Jolie and Ryder is a marvel to watch and "Girl, Interrupted" is definitely worth your extra holiday cash, if you still have any. It covers all the bases; it's a smart, powerful film with a clever sense of humor, and it even has a good soundtrack.

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

A romantic Woody Allen musical?

By JEFFREY Q. IRISH
Scene Movie Critic

Does everyone say "I love you?" Woody Allen thinks so. He wrote, directed and starred in this 1930s style musical about an extended family and its bouts with the most wonderful feeling in the world.

"Everyone says" opens with Ed Norton ("Fight Club") singing "Just you, Just me" to Drew Barrymore ("Ever After") next to a fountain in Central Park. It brings an immediate grin to your face as you remember what it's like to be young and in love as these two most certainly are. The grin rarely leaves your face as you get

looks at all the family member's different feelings and confusions of love.

The plot centers around the extended family and each individual's search for love. The deepest love is the friendship between Joe (Woody Allen) and Steffi (Goldie Hawn). They were previously married and have one

daughter, DJ, who is the narrator of the film. Steffi has remarried and had two children with a successful businessman named Bob (Alan Alda), who already had two children of his own. Bob's children from the previous marriage are Skylar (Barrymore) and Scott (Luke Haas). Lane (Gabby Hoffman) and Laura (Natalie Portman) are the two middle-school-aged daughters of Bob and Steffi.

All involved in the love game with a member of the family are Julia Roberts ("Notting Hill") and Tim Roth. All of the actors use their own singing voices (except Drew Barrymore) whether or not they had any training. Goldie Hawn has a wonderful voice, Julia Roberts does not, but it doesn't matter because they are both singing their feelings and that is why "Everyone says" is so amorable.

"Everyone says" is a characteristic Woody Allen film: intelligent, funny, romantic, leftist and set in New York. As an artist, Allen has tried to do films in different genres to challenge his talent; it was only fitting that he attempt a musical. Few modern films employ the classic musical format, only "Little Shop of Horrors" and "Evita" come to mind. "Everyone says" surpasses them in both comedy and romance. All romantic comedies play on the belief that there is that "special someone for you." We watch the boy meet the girl; and then they split up for 60 minutes, and then the resolution is solved usually by the two falling in love. There is something about Allen's bumbling character that makes you connect with him. We feel his frustrations — because everyone says "I love you."



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Woody Allen's musical hosts a star-studded cast, including Drew Barrymore, presenting a confusing-as-ever story of romance, heartache and woe.

MOVIE REVIEW

'Play It to the Bone' lacks eye of the tiger

By JOEY LENISKI
Scene Movie Critic

Sports movies rarely concern themselves exclusively with the sport shown on the front of the promotional poster. Invariably the story goes beyond the confines of the gridiron, the squared circle, the diamond or the big green, into the conflicts and struggles of the hero's personal life. See "Raging Bull," "North Dallas Forty," "Rocky" or "Slap-shot" for classic examples where this tactic succeeds.

Formulas, however, are fickle things. The modern manifestation of this convention, while adding depth to typically thin plotlines, is used primarily to sell sports movie tickets to women who could care less how many rounds Rocky Balboa lasted in his first fight against Apollo Creed.

By trying to form a well rounded story, filmmakers will often make two entirely different movies which end up sutured together somewhere near the last quarter of the film. See "Gladiator," "Blue Chips" or "Rocky V" for prime examples where this tactic fails. And for further reference on this disturbing trend, please see "Play It to the Bone."

This film does not stray far from the sports movie formula: Two friends have one day to drive from Los Angeles to Las Vegas to fight each other for a chance at the championship match, but can they survive each other along the way? Chances are yes, otherwise the movie would end half-way through. But let us suppress logic for now and give this movie the benefit of the doubt.

Vince (Woody Harrelson) and Cesar (Antonio Banderas) are over-the-hill prizefighters who are offered the deal of a lifetime: a fight with one another as the undercard match-up for yet another Mike Tyson comeback bout. At stake: a shot at the title, something that has eluded both fighters throughout their careers. Fate smiling upon our heroes, they pack their bags, borrow Cesar's girlfriend Grace's (Lolita Davidovich) car, and head into the desert — almost. Grace insists on driving her souped-up convertible GTO herself, so

the three pack their bags and head out into the desert.

Why two fighters given a dream-shot at the title would drive to Las Vegas instead of flying is beyond me, and never explained at all in the movie. Everyone knows that all road trips will inevitably result in unforeseen disaster and conflict between the travelers. Not surprisingly, this is exactly what happens with our three crusaders as they travel to fortune's Mecca via automobile. Everything from Jesus sightings to break-ups to homosexu-

ality threaten to end Vince and Cesar's friendship and their trip eastward. But thanks mostly to the fiery attitude of Grace, these two warriors swallow their pride and remember how to behave like adults just in time to step into the ring and pummel each other with their fists.

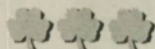
Who wins the fight? Do they get their title-shot? Will you care at this point in the movie? Yes.

The fact that the audience actually cares about who wins the match this late in the story proves the film does have some redeeming quality. Unfortunately, the majority of "Play It to the Bone" is disjointed and rather disappointing. Writer/director Ron Shelton ("Bull Durham," "White Men Can't Jump," "Tin Cup") is no stranger to the sports movie genre — in fact he basically reinvented it in the late 1980s. But the staple of the typical Shelton film was a main character with one great character flaw that constantly caused him to screw up both on and off the playing field. By the end of the movie, the hero never actually changes but achieves a moral victory by sticking to his guns. The audience loves this character, who it both pities and admires.

The two heroes in "Play it to the Bone" are convincingly flawed and pathetic, but neither Vince nor Cesar becomes admirable to the audience. Their flaw seems to be that both are just plain mean and immature with one another. In fact, the only character that invokes a real sympathy from the audience is Grace, the girlfriend/manager played with refreshing confidence by Davidovich.

Besides character problems, the portions

"Play It to the Bone"



out of five shamrocks

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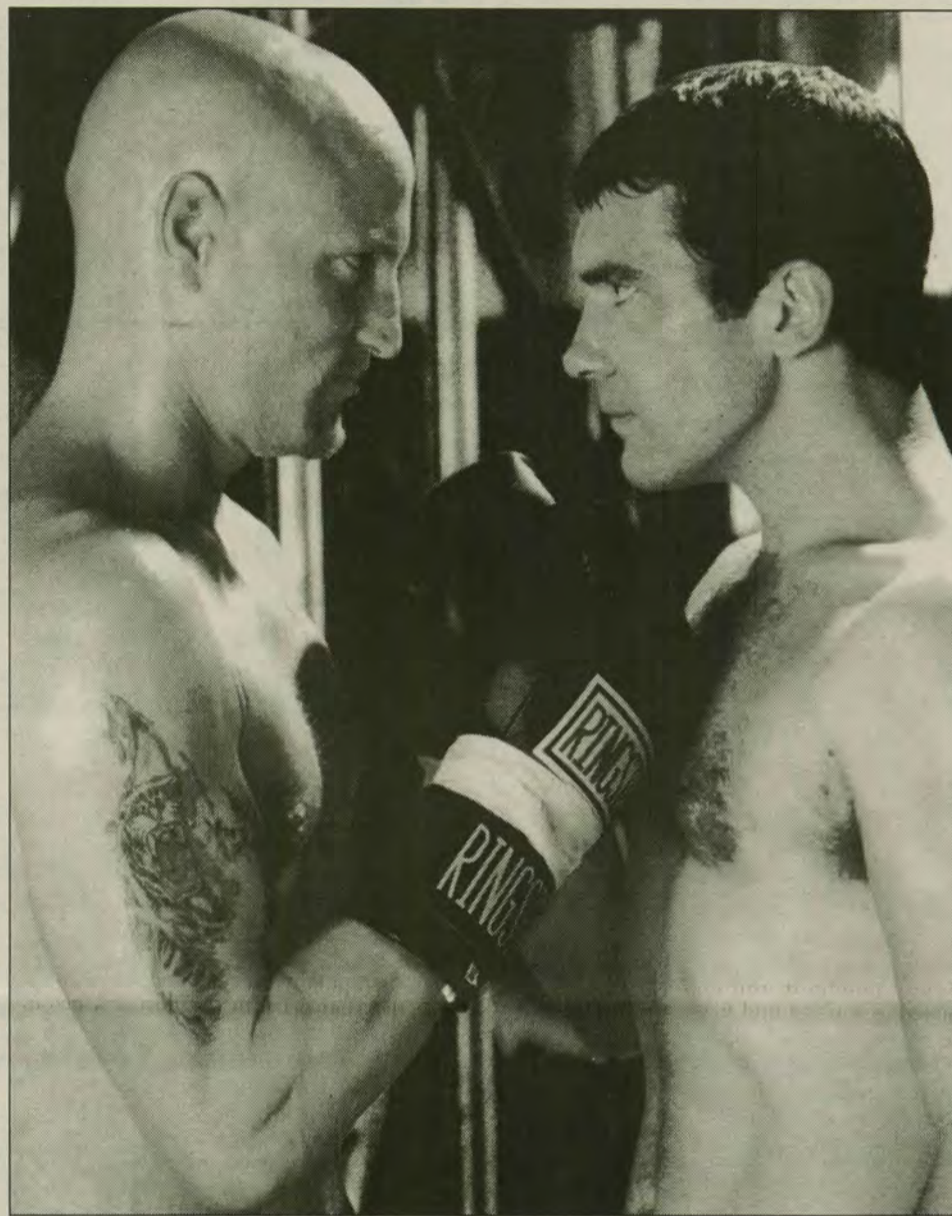


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Woody Harrelson and Antonio Banderas are boxing buddies in "Play it to the Bone."

of the film involving the physical and psychological aspects of boxing are either too flippant or extreme. The first half of the movie plays out like a typical buddy-drama with a twist of romance. But the fight sequence near the end is shot like a perverse nightmare, complete with unrealistic blood-bath and topless-women hallucinations, none of which has motivation or adds any important information to the story.

The thematic and formal schizophrenia in "Play It to the Bone" is ultimately confusing and unattractive. It will take its place with the other sports movie failures collecting dust on a video store shelf, while the more convincing titles will remain classics. Spend the money on renting "Tin Cup," or, better yet, go play a round of mini-golf. Will you choose the right color ball? Can you avoid the treacherous wind-mill? We shall find out ... dum dum dum.

BOX OFFICE



Ice Cube stars as Craig in this weekend's No. 1 movie, "Next Friday," a more than expected success as sequel to the 1995 box office hit "Friday." Craig's trip in the suburbs proves to be a big hit with movie fans across the country, who find the 'burbs even funnier than the 'hood.

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Weekend of Jan 21-23

Movie Title	Weekend Sales	Total Sales
1. Next Friday	\$ 8.0 million	\$ 31.8 million
2. Down to You	\$ 7.6 million	\$ 7.6 million
3. The Hurricane	\$ 6.5 million	\$ 22.9 million
4. Stuart Little	\$ 6.4 million	\$ 117.1 million
5. The Green Mile	\$ 5.4 million	\$ 109.6 million
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8. The Talented Mr. Ripley	\$ 3.7 million	\$ 68.2 million
9. Play It to the Bone	\$ 3.4 million	\$ 3.5 million
10. Angela's Ashes	\$ 3.2 million	\$ 3.6 million

NFL

Dorsetts become first father-son duo to start Super Bowl

Associated Press

ATLANTA

He looks a lot like his dad, built like him, too.

The son is 5-11, 200 pounds. The father was 5-11, 190 when he played in his first Super Bowl with the Dallas Cowboys.

Anthony Dorsett will play in his first Super Bowl on Sunday, trying to win the same kind of championship ring Tony Dorsett has worn since 1978.

But unlike his Hall of Fame father, the younger Dorsett isn't one of the biggest names on the field. He's one of the Tennessee Titans' special teamers, and

he'll start against the St. Louis Rams only because free safety Marcus Robertson broke his leg during last week's AFC championship game.

But by getting the starting job, Anthony has put the Dorsetts in the NFL record book:

They're the first father and son to do so in a Super Bowl.

"I think someone needs to give us a commercial or some-

thing," said the 26-year-old defensive back, who deliberately uses Anthony — without the Junior — to establish his own identity.

His proud father said he was "delighted as can be."

"I don't think anyone in America could be happier than I am," said Tony Dorsett, who will be in the Georgia Dome come gametime, cheering for his son.

So, has Dad been calling with advice?

"He's trying to make sure I keep focused and keep my head in the game with all this media frenzy and people calling for tickets," he said. "I'm doing

what he says to keep my head on a level plane and just roll with the punches."

Robertson's been talking to him, too.

"He knows it's going to be difficult, but his attitude is that he's going to go out there and have fun," Robertson said. "I keep talking to him about playing what he sees."

Dorsett's football genes were noticeable from the outset.

The first time he touched the ball in a Pop Warner game in Pittsburgh, he returned a kick-off 75 yards for a touchdown.

"Immediately when I started playing ball, everyone was commenting on how we were doing

things the same," the son said. "And everyone always remarked on how big our eyes get."

He moved to Dallas as a teenager to spend more time with his father during the late 1980s. Being in the limelight as Tony's son didn't bother him, but he tried to limit comparisons to his dad by switching from running back to wide receiver and cornerback in high school.

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Tony Dorsett

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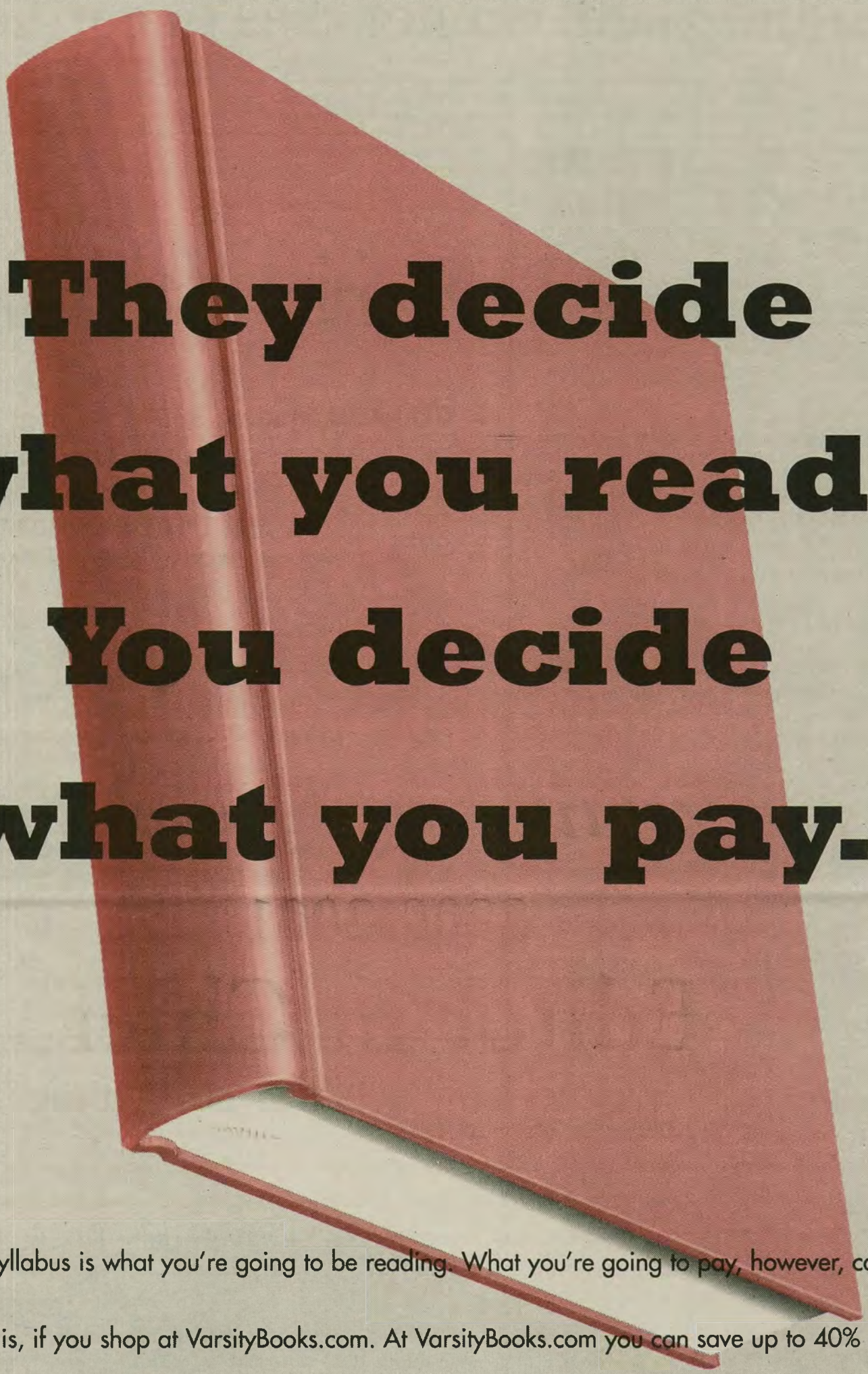
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PROFESSIONAL TENNIS

First 'Grand Slam' winner dies of cardiac arrest

Associated Press

Don Budge, who swept all four major tennis tournaments in 1938 to become the sport's first "Grand Slam" winner, died Wednesday of cardiac arrest. He was 84.

He died at Mercy Hospital in Scranton, Pa., hospital spokeswoman Mary Leone said.

Budge was injured in a car accident in northeastern Pennsylvania on Dec. 14 when he lost control and drove off the road. He was hospitalized in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., until Jan. 8, when he was transferred to a nursing facility near his home in Dingmans Ferry. Budge was taken to Mercy Hospital on Jan. 17.

Budge had a complete game built around a whiplash backhand, which still is considered the best ever. He backed up a strong serve with power and accuracy off the ground and volleyed effectively.

He was inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame in 1964, and selected one of Tennis Magazine's 20 greatest players of the 20th century.

"I consider him the finest player 365 days a year who ever lived," tennis great Bill Tilden once said.

Born June 13, 1915, in Oakland, Calif., John Donald Budge was a superb athlete who played all popular team sports, including baseball and basketball. When he was 13, his brother Lloyd, who played on the tennis team at the University of California, persuaded Don to take tennis seriously.

Nine years later, Budge beat Germany's Baron Gottfried Von Cramm in what is considered to be one of the best Davis Cup matches ever.

That same year, 1937, Budge won both Wimbledon and the U.S. Championships. In 1938, he became the first player to sweep all four major

titles — Wimbledon and the championships of Australia, France and the United States.

The feat, dubbed a "Grand Slam" by tennis writer Allison Danzig, has been equaled by only four other players since.

"In the recent light of Andre Agassi achieving a career grand slam, Dad's accomplishment becomes all the more stellar," said David Budge, one of his sons, a music and film publicist in Los Angeles.

It was the only time in his career that Budge played the French or Australian championships.

After reaching the Wimbledon semifinals in 1936, Budge took five months off the following winter to change his game, taking the ball earlier and improving his forehand.

In 1937, he won Wimbledon easily, then on July 20, 1937, met Von Cramm on the grass courts of the All-England Club.

While in the dressing room before beginning the match, Von Cramm received a telephone call. As Budge listened, Von Cramm, an anti-Nazi, listened, then ended the call by saying politely, "Ja, mein Fuhrer." It was Adolf Hitler.

By the time the two took the court, the best-of-5 competition was tied a two victories apiece. Budge triumphed 6-8, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 8-6, giving the United States the victory.

"Don, this was absolutely the finest match I have ever played in my life," Von Cramm told him. "I'm very happy that I could have played it against you, whom I like so much."

Budge received the James E. Sullivan Trophy as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete in 1937 and was The Associated Press athlete of the year in 1938.

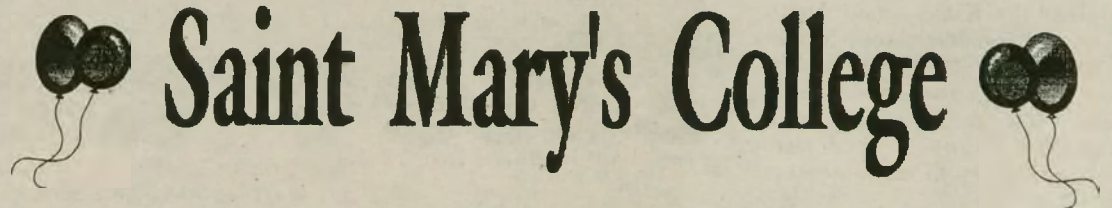
After his 1938 Grand Slam, Budge turned pro and dominated in an era when professionals were not allowed to play tournaments, including

the major championships.

"I was the amateur champion for two years and then the

pro champion for many years after that," Budge once said. "There was no one who could

beat me. Just think of how many more Wimbledon I could have won."



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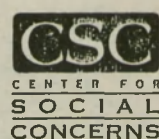
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NHL

Belfour's 36 saves leads Dallas to 3-1 victory over L.A.

Associated Press

DALLAS

Ed Belfour made 36 saves as the Dallas Stars ran their franchise-record unbeaten streak against the Los Angeles Kings to 22 games with a 3-1 victory Wednesday night.

Dallas, 4-0 against Los Angeles this season, is 16-0-6 against the Kings since April 6, 1995. The Minnesota North Stars had a 21-game streak (17-0-4) against the Kings from 1970-73.

Sergei Zubov scored the tiebreaking goal on a power

play early in the second period. Zubov's slap shot from the right point beat goalie Jamie Storr.

Mike Modano had a goal and two assist, and Brett Hull added an empty-net goal with 14.1 seconds left for the injury-plagued Stars. Dallas is missing several of its top players, including defenseman Derian Hatcher, center Joe Nieuwendyk and left wing Jere Lehtinen.

The Stars' penalty killers kept the Kings scoreless in six power-play chances as Dallas improved to 9-3 in its last 12

games.

The Stars took a 1-0 lead at 11:10 of the first period on Modano's rebound goal. Modano's 19th goal of the season came one second after the Kings killed a power play.

The Kings tied it at 18:24 of the opening period when Craig Johnson scored his sixth of the season on a wrist shot from the right circle.

Devils 3, Panthers 2

Patrik Elias scored with 1.7 seconds left to give New Jersey a victory over Florida, extending his Devils-record point streak to 14 games.

Martin Brodeur made 21 saves to extend his winning streak to 10 games and tie his franchise record of 14 straight games without a loss. He's 12-0-2 in his last 14. In 1997, he went 8-0-6.

The Devils, first in the NHL with 70 points, have won five straight, six in a row on the road and are 12-1-2 in their last 15 games. The Devils' only loss, 3-2 to Washington on Jan. 14, came in overtime and also netted them a point.

Elias intercepted Robert Svehla's clearing pass to the right of goalie Mike Vernon. The Czech star skated in, faked, and slipped the puck past Vernon's glove side for a dramatic victory.

Elias has 20 goals in his last 21 games, and 15 goals and eight assists during the streak.

Only one penalty — a late second-period tripping call on New Jersey's Brad Bombardir — was called in the game. It was the first time Florida has not been called for a penalty.

Florida opened the scoring on Victor Kozlov's first-period goal. Randy McKay tied it at 5:21 of the third period, but

Mark Parrish put Florida back in front with a breakaway goal at 8:58.

Jason Arnott tied it with 9:13 left, deflecting Sheldon Souray's shot from the point past Vernon.

The Panthers dropped to 17-5-2 at home, and are 6-2-1 in their last nine games

Blues 4, Senators 1

Stephane Richer scored his 400th career goal and Scott Young added two goals as the St. Louis Blues beat the Ottawa Senators.

Richer beat goalie Patrick Lalime on a power play at 8:42 of the first period. Richer has eight goals this season for Tampa Bay and St. Louis.

Young scored the winner at 8:57 of the second.

Chris Pronger also scored and Pierre Turgeon had three assists for St. Louis, 11-0-2 against Canadian teams this season.

Roman Turek made 29 saves for the victory, allowing only Patrick Traverse's third-period power-play goal.

The Senators are 1-3-2 in their last six games.

Young one-timed Turgeon's pass from behind the net past Lalime at 8:57 of the second period, and made it 3-0 with 3:08 left in the period with a shot from the top of the right faceoff circle.

Pronger closed the scoring with a power-play goal midway through the third period.

Capitals 2, Flames 1

Ken Klee scored the winning goal as Washington beat Calgary, extending the Capitals' unbeaten streak to a season-best nine games.

Brendan Witt also scored and Olaf Kolzig made 26 saves for Washington, 8-0-1 during the streak and 10-1-3 since dropping three consecutive road games in December. The nine-game streak is Washington's longest since late in the 1986-87 season.

On the decisive goal, Ulf Dahlen directed the puck to Richard Zednik off a faceoff. Zednik backpedaled before sliding a pass to Klee near the blue line, where he fired a rising slap shot that beat Fred Brathwaite with 6:29 left in

the second period.

Witt opened the scoring with 2:30 left in the first period, and Hnat Domenichelli tied it at 5:50 of the second.

Witt ended a streak of 55 games without a goal by fluttering a slap shot from the left point for his ninth career tally. His last goal was March 13, 1999, against the Flames.

Domenichelli skated unchecked through the slot to convert a centering pass from Benoit Gratton. Domenichelli's one-timer beat Kolzig, who has started every game during the streak and has a career-high eight-game unbeaten run.

Washington, 2-7-5 against Western Conference teams, has won the first two games of a four-game homestand. Calgary had a two-game winning streak broken. The Flames have lost four of five on the road.

Red Wings 4, Maple Leafs 2

Sergei Fedorov scored his first goal since Dec. 20 and Chris Osgood made 30 saves as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Pat Verbeek, Nicklas Lidstrom and Kirk Maltby also scored for the Red Wings, who've won two straight after an 0-3-2 skid. The victory also snapped a four-game winless streak (0-3-1) against Toronto and gave Detroit a 269-268-92 edge in the series.

The Red Wings lead the Western Conference with 65 points, while Toronto is tied for second in the Eastern Conference with 63.

Maltby's goal, on a breakaway with 4:15 remaining in the third period, was his first of the season. He's missed most of the season after hernia surgery in October.

Fedorov, who hadn't scored in his last 11 games, gave Detroit a 3-1 lead in the second period. Fedorov missed Detroit's last three games because of a neck injury.

Steve Thomas and Mats Sundin scored for Toronto.

Osgood who played his best game in 10 since returning Jan. 2 from missing 15 games with a broken hand. He made close-range saves on Bryan Berard and Sundin.



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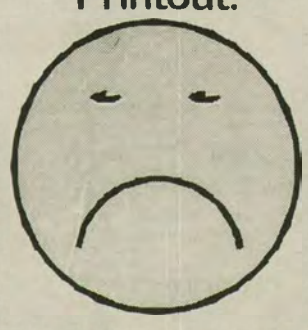
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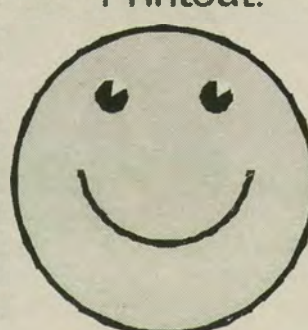
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SUPER BOWL XXXIV

Improbable matchup presents challenge to ABC

Associated Press

The St. Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans just started creating excitement in their own cities this season. They sure haven't built a national following yet.

That's the challenge facing ABC this week, getting the entire country interested about two teams most people haven't seen play until the last couple of weeks.

"This game is perfect for the fans tired of seeing the Packers, 49ers and Broncos every year," ABC announcer Al Michaels said, trying to put a positive spin on this matchup. "This is probably the most improbable Super Bowl matchup of all time. Looking at it in the preseason, this would have been an almost inconceivable pairing."

While the networks were pumping up Miami, Green Bay, Denver and Dallas throughout the season, St. Louis and Tennessee played in the relative obscurity of regional TV coverage.

The Rams didn't make a single prime-time appearance on either ABC and ESPN, and

their 14 games on Fox were shown, on average, to about 20 percent of the country. The Cowboys got more than 2 1/2 times that exposure.

The Titans, who played twice on ESPN, were beamed, on average, to about 12 percent of the nation on CBS — less than one-quarter of the coverage area of the Dolphins.

There hasn't been a Super Bowl between two outsiders like this since Cincinnati played San Francisco in 1982 — the only other matchup of teams that didn't have winning records the previous year.

The silver lining for ABC is that the Bengals-49ers Super Bowl was the highest-rated ever, having been watched in 49.1 percent of American households.

"This is a very challenging matchup for us," ABC director Craig Janoff said. "These are two teams we haven't seen on Monday nights. I don't think

anyone would have predicted this."

Certainly the NFL schedule makers didn't think that Tennessee and St. Louis would go from a combined 12-20 last season to the Super Bowl this season. Or that Atlanta and Denver would go from the Super Bowl to a combined 11-21.

If they did, the Rams or Titans would have made an appearance on "Monday Night Football" down the stretch, instead of San Francisco, Atlanta, Denver and the Jets.

That's why the NFL is considering a proposal for next year to hold off deciding which late-season games will be shown on Monday nights and nationally on Sunday afternoons until a few weeks before, instead of a few months.

"Clearly as our schedule evolved this year, it didn't turn

out great," ABC producer Ken Wolfe said. "San Francisco, the Jets and Denver falling apart makes for a difficult time for all of us. I don't think the league was entirely happy. If this comes to pass, it would be a great thing for the us and the fans."

That won't help ABC this week.

So instead, the four-hour pregame show will mix in an emotional feature on Walter Payton with a national introduction to the two teams playing this week.

"We can't take for granted that everyone watching is totally familiar with these two teams," said John Filippelli, the vice president of production for ABC Sports. "It's incumbent on us to find the right balance between letting people know the players and doing what's emotional."

ABC also isn't helped by the fact that St. Louis and Nashville are the 21st- and 30th-largest markets, respectively. That means there aren't enough fans in those cities to

offset any lack of interest in the rest of the country.

"Because there aren't big markets involved, there's bound to be some fall off. How much is anyone's guess," said Ron Frederick, an advertising executive at J. Walter Thompson.

The small-market effect wasn't that dramatic in the league championship games. Fox's coverage of St. Louis-Tampa Bay was 2 percent higher than last year's late game between Denver and the Jets, while CBS' telecast of Tennessee-Jacksonville was 6 percent lower than the Atlanta-Minnesota game a year ago.

Frederick predicts that the small markets, the lack of exposure, and even the elimination of the bye week all could contribute to ABC falling short of its goal of a 42 rating.

However, even if that happens, enough people will still gather around their TV sets Sunday night to make the Super Bowl the highest-rated show of the year.

"This game is perfect for the fans tired of seeing the Packers, 49ers and Broncos every year."

Al Michaels
ABC announcer

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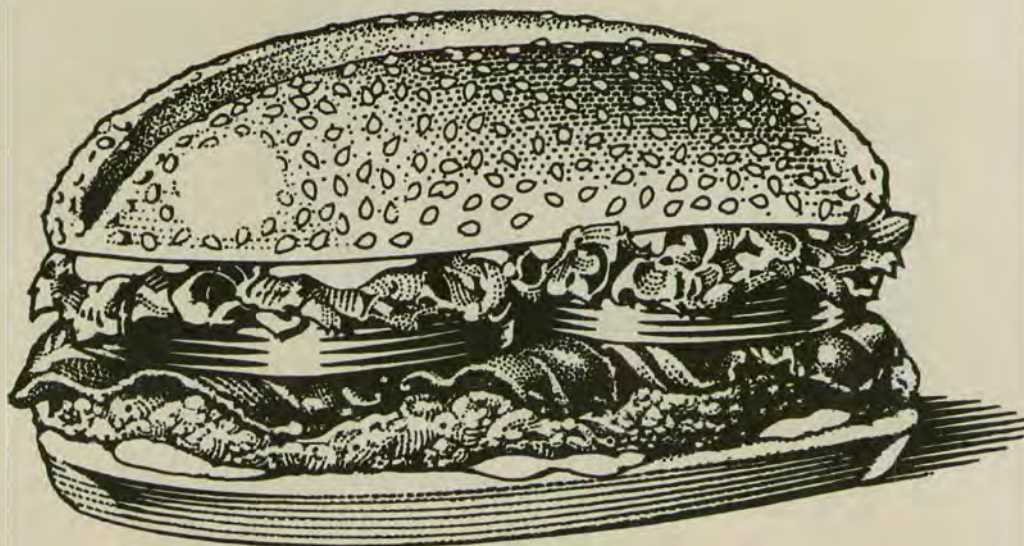
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BOXING

Tyson awaits Francis in England

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, England
Mike Tyson hit town Wednesday night, three days before he'll hit Julius Francis.

A crowd of about 700 people greeted the former heavyweight champion when he arrived by bus at his Manchester hotel. Tyson was hustled through a back door, but later waved to the crowd from a hotel window.



Tyson

"I think it's a good thing for him to come to the area because it bonds people and it is bringing everyone together," said Aslan Vasi, 27, who lives in the city's tough Moss Side district.

Francis, the British heavyweight champion, is not expected to last very long. But he is expected to get hit very hard.

The last time Tyson fought outside the United States, he lost the undisputed heavyweight title. He was knocked out in the 10th round by James "Buster" Douglas in 1990 in one of the biggest upsets in boxing history.

But Francis is 35 years old and does not possess the boxing skill or punching power of Douglas. And while Tyson has slipped at 33, he's still a dangerous fighter.

Certainly against Francis, who has a record of 21-7. Tyson carries a record of 46-3, with 1 no contest and 40 knockouts, into the bout at MEN Arena.

Tyson worked out in London on Wednesday before being driven three hours north to Manchester.

Tickets for the 10-round fight at the 20,000-seat arena went on sale in December and were gone within two days.

If the purpose of this journey to England was an ego trip for Tyson, the mission has succeeded.

Despite the controversy over allowing Tyson into Britain

because of his three-year prison term on a rape conviction and the protests of a women's organization, Tyson has received star treatment from the public and much of the media.

It seems almost every utterance by Tyson is reported, often in headlines.

Consider his statement, "I think I'm going to kill Julius Francis," in which he was merely trying to say that he was going to knock out Francis. But the British tabloids regarded the remark as if Tyson were speaking with criminal intent.

Since arriving 10 days ago, Tyson has mounted a public relations campaign to soften his image. He recounted how he had been humiliated recently in California.

"My wife and I were in Hollywood and we went to a wax museum," he said. "We went into the Chamber of Horrors and there was a wax dummy of me in a cage. It devastated my wife. They humiliated and degraded me in front of my wife. All my life I have been humiliated."

NFL

Dallas promotes Campo to head coach

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas

Dave Campo was promoted from Dallas Cowboys' defensive coordinator to head coach Wednesday, according to broadcast reports.

A news conference was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. EST. While the Cowboys made no immediate announcement, the hiring was reported by ESPN, Fox and WBAP radio.

Campo, 42, has been with the team since Jones bought it in 1989. He was among the group of assistant coaches Jimmy Johnson brought with him from the University of Miami. He's been defensive coordinator since 1995.

Campo is a low-profile guy taking on one of the highest-profile jobs in pro sports. He's only the fifth coach the Cowboys have ever had — and the first three all won Super Bowls.

But Dallas hasn't been a contender for championships lately. The Cowboys have won only one playoff game since the last title in 1995 and they're 24-24 over the past three seasons with two first-round playoff losses.

Campo has one thing in common with the previous four Cowboys coaches: No NFL head coaching experience.

Secondary coach Mike

Zimmer is expected to replace Campo as defensive coordinator. Campo spent six seasons overseeing the secondary before taking over as coordinator.

Jones' 15-day search for a new coach hardly extended outside team headquarters. The only other known candidates he interviewed were special teams coach Joe Avezzano and offensive line coach Hudson Houck.

Campo and kicking coordinator Steve Hoffman are the only coaches remaining from Johnson's initial staff.

Campo is the third member of the Class of '89 to become an NFL head coach, joining Norv Turner and Dave Wannstedt. Butch Davis, who was defensive coordinator after Wannstedt and before Campo, is the head coach at the University of Miami.

That still leaves Dallas in need of an offensive coordinator. Chan Gailey held both jobs before being fired Jan. 11, two days after the Cowboys were blown out in the first round of the playoffs.

Gailey, whose two-year tenure was the shortest in team history, also was the offensive coordinator and that's where the team struggled most. Campo's defense allowed 13 points in four of its eight losses.

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PHOENIX OPEN

Duval is favorite in field without Tiger

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.

David Duval won't have to think about Tiger Woods at the Phoenix Open.

Woods, the only golfer hotter than Duval the last three years, is skipping the raucous event. Last year, a fan heckling Woods was found to have had a loaded pistol in a fanny pack.

Organizers have tightened restrictions on drinking, but the commotion from last year did not determine Woods' decision. He simply does not like to play more than four consecutive tournaments, and is expected to enter four next month.

That leaves Duval to deal with the rest of a deep field — and with the TPC of Scottsdale course itself. He has had 31 top 10 finishes since 1996, but none at Phoenix.

"I like playing here, and I'm surprised I haven't contended a little more seriously than I have," Duval said about the 7,083-yard layout.

His final rounds have ruined his chances. In 1997, when he tied for 14th, he followed scores of 66, 65 and 66 with a 7-over 78. He was even worse the other years — tied for 35th in 1996, 27th in 1998 and 18th last year after closing with a 74.

But Duval is off to a strong start this season. He was second in the Williams World Challenge,

third in the Mercedes Championships behind Woods and Ernie Els and tied for fifth in the Bob Hope on Sunday.

It's beginning to instill even more confidence in a player who has a world of it anyway and is looking to improve his putting. He has no quarrel with those who make him the favorite this week.

"That's something I think I expect of myself as well," Duval said. "So if I don't feel like I have that opportunity when I start ... I don't think I should be playing that week."

The field features Davis Love III, Vijay Singh, Chris Perry, Hal Sutton, Justin Leonard and Jeff Maggert, who all won more than \$2 million last season. There's also Jesper Parnevik, the Hope champion and 2000 money leader with \$808,700 earned in three tournaments.

Duval wishes Woods — who has never won in Phoenix — was teeing up this week.

"When I win a golf tournament, I want everybody there to feel like they have played as well as they can," Duval said. "Because I want to think I have beaten somebody when they are playing as well as they can."

"It's no different with Tiger. I want him to walk away from a tournament that we played, and I want him to think he played the best he can and I got him. That's kind of my attitude about it."

NCAA BASKETBALL

NCAA reduces Purdue penalties

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Purdue will pay about \$80,000 in penalties rather than \$800,000 for violating rules on recruiting, extra benefits and ethical conduct in its men's basketball program, the NCAA ruled Wednesday.

The NCAA's decision leaves unsettled the fate of former assistant Frank Kendrick and Purdue's 1995-96 Big Ten championship. Purdue officials said Wednesday it's too early to tell what will happen in either case.

"It's been a long haul. A lot of different people have been involved," Purdue athletic director Morgan Burke said.

Purdue had challenged the NCAA's committee on infractions, which said in June that Kendrick arranged the contacts leading to a \$4,000 bank loan made to Purdue player Luther Clay in August 1995. The committee also said Kendrick arranged contacts for financial assistance provided by Indianapolis businessman Gene McFadden to the mother of former Purdue player Porter Roberts.

The appeals committee on Wednesday vacated one finding against Kendrick, saying evidence the assistant arranged for the mother of a prospect to move to Indianapolis wasn't reliable. Kendrick has been reassigned to another university

position.

The committee also reduced the financial penalty from \$800,000 to \$80,000.

NCAA spokeswoman Jane Jankowski said Purdue originally was fined 90 percent of all money going to the Big Ten from the 1996 NCAA tournament. She said the appeals committee ruled that the school should instead return 90 percent of its share after dividing

the payments with other Big Ten universities.

Purdue also will forfeit 24 games it won while Clay was on the team during the 1995-96 season when the Boilermakers won the Big Ten championship and finished 26-6. Burke said the Big Ten's compliance committee will have the final say on whether Purdue's championship will be affected by the forfeits.

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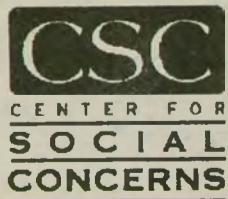
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'Power box' needs to cheer on Irish basketball team

Once upon a time there was a king and his jester. This king had power over a vast empire of students, alumni, and rabid fans. And wherever the king went, his jester was by his side.



Brian Churney

On the hot corner

The king and his jester enjoyed being entertained and thus attended many sporting events.

If at all possible, such as at football games, the king stayed far from the townspeople in the comfort of luxury boxes with other members of the aristocracy, sipping the finest drinks and dining on the best food. Most importantly,

he was protected from the masses by tinted windows and locked doors.

Not all sports offered these luxuries though. The king enjoyed basketball very much, stemming from his days as a player. If he was to enjoy a basketball game, though, he would have to grace his subjects with his presence. And so he attended his beloved game sitting near the court in the finest seats in the building. His loyal subjects sat behind him with his jester by his side.

And so the king and his jester came faithfully to nearly every game.

One would think that this sort of enthusiasm and support would be appreciated by his subjects for it isn't often that a king would lower himself to being that close in proximity to the proletariat.

But there was something wrong with the king and there was something wrong with the

jester. At least it appeared as if there was something wrong.

For the king and his jester simply sat and stared, arms folded, eyes glazed, looking as if they didn't want to be at the game. Looking as if they didn't want to be near their subjects.

The team competed, occasionally looking unbeatable, occasionally looking incompetent. The subjects cheered, celebrating the good times and roaring their encouragement through the bad times. But the king and his jester refrained and simply stared ahead.

After the game, the loyal subjects filed out of the arena, some days smiling, some days shaking their heads in disapproval. But the king and his jester didn't change their expressions, they just picked up their coats and left. They didn't even clap.

OK, so storytelling isn't my cup of tea. I'll spare you the sequel.

In case the metaphor wasn't clear enough for you, I'll explain.

Something strange happens at every Irish men's basketball game. To the left of the remarkably loud student section and in front of a group of children loyal to the Dome, who scream for their heroes, is what has affectionately become known as "the power box."

"The power box" is filled with a majority of the decision-making power on campus — Father Mark Poorman, Father William Beauchamp and even Father Edward Malloy. While Poorman, the newest member of "the power box," showed signs of life, cheering as a real fan does, the other two prominent figures, Malloy (our king) and Beauchamp (his jester) appeared less lively than the statue of Moose Krause lounging outside of the Joyce Center.

They just sat there staring ahead, arms folded, chins tucked down, nearly asleep.

Troy Murphy threw down a thunderous dunk and they sat ere in silence.

Ted Valentine made a "Ted Valentine" call and they sat ere.

The results of the game didn't matter. They just sat there. It baffles me that two such prominent Notre Dame figures could sit and be so apathetic toward their team. No, they weren't just apathetic. They were rude.

At one point, Beauchamp pushed the leprechaun, who was trying to rouse the aforementioned youngsters, out of the way because the leprechaun stood in Beauchamp's line of sight. No excuse me," just a shove.

Malloy refused to acknowledge a group of students chanting for

him to stand up and join them in rooting for the school he runs. He just ignored them.

As a player for Notre Dame from 1961-1963, Malloy should have an idea what the players are enduring on the court and how beneficial a loud crowd is to creating a tough atmosphere for opponents to play in. He should also know what it's like to play before a crowd that looks as bored as he and his executive vice president have looked this year.

Beauchamp, on the other hand, should know the importance of success of our teams.

His primary responsibility is to act as a link between Malloy and the athletic department. Their success reflects upon the quality of his job. Why would he act so catatonically at the game?

At what point in becoming important did these two men forget how to have fun? The games are played so that spectators can enjoy them, not endure them.

We can all agree that it's admirable for the two of them to attend games with the regularity that they do. But attendance is not enough. Anyone can attend class, but it is only those who listen that get anything out of it.

Don't simply attend the games. Be a fan. It's OK for important people to smile and have fun.

If acting like you're enjoying the game is too much of a chore, then I urge you to stay home. Leave those seats open for the kids behind you. At least they look like they're alive.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Langhi's last-second free throws give win to Vandy

Associated Press

Dan Langhi's two free throws with one second remaining in the contest lifted the 20th-ranked Vanderbilt Commodores past the South Carolina Gamecocks, 61-60, in an SEC clash at Frank McGuire Arena. Langhi finished with 21 points and 11 boards for the Commodores, who moved to 13-3 on the season and 4-2 in the conference. The Gamecocks (9-10, 1-5 SEC) have lost five straight.

With Vanderbilt leading 57-56, Chuck Eidson drilled a jumper to give the hosts a one-point edge with just under three minutes to play. The Gamecocks would up their lead to 60-57 on an Aaron Lucas basket with 59 seconds remaining, but the Commodores scored the final four points of the game to steal the win.

Anthony Williams' putback with 23 ticks on the clock pulled Vandy within one, 60-59. South Carolina then turned the ball over to give the Commodores one last chance.

Williams attempted a shot that was blocked by Herbert Lee Davis, but Langhi picked up the loose ball and was fouled by

Lucas with just one second left. The senior forward calmly drilled both free throws to help the Commodores snap a four-game slide in South Carolina.

Cowboys 71, Wildcats 56
Desmond Mason had 23 points and 10 rebounds, leading the 15th-ranked Oklahoma State Cowboys to a 71-56 win over Kansas State in a Big 12 battle at Bramlage Coliseum. The Cowboys (15-2, 4-1 in the conference) also received 14 points and nine boards from Brian Montonati in beating the Wildcats (8-9, 1-5 Big 12) for the fourth consecutive time.

Oklahoma State had a seven-point edge with just under 12 minutes to go in the opening half, but Galen Morrison scored seven straight points and later hit two free throws to give Kansas State a 21-20 advantage with 6 1/2 minutes left.

The Cowboys then went on an 18-5 run to close the half with a 38-26 lead. Mason had 13 of his points at the break.

The Wildcats got as close as seven in the second half with 10:48 remaining, but the Cowboys would not let the hosts get any closer.

Wildcats 75, Bulldogs 69
Tayshaun Prince scored six of his 14 points down the stretch Wednesday night and No. 16 Kentucky continued its domination of Georgia with a 75-69 victory, the Wildcats' 13th straight over the Bulldogs.

Kentucky (14-5, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) won its fourth straight overall and 10th in 11 games. Georgia (9-10, 2-5) last beat the Wildcats on Jan. 8, 1994, a 94-90 overtime victory.

Saul Smith's 3-pointer 3:42 into the second half gave Kentucky a 52-43 lead. Georgia tied it 64-64 with 3:47 to play on a basket by Anthony Evans.


But Prince and Jamaal Magloire, who led Kentucky with 19 points, then led an 11-5 spurt over the rest of the game. Prince put the Wildcats ahead to stay at 66-64 with a basket with 3:35 left and Magloire made it 68-64 55 seconds later.

Georgia got within two points twice more, but Prince's basket with 1:40 left made it 70-66.



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The Vanderbilt Commodores earned its No. 20 ranking by winning the close ones. Last night Vanderbilt beat South Carolina 61-60, and in December it beat Notre Dame 87-85 in overtime.

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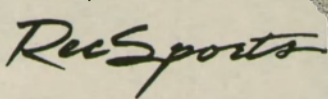
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NCAA BASKETBALL

Arizona wins cross-state rivalry over ASU

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Fifth-ranked Arizona, led by freshmen guards Gilbert Arenas and Jason Gardner, routed Arizona State 82-55 Wednesday night, one point short of the most one-sided road victory ever for the Wildcats against their arch-rivals.

Arenas scored a career-high 24 points on 10-for-13 shooting and Gardner added 16 as the Wildcats (17-3, 6-1 Pac-10) broke the game open in the final six minutes of the first half, then turned it into a full-fledged blowout in the second.

Arenas also had a game-high eight rebounds seven turnovers, five in the first half.

Only a late spurt by Arizona State prevented the Wildcats from recording their most one-sided road victory ever in the series. The biggest win for Arizona in Tempe was 101-73 in 1988. The largest margin in the series is 40, a 99-59 Arizona victory in Tucson that same season.

The Sun Devils (11-7, 3-4), who feature six freshmen in their regular rotation, lost their third in a row and shot just 33 percent, compared with Arizona's 56 percent. Tanner Shell and Tommy Smith each scored 10 points for the Sun Devils.

ASU's Eddie House, the Pac-10's leading scorer, had his third consecutive sub-par shooting night, going 4-for-14 from the

field and finishing with eight points.

Luke Walton, Loren Woods and Rick Anderson each scored 10 points for Arizona, which bounced back from Saturday's loss at Southern California. Walton's total was a career high.

The last two times Arizona came to Tempe, the Wildcats escaped with a one-point victory. This one was much, much easier.

The Wildcats outscored the Sun Devils 16-3 over the last six minutes of the first half to take a 39-22 lead, then went on a 22-7 run to start the second half and made it 61-29 on Michael Wright's inside basket.

The lead reached 70-33 when Anderson, one of two reserves in coach Lute Olson's seven-man rotation, made a free throw, missed the second, then grabbed the rebound and scored with 8:12 to play.

Both teams were sloppy. Arizona had 26 turnovers and Arizona State 22.

The Sun Devils, who haven't beaten the Wildcats since 1995, shot 28 percent in the first half (9-for-32), compared with 57 percent (17-for-30) for Arizona.

Arizona State last beat Arizona March 11, 1995, in Tucson.

The game got so out of hand that both teams sent football players onto the court — Arizona's Peter Hansen and Arizona State's Todd Heap. Heap just joined the basketball team on Monday.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Agassi, Sampras to face off today

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — At a moment when Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras are playing arguably the best tennis of their lives, they will meet a round too soon in the Australian Open semifinals.

It is the final before the final, a match that could set up the tournament for an anticlimactic finish.

The women final would be infused with greater drama if Jennifer Capriati and Lindsay Davenport, Olympic champions who took different paths to reach the same juncture, were to meet for the title. Instead, they will face each other in the semifinals.

Reaching the semis on the other side of the women's draw Wednesday were three-time defending champion Martina Hingis and 1998 runnerup Conchita Martinez.

Hingis crushed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 6-1, 6-1, and Martinez emerged a 6-3, 4-6, 9-7 winner over Elena Likhovtseva, who had previously knocked out Serena Williams.

Defending men's champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov reached the semis, beating Younes El Aynaoui 6-0, 6-3, 7-6 (4), and will face the winner of Wednesday night's match between No. 4 Nicolas Kiefer and No. 12 Magnus Norman.

Agassi and Sampras both are anticipating the high

"We both feel like the other is the potential guy in our way."

Andre Agassi
professional tennis player

voltage that courses through all their matches, a charge that emanates from their days in the juniors and intensifies year by year as the stakes rise and they edge closer to the end of their careers.

On this occasion, Agassi will be seeking to become the first player to reach four straight Grand Slam finals since Rod Laver swept them all in 1969. For Sampras, history awaits as he tries to win his 13th major title and surpass Roy Emerson.

"Once 6 o'clock, 6:30 comes around, you get the nerves going and you feel like, 'This is it,'" Sampras said. "We are always a little nervous in the beginning of the matches, but once we get into it we are fine."

Yet there is a fear that Sampras senses against Agassi and no one else.

"He stands on the baseline and is basically looking you in the eye and saying, 'Ace me!' And if you don't ace him, he is going to pounce on that second serve," Sampras said.

Similarly, Agassi is undaunted by everyone else,

but he knows that Sampras is capable of breaking down his baseline game with relentless net attacks.

"It's always going to be close and it's always going to be a little that decides the difference. He's one of the greatest big-situation, big-match players that have ever played the game. Every time we're playing, it's a stage of the tournament when he's probably the least vulnerable. He's just a difficult player to beat."

The pity is that the top-seeded Agassi and the third-seeded Sampras, so obviously performing at a higher level than everyone else in the Australian Open, will meet Thursday night, not in the final Sunday.

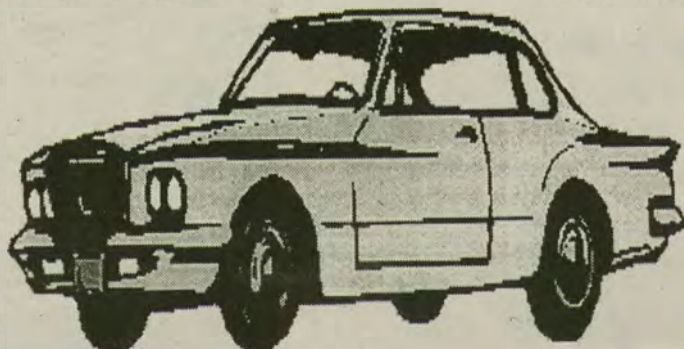
"It's much different playing a semi than a final," Sampras said. "It's the way the draw worked out. I would sooner walk out on Thursday with the atmosphere like a final, but we know there is a lot of work ahead, if he beats me or I beat him. On Sunday, you have that trophy sitting on the court."

From Agassi's point of view, too, the trophy is far more important than the rivalry.

"While I think it's better for the game if we play in the final, just because of the interest that it draws, it doesn't matter a lot," Agassi said. "We both feel like the other is the potential guy in our way."



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ivey up for St. Louis honor

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior guard Niele Ivey, has been named a finalist for the College Sportswoman of the Year award.

Nominees for the award are those from the St. Louis area who have distinguished themselves in the community and the athletic arena.

Ivey is a co-captain on this year's 1999-2000 Notre Dame women's basketball team which is ranked fifth nationally with a 15-2 record.

She is a three-year starter on the Irish team, currently is one of four players averaging double figures with an 11.4 scoring average. She leads the team in assists and steals and currently ranks ninth nationally with a 7.0 assist average. Ivey was a third-team all-Big East selection in 1999.

Ivey was a four-year starter at her high school, Cor Jesu, where she averaged 24.0 points per game and 8.0 rebounds per game in her final scholastic season. She earned USA Today Missouri player of the year honors in 1996. She finished her four-year career owning school records for points, rebounds, assists, steals and blocked shots.

As a junior, she led Cor Jesu to the 1995 Class 4A state championship as her team finished with a perfect 31-0 record.



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Senior Niele Ivey is a finalist for Sportswoman of the Year in the St. Louis area. Ivey, a senior guard, leads the Notre Dame basketball team in assists and steals.

Fencing

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ing." Unlike most schools that rely on experienced fencers who have converted to sabre fencers, members of the Irish squad had never fenced in NCAA competition before last weekend. Last year the Irish only competed in a few exhibition matches against schools with women's sabre.

"[Last year] we were just excited to have any fencing time we could," McCullough said. "At the time we had never competed at all as opposed to some fencers who came to school and had already fenced in a lot of competitions. We had never even seen competition until we got on the strip against Northwestern and other schools that have women's sabre."

While the sabre group trained everyday just like every other squad, it did not travel to away meets. Missing out on some of experiences last year was difficult, according to Flanagan.

"It was disappointing when they came home from away meets and had all their stories," Flanagan said. "But we knew going into it that we weren't going to be doing anything last year and it was all for this year."

Brian Banas is a big reason for the strong start by the

squad. Banas, who fenced sabre on the men's side from 1996 through 1999, helped coach the women last year and has continued to lend a hand this year.

"Brian Banas really taught us everything about the basics of sabre last year," McCullough said. "He really took us under his wing. Our squad was kind of like his baby, I guess."

Banas' "baby" is all grown up now and faces a stiff test this weekend when defending national champion Penn State comes to town. After such a strong showing against St. John's, Notre Dame just needs to stay upbeat, according to McCullough.

"We need to keep the spirit that we had last weekend," she said. "We had unbelievable spirit on the strip. All of us watched everyone's bouts and were constantly cheering. We just have to keep practicing hard. Attendance has never been a problem for the women's sabre team. We are pretty much putting all of our heart into it."

No matter how the rest of the season pans out, the opportunity to be a part of the first women's sabre team in Irish history is special, according to Flanagan.

"Right now I don't think anything of it," she said. "I am just trying to do my best. But later on I will look back and be like 'Wow, I was part of the first sabre team at Notre Dame.'"

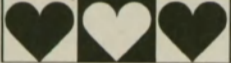
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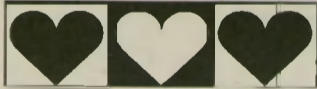
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Blood Pressure Screening

11-1, 4-6

RSRC Classroom

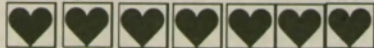
February 23

"Heart Wellness and Cardiac Risk Reduction"

12:10-12:50 p.m.

Dr. James Fink, Director of the Mind/Body Medical Institute Cardiovascular Wellness Program, Medical Director of the Chapin Street Clinic. Please bring your questions with you to this informative talk.

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune. Call 1-5829 to register.



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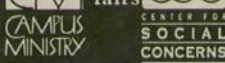
TONIGHT

Thursday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.
Keenan-Stanford Chapel



*We Are Called To:
Walk in the Light
of Christ - A Prayer Service*

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Who We Are Today.



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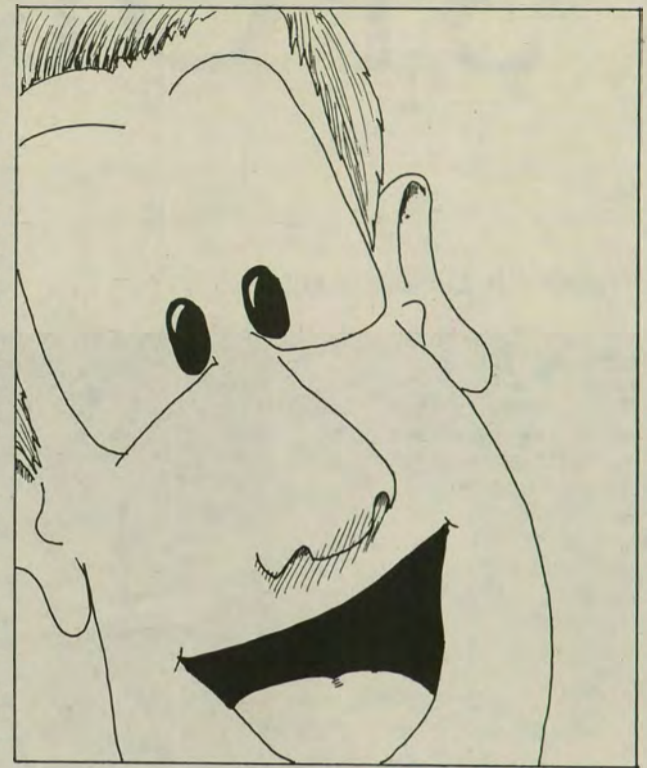
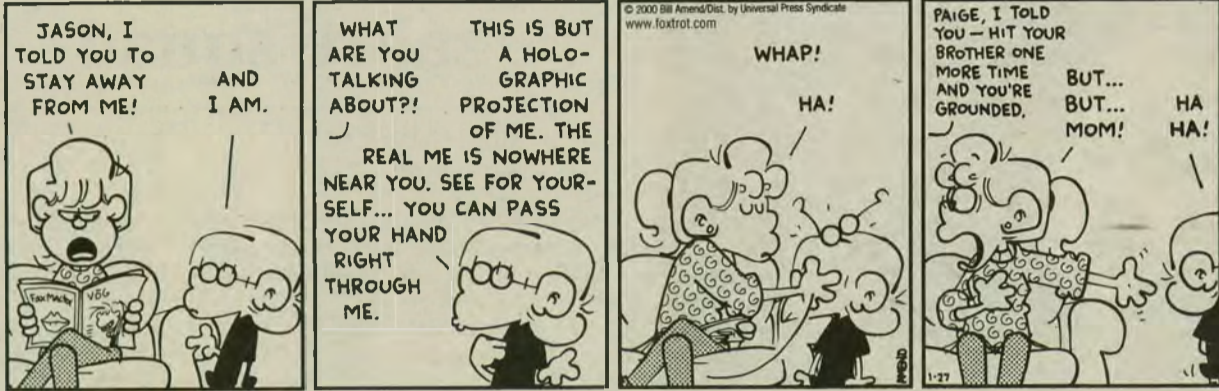
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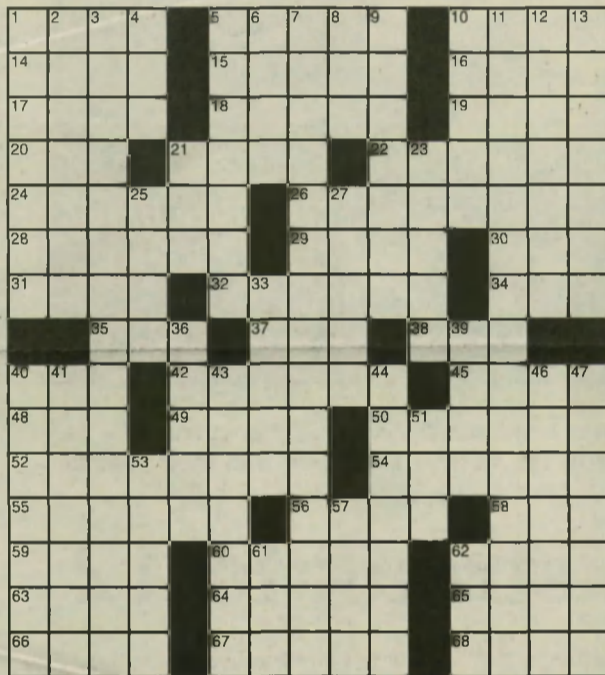


Step away from the cartoon. You are too close to the cartoon.

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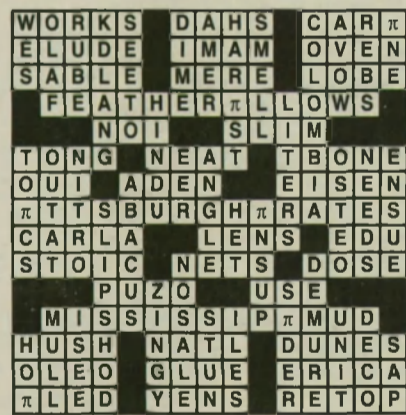
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Graphic
 - 5 No-frills
 - 10 Deer sir
 - 14 Something eaten with the palms?
 - 15 Exxon alternative
 - 16 Quaint sigh
 - 17 About
 - 18 Red Sea borderer
 - 19 Charger's acquisition
 - 20 Dickens's pen name
 - 21 Fine-tune
 - 22 C&W singer Tritt
 - 24 Home of the legendary Morgan le Fay
 - 26 They're involved in pageantry
 - 28 Admonition to a child
 - 29 Fortune 500 chemicals company
 - 30 Like Beethoven's Sonata No. 30
 - 31 Commedia dell'__
 - 32 Helping for a while, with "over"
 - 34 Sheraton hotels owner
 - 35 Be busy
 - 37 One of the Chaplins
 - 38 Phys., e.g.
 - 40 Honest
 - 42 They're cast
 - 45 "How the Other Half Lives" author Jacob
 - 48 Singing syllable
 - 49 Honeybun
 - 50 "Seinfeld" regular
 - 52 Source of some clicking
 - 54 More crafty
 - 55 Extremely
 - 56 Off-course
 - 58 Journalist Kucpinet
 - 59 Note
 - 60 Big name in daytime TV
 - 62 Cash in Capua
 - 63 __ B
 - 64 Heads-up
 - 65 Quotation notation
 - 66 Actress Daly
 - 67 Hot spot
 - 68 Ernie's "Sesame Street" pal



Puzzle by Harvey Estes and Nancy Salomon

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- DOWN**
- 1 "Open sesame!" sayer
 - 2 Exceed
 - 3 Jungle swinger
 - 4 "So __ me!"
 - 5 Rifle attachment
 - 6 End of grace
 - 7 With 11-Down, 3-Down's last words?
 - 8 Rocks
 - 9 Hold in check
 - 10 Begin's co-Nobelist
 - 11 See 7-Down
 - 12 Completely surrounding
 - 13 Prepares
 - 21 Ad __
 - 23 Steps up?
 - 25 Stead
 - 27 Say "Li'l Abner," say
 - 33 Violinist Stern
 - 36 Goldfinger?
 - 39 Rugged rock
 - 40 Crack
 - 41 With pluck
 - 43 Holiday window item
 - 44 What tellers lack?
 - 46 Mistaken
 - 47 Leporello, e.g., in "Don Giovanni"
 - 51 Put
 - 53 Stingless bee
 - 57 Certain money transfer
 - 61 Schnozz tip?
 - 62 Family dog, for short

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mimi Rogers, Troy Donahue, Donna Reed, Bridget Fonda, Tracy Lawrence, Chris Collinsworth, Frank Augustyn

Happy Birthday: You will take the road less traveled this year, and that may cause some concern for family members. You need to follow your own direction and not allow others to talk you into living your life according to their agenda. This is a period in your life where you must stand up for yourself and satisfy your needs. Your numbers: 6, 17, 25, 27, 34, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Romance is evident. Partnerships will make you happy. Your outgoing nature will contribute to your popularity. You can help others and receive rewards for your good actions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Watch out for someone who may be a little underhanded. You may want to spend some additional time with children. They will need extra help. Your creative abilities will be in a high cycle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't even think about getting involved in financial schemes. You are not likely to make smart purchases today. If you must shop, look but don't buy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will have personal problems if you are ignoring complaints made by loved ones. You must learn to let others be who they are. Let go of the past. Your fear of change may be your demise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You should be aware of deception by business acquaintances. Use your charm and intelligence, but don't sign documents just yet. Correspondence will

not clear up issues.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make extra cash through home product sales or mail order. Don't put too much cash into the project to begin with. Let it grow slowly. Your business sense will be acute.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look after your own affairs first. Get out and buy yourself those things that are sure to improve your image. You need a change, and any personal alterations you make will be favorable today. Don't overreact to disruptions in your domestic scene.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Moneymaking ideas will be more than valid. Look into the red tape involved in taking such ventures to fruition. Sudden travel may be necessary. It is best to keep your ideas to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Business opportunities will develop through the new contacts you make. You can get help from those who can make a difference. Changes regarding your income are likely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may as well forget trying to deal with emotional matters. You will not be able to reason with your loved ones. You can make financial gains if you focus on business interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider traveling to countries that spark your interest from a cultural or philosophic point of view. Deal with relatives and in-laws who may have wrong perceptions.

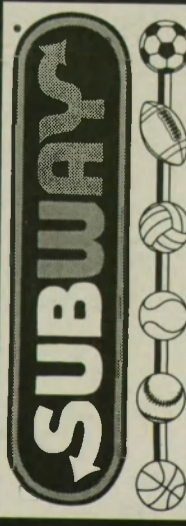
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Redecorating or purchases made for your home will pay off. Help those incapable of taking care of their own financial and personal affairs. Rewards for past good deeds will be yours.

Birthday Baby: You are smart, outgoing and know exactly what it takes to become successful. You will help many people achieve their goals throughout your life, and for this you will be praised and recognized for your contributions.


(Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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Men's Basketball



Saturday, Jan. 29th
vs. #25 St. John's
3:00pm Joyce Center

#5 Women's Basketball

VS. GEORGETOWN

Free T-Shirts to the first 1,000 fans

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SATURDAY JANUARY, 29
7:30PM JOYCE CENTER

SPORTS

Only true fans wanted
Columnist Brian Churney
has some harsh words for
basketball spectators who
don't make their presence
known.
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Freshman Alicia Ratay scored nine points last night as Notre Dame handily defeated conference foe St. John's 69-49. The Irish advanced to 16-2 on the season with the victory. They have won their past 12 games, and remain undefeated in the Big East.

Irish extend win streak to 12

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

History repeated itself Wednesday.

Two years ago, the Irish traveled to New York to take on the Red Storm and won by a decisive 20-point margin.

Last night, they did it again. Keeping their perfect record against the Red Storm alive at 8-0, the No. 5 Irish extended their winning streak to 12 with a 69-49 victory.

The win gives head coach Muffet McGraw and the Irish their longest winning streak since the 1990-1991 season.

Improving to 16-2 overall and remaining undefeated in the Big East conference, the Irish are in prime form heading into the final stretch of the regular season.

Irish guard Danielle Green and center Ruth Riley paced the squad with 16 points apiece. Green took

control of the court in the first half, registering 11 points and putting on a solid defensive performance.

With tight Irish defense on the floor, the Red Storm had trouble finding the basket in the first half, connecting on just six of 32 for a season-low shooting rate of just 19 percent.

Despite poor shooting, the Red Storm stepped onto the court ready to play in the opening minutes of the game. L a t a s h a Thompson's two-pointer put the Red Storm on top 14-13 midway through the first half.

The Irish defense refused to let the Red Storm extend the lead. Instead, McGraw's squad went on a 12-1 run to lead 25-15 with eight minutes remaining in the half and extended the margin to 33-19 by the buzzer.

That type of stifling defense has been typical for the Irish in conference games this season. Solid play has resulted in an opponents' scoring average of just less than 55 points per game.

From the opening tip of the second half, Riley picked up where

Green left off on offense. Scoring 12 of her 16 points in the second half, Riley secured the win for the Irish.

The Red Storm came within 10 with less than seven minutes remaining in regulation, but could not close the gap. The Irish distanced themselves with a 15-0 run to take a 67-44 lead with less than two minutes remaining on the clock.

St. John's loss drops the squad to 6-12 and 1-7 in the Big East. The Red Storm has won only one of their last 10 games.

The Irish were forced to rely on their inside game to beat the Red Storm — for the first time this season the Irish failed to drain a shot from behind the arc. Three-point sharpshooter Alicia Ratay was held to just nine points and made only two three-point attempts all night.

Scoring in double digits for the 16th time in 18 games, Riley remains the leading scorer for the Irish this season.

The Irish win capped a three-game away stint with the win.

Notre Dame returns to the Joyce Center Saturday night to take on Georgetown.

Notre Dame 69, St. John's 49



Riley

FENCING

Irish fencers add bright spot with sabre squad

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Fifteen months ago, four women began training with one purpose in mind — to help Notre Dame win a national championship in fencing in 2000.

With 2000 as the first year of NCAA competition in women's sabre, Carianne McCullough, Donna Mowchan, Katie Flanagan and Mary Beth Willard spent an entire season training and practicing in preparation for this year. As walk-ons that first started fencing in physical education class, the four tried to get their feet wet last year.

"Last year was getting my foot in the door," Flanagan said. "I had never picked up a weapon before P.E. I didn't even know about the team. Last year I was just getting a feel for it but I always had in mind this year — knowing that I would be competing."

Five days ago, the women's sabre team made its debut at New York University. The squad compiled a 4-0 record against top competitors St. John's, Stanford and Columbia to become the only Irish squad to start the season undefeated.

The strong showing was surprising even to sabre captain McCullough.

"I think we thought we were going to do OK," she said. "I think we had a little bit of a shock when we beat St. John's. They were supposed to be one of our toughest matches and we beat them 5-4."

McCullough and Flanagan were joined on the strip by freshman Natalia Mazur in the first competition of the season. Mazur led the squad in wins with 10 while McCullough and Flanagan were not far behind with nine and eight wins, respectively. Flanagan fenced especially well against St. John's — compiling a 3-0 record.

Head coach Yves Auriol was very pleased with the sabre team's results.

"Most of the fencers came from the physical education program," he said. "And it is really amazing how much progress they have made in the year and a half that they have been train-

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Memorial Service for Coach Mike Berticelli

Thursday, January 27
Visitation hours: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

McGann Funeral Home
University Chapel
2313 East Edison Road
(Corner of Edison and Ironwood)

Friday, January 28
Service at the Basilica at 3:30

SPORTS AT A GLANCE



at Alaska-Fairbanks
Friday, 7:05 p.m.



Men's Swimming
vs. Oakland University at
Milwaukee
Saturday, 1 p.m.



vs. St. John's
Saturday, 3 p.m.



Track and field
at Indiana
Friday, 7:30 p.m.



vs. Oliver
Saturday, 3 p.m.



vs. Georgetown
Saturday, 7 p.m.



Fencing
vs. Penn State
Saturday and Sunday