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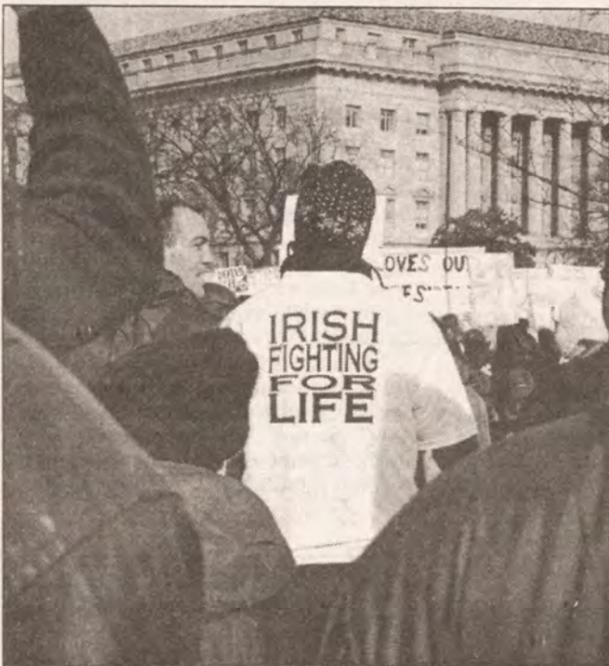
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ND and SMC students flood to Washington pro-life march



MAUREEN SMITHE/The Observer

355 Notre Dame students gathered along with other pro-life supporters in DC last weekend for the annual march for life.

By MAUREEN SMITHE
 Assistant News Editor

In the 28 years since the Supreme Court legalized abortion in the controversial Roe vs. Wade case, pro-life supporters have annually marched in Washington DC to show their opposition to the decision.

This year was no different.

Flooding the nation's capital Monday afternoon, more than 100,000 protesters from every corner of the United States joined in this year's March for Life. Included in that crowd were 355 students from the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community, the largest college group at the March.

"Even as Americans, not just Christians, we believe in the value of human dignity," said Kaitlyn Dudley, Notre Dame Right to Life

president. "If this wasn't a civil rights movement we wouldn't be here in Washington."

Eye opening weekend

Arriving Saturday and Sunday morning, students from the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community were on hand to witness several historical events, including the presidential inauguration and the 28th annual Right for Life March.

The weekend-long festivities centered on the continuing debate over a woman's right to choose. The March was held in conjunction with a conference held at Georgetown University Sunday afternoon. Speakers, including Father Frank Pavone, director of Priests for Life, and Kathy Cleaver, Pro-Life secretariat to the US council of bishops, addressed issues surrounding the abortion debate and the Right to Life movement.

"They talked about a few things I never knew. It was refreshing to be with a lot of people who feel the same way I do," said Erica DeVoir, a Saint Mary's student.

Notre Dame senior Mario Suarez said he was particularly struck by the surveys and polls conducted by Cleaver.

"She has studied how people perceive pro-lifers and pro-choicers. She reported that the first word that comes to mind in association with the term 'pro-life' is 'bomb,'" Suarez said. "That is hard to take, because I'd like to think that we are following the pattern of Martin Luther King."

Following the conference, students attended a Mass for Life at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception along with hundreds of other pro-life supporters. Despite cramped seating that spread onto the floor, aisles and corners, DeVoir said the Mass was one of the trip's highlights.

"It was amazing and the music was beautiful. It really helped me put this trip into focus," she said.

Prior to the March, thousands gathered at the base of the Washington Monument for a rally

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The strength it takes to stay

Editor's note: In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations on campus, The Observer explores diversity issues in a four-part series. Part two examines the issues confronting minority retention at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

◆ SMC retention rates fall in classes of 2002, 2003

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
 News Writer

In a sea of white faces, Deontraneze Thompson stands out in the crowd.

On a campus where African-American students make up .8 percent of the student body, standing out isn't a choice for Thompson — it's her life. Life for Thompson has meant becoming used to walking into a classroom knowing that she will be the only African-American student there. It's been becoming used to the looks she gets when she walks across campus, and being one of the only African-American women in her residence hall.

But that doesn't mean she's comfortable with standing out.

"I'm usually the only black student in my classes," Thompson said. "When I walk into a classroom, and everyone is the same, I stick out. I don't have the benefit of skipping class and not being noticed."

Thompson, a native of Birmingham, Ala., said that when she toured Saint Mary's as a senior in high school, she real-

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KRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

Deontraneze Thompson, a pre-med chemistry major at Saint Mary's, prepares for a chem lab. Thompson typically finds she is the only African-American student in her classes.

◆ Diversity can be an obstacle at Notre Dame

By MIKE CONNOLLY
 News Writer

It takes a special kind of minority student to survive the white, Catholic world of Notre Dame.

As a member of a different culture, a different background or a different lifestyle, questions are bound to arise from even the most well-meaning member of the majority. The call to speak for your race or set a positive example of your culture for others to understand can be loud at Notre Dame.

"Often times minority students go through what we call the 'Pain Olympics,'" said Kevin Huie, assistant director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS). "Because there are so few of them, they always think they have to talk for their race or for their culture. That is not what we want them to have to do. We don't want them to think because you are African American or because you are Asian American, tell us what it is like."

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Moving Toward the Dream
 Part II: Retention

INSIDE COLUMN

Can you say penis?

I have not seen or read "The Vagina Monologues," and consequently, my article is not focused on the play itself. I am not concerned with whether or not it remains on Saint Mary's campus; frankly, I am not capable of making an educated judgement.



Nate Phillips

Copy Editor

Nevertheless, it is very evident what the ideological motivations are behind the play's material. Based on articles I have read concerning the "Monologues," it seems as though the vagina is meant to represent a new age in feminism. In this mutated version of pure and noble feminism, a woman's body becomes a sexual symbol somehow representative of the female spirit.

How is "allowing women to talk about their bodies," their vaginas and sex in any way an uplifting and productive avenue for modern-day feminists to pursue? What can possibly be accomplished from speaking about one's genitalia?

This "vagina movement" seems absurd to me, and contradicts the true spirit behind the feminist movement.

Proponents claim that by not speaking about a female's bodily and sexual functions women are left "voiceless and unable to send a message to the media and society that they do not want to be treated only as sexual objects."

Am I the only one confused by this bold statement?

First of all, by using the vagina to represent the feminist movement, proponents are in essence confining the woman to her sexual affiliation. The core purpose of feminism, as far as I am aware, is to prevent discrimination against people based on their sexuality. It is important for women to be treated as equals with men in society. It is imperative that women and men receive the same educational and professional opportunities. Women and men alike must be treated with basic human rights. Rape and abuse are intolerable and safeguards should be in place to prevent and punish such actions.

I agree with these standards, and I am a proponent of the true purpose behind feminism.

However, this focus on the vagina and sexuality tarnishes and diminishes the gleam of the feminist spirit. It creates a circus-like atmosphere, and is intended to shock, not educate. This movement to "celebrate" the vagina does not help the women's cause, rather it demerits and trivializes the true calling of feminism. In the same way that a man referring to his penis and sexual endeavors would be considered coarse, unnecessary and crude, this "vagina movement" is an embarrassment for the woman's cause.

Granted, I am not a woman, and consequently, I do not have a vagina. Perhaps there is some mystical connection women have with their sexual organs. But, for me, a normal guy, it seems perverted and reprehensible to equate my own sense of human rights, equality and freedom with my penis.

Am I the only one that finds this entire subject absurd?

Or is it just because I have a penis, and I don't understand?

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 IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Event: "Lincoln presents the Emancipation Proclamation," all day, Northern Indiana Center for History.	◆ Event: "Lincoln presents the Emancipation Proclamation," all day, Northern Indiana Center for History.	◆ Event: Notre Dame Student Film Festival, 7:30 p.m., Snite Museum of Art.	◆ Fundraising: St. Joseph Tree Sales Program, all day, the Soil and Water Conservation District office.
◆ Meeting: South Bend Rotary Club meeting, 12 p.m., Century Center.			

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Iowa State U. regents select Geoffroy

AMES, Iowa
Members of the state Board of Regents announced Gregory Geoffroy as the 14th president of Iowa State University Tuesday night. The decision came after more than 12 hours of deliberation.

Geoffroy is senior vice president for Academic Affairs and provost at the University of Maryland, College Park.

"I'm just delighted to have this opportunity to lead this wonderful university," Geoffroy said. "I'm really glad that the board has the confidence in me to choose me for this position, and I look forward to joining you this summer."

The board began interviewing each of the four finalists at 8 a.m. Monday. The other three were Sharon Stephens Brehm, provost of Ohio

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**Gregory Geoffroy
New President**

University, and James Melsa, dean of engineering at Iowa State.

Board of Regents President Owen Newlin said the regents chose Geoffroy for his experience with academics at land-grant universities.

"Dr. Geoffroy has experience as a professor, a department head, a dean, a provost and an acting president," Newlin said. "Some of this experience occurred at two different land-grant

institutions, so he understands the complexities of the land-grant university."

Geoffroy was also one of three presidential finalists at University of Kentucky at Lexington. He called Kentucky before the formal announcement to inform them of his acceptance of Iowa State's offer. The Kentucky board was to vote on their new president tonight.

Geoffroy said he picked Iowa State over Kentucky because of the people he met while visiting the campus and because of his scientific background.

"Both are fine universities, and I just think that Iowa State is a better match for my own background and interests," he said. "It has great strength in the sciences and technology, and it just felt right."

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Study to deal truth on gambling

EVANSTON, Ill.

Six hundred Northwestern University students chosen at random received surveys last week for a national study assessing gambling practices on college campuses. The 21-question survey, conducted by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, questions students' involvement in a variety of gambling practices such as purchasing lottery tickets, playing casino games and betting on sports. "We hear a lot about gambling on college campuses," said Mary Desler, assistant vice president for student affairs. "But no one really knows the extent to which students are gambling." The NU athletic department has coped with gambling problems in the past couple years. Kyle Coughlin, interim director of media services for the athletic department, said sports-related gambling is not exclusive to NU. "It's an epidemic across all collegiate athletics," Coughlin said. "Obviously, Northwestern has had a dark time with gambling, but we've come to accept that and get past it."

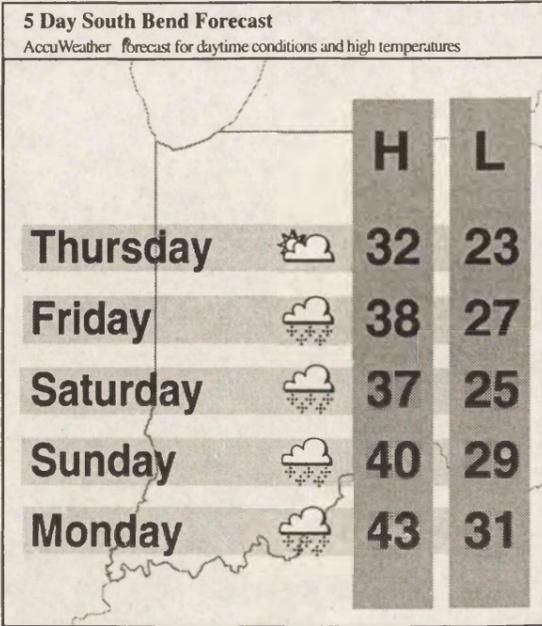
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Clinton pardons alum for protest

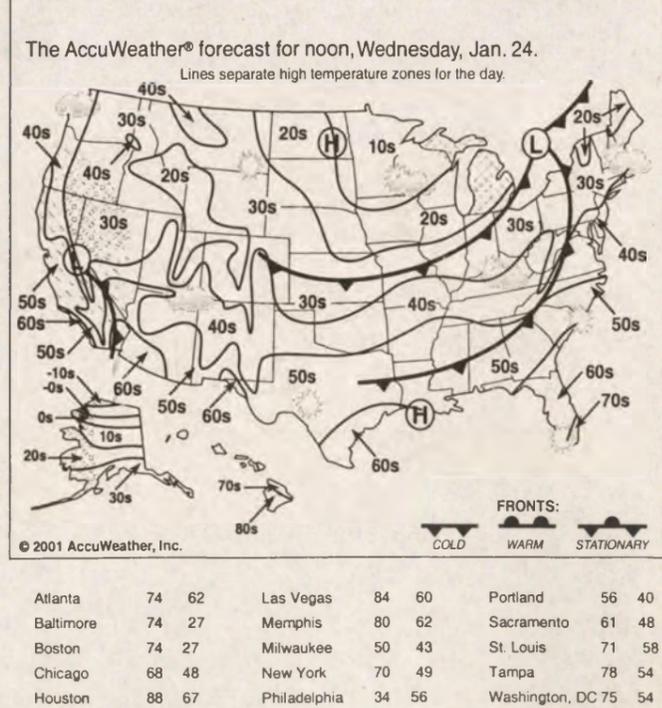
ST. LOUIS, Mo.

On his final day in office, former President Bill Clinton granted 140 pardons, one of which fell upon Washington University alum Howard Mechanic. In 1970, Mechanic was arrested for throwing a cherry bomb at the Army ROTC building on the WU campus during an anti-war protest. After his arrest, Mechanic fled, escaping his five-year sentence. He lived in Phoenix for more than twenty years under the alias Gary Tredway before being discovered by a local reporter during Mechanic's campaign for city council in Scottsdale. Associate Professor of History Henry Berger was impressed with the support for Mechanic's pardon nationwide. "There was a tremendous amount of effort across the country," said Berger, who noted that support was offered from both "the famous and the not-so-famous." Mechanic joined 139 others on Clinton's list of pardons. Clinton's pardons were announced on his final day in office.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Harvard prof voices racial issues

By KIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

Cornel West on Tuesday urged the continuation of education through open discourse in promoting awareness of the unsettling social situations that continue to exist not only in America, but also in the international sphere.



West

"I hope I say something that thoroughly unsettles you," West said. "There's a transformative possibility in the very experience of critical questioning and doubting, and interrogating whatever the dogma," said West.

"It Takes a Village to Plant the Future" was the theme of the renowned Harvard professor's lecture to the Notre Dame community as a part of three days of Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations on campus.

"Martin Luther King Jr. comes out of a tradition of a particular people who are questioning, inquisitive, curious people of a certain kind of dogmas—especially the dogmas of white supremacy," he said.

West argued against the complacency and the stagnation of thought and action, and

instead promoted hope of a progressive movement towards reform.

"Look at the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and not only him, because he's not to be viewed as an icon put on a pedestal to be worshipped — he's a wave in an ocean — he's part of a tradition of vital vibrant tradition."

Dispelling the notion that tradition is inheritable, West affirmed that tradition is something that the generations must fight for in order to preserve its authenticity.

"We're talking about a tradition of struggle when we talk about Martin Luther King, Jr.," he said.

The struggle is to define what it is to be human in a society that has historically denied the right of humanity to African-Americans.

"For a particular people who have their humanity systematically and thoroughly called into question every day of their lives the question of what it means to be human takes on some urgency," said West.

The struggles towards egalitarian liberties of modern African-Americans are often permeated by a psychic violence of self-hating in a society that degrades and denigrates, said West.

"What is slavery but social death?" asked West, citing that the early existences of African slaves was devoid of equal social status and value.

Years later, this demeaning

process of objectifying a people and their history has not only survived but it is a psychological barrier that often prevents social progress and denies the rights of African-Americans today through negative images portrayed through pop-culture and the media.

The concept of a global village was the goal of King in establishing an interdependent community that strives to strengthen an inclusive democracy by insuring the equal rights of all of its members through education and discourse.

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Harvard professor

"The ways in which villages are created has much to do not only with the vision and courage of those who reside in those villages, but the circumstances and conditions in which they are constructed," said West.

"Martin Luther King Jr. was the most visible leader of that movement to accent multi-racial democratic possibilities."

Through finding and uplifting the voices that demand equality and a forum on which to make those voices heard, West endorsed the idea of active democratic thought and action.

"It's a precious notion — that Democratic discourse — very precious notion, the idea that everyday people, ordinary people's voices ought to be heard at the highest levels of the decision making processes at institutions that guide and regulate their lives."

Sex Offense Services undergoes changes

By NICK SWEEDO
News Writer

Sex Offense Services, the organization which has served the Notre Dame community and Saint Joseph County for 27 years, has a new name, a new logo, and a new program. The organization, which handles rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and other sex offenses, will now officially be called the S-O-S, which is the traditional call for help.

Along with the new name comes the new symbol for the center, a starfish. Laurel Eslinger, the director of the center, thought to make the starfish the official S-O-S logo after reading "The Star Thrower", a short story by Loren Eiseley.

The new logo was designed by a former Notre Dame stu-

dent, Alicia Reinert. The starfish is clearly visible at S-O-S, even in Eslinger's office. "I have been given gifts of starfish," she said. "I have a beautiful gold starfish bracelet, starfish ornaments, and even real starfish."

Additionally, the center has a new program called DOVE which will help victims of domestic violence. Another branch of the DOVE program is called RAP (Relationships are Positive). This program, which teaches positive dating relationships, will be presented to local middle schools and high schools in the area.

The first of 11 training sessions for new volunteers is on Feb. 1 from 6 to 9 pm at the center on East Madison Street.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer must first contact Eslinger for an application at 219-283-1308.

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Retention

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ized the diversity numbers were low. However, having come from a predominantly Catholic, mixed elementary school, she didn't think that race was going to be a problem.

It was. "I didn't care where I went as long as I got out of my state," Thompson remembered. "When I visited Saint Mary's, it was gorgeous — I loved the nature setting. But I didn't factor in that in elementary school, it wasn't about color. It's different in college."

For Thompson and other African-American women on campus, adjusting to Saint Mary's is a difficult task given the small numbers from their ethnic group enrolled on campus. Confronted with false racial stereotypes, a lack of minority faculty and a lack of African American writers and role models in the College curriculum, many African American students find themselves feeling isolated — and fast.

Those feelings of isolation lead some African-American women to consider transferring as they struggle through freshman year, often unable to find connections with women of their own race and identify role models in College faculty and administration.

Apryl Underwood, a sophomore African-American student from Fort Wayne, Ind., understands those feelings of isolation. When her parents made the decision for her that she was going to attend Saint Mary's, Underwood admits that she knew little about the racial composition of the College. After a year and a half at Saint Mary's, she now knows the consequences of low minority enrollment all too well.

"I was this close to leaving," Underwood said, pinching her thumb and forefinger close together. "I'm not back because Saint Mary's is such a great place — I'm back because it's not a good business decision to leave."

As a pre-med student, Underwood didn't want to risk losing the academic credit she had already logged at Saint Mary's, especially with a long medical school career ahead of her. Sticking it out at Saint Mary's became a choice between her future and her temporary happiness.

She chose her future.

"I couldn't face the possibility of losing credit and having to take courses over again," Underwood said. "Saint Mary's may have a lot of drawbacks for minorities, but I don't have the endurance mentally or emotionally to do this again."

Not all minority students make the same choices as Thompson and Underwood to remain at Saint Mary's, however. While College administrators have touted high minority retention rates among the African-American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian-American and Hispanic-American students, recent trends have shown that the College is having trouble retaining minori-

ties. While minority student retention rate was within 3 percent of the majority retention rate for the classes of 1999, 2000 and 2001, those numbers have dropped. While the College was retaining an average of 84 percent of minority students through the class of 2001, minority retention dropped by 14 percent in the class of 2002. While the numbers rebounded slightly for the class of 2003, minority retention for the current sophomore class stands at only 74 percent.

However, with a total minority enrollment of only 7.1 percent campus wide, losing even a few minority students can make the statistical differences seem huge. While there was a 14 percent drop-off in retention between the classes 2001 and 2002, the College lost only 6 more minority students in 1998 than they had in 1997. When minority enrollment is already low, however, students assert that losing even one member of a minority community makes a huge impact.

"There are so few of us, that for each one of us that leaves, it's a definite blow to the numbers," said Myra McGriff, a junior African-American student who heads Sisters of Nefertitti, a multicultural group that aims to bring cultural awareness to campus. "When even one of us leaves, it hurts."

Yet while overall minority retention decreased between 1998 and 1999, the College remained consistently high in retaining Latina students. Retention rates for Latina students have been higher than general minority retention rates for the past two years.

Regina Diaz, president of La Fuerza, an outreach group that is comprised primarily of Latina or Hispanic-American students, believes the difference in retention is a result of the increasing numbers in the Latina community.

"Because there are more of us, we are able to see, communicate, and relate to each other," Diaz said. "If I can't relate to students, or relate to a faculty member, I would second guess if this is the place for me. It's easier for us because there are more of us — we've become much more present [on campus]," Diaz said.

Hispanic-American enrollment has consistently exceeded other minority group enrollment on campus for the past decade, and the group makes up the majority of the minority population on campus. Even though there are 70 Latina students enrolled at Saint Mary's, however, the numbers do not rid them of the adjustment problems that other minority groups face.

Lilly Morales, a Mexican-American student originally from Brownsville, Texas, noticed immediately that she was in the minority upon her arrival on campus in 1998. Having spent time with Mexican-American students during the application process, she was caught by surprise when she couldn't identify anyone of her race.

"My first day here, I saw nobody who was Mexican-American," Morales said. "I checked into my room, and walked through the door, and both of my roommates were white. I was scared out of my mind," she said. "I asked them which bed I was sleeping in, I left, and I didn't come back until late that night."

Morales' adjustment was made

easier through connections she began to make with the Hispanic-American community at Saint Mary's — connections she said were critical to keeping her on campus.

"I wouldn't have made it to my junior year [without them]," Morales said. "Some members of the student body are very close minded, and don't want to see the word diversity. Sometimes, it's just been ridiculous, the comments people make. Being here would be very difficult if I didn't have anyone to speak Spanish with ... it helps, because they can tell me, 'Don't take what people say so seriously,'" Morales said.

The La Fuerza program, in conjunction with the Office of Multicultural Affairs, makes efforts to reach Latina students before they even set foot on campus through a pen pal program. Letting students know that they have a support system early on in their college experience is important, Diaz said.

"We like to let them know that we're here ahead of time. [We're] a very big support system. Even if they don't want to be active in the group, we let them know there are girls willing to be there for them," Diaz said.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs makes strong efforts to connect minority students with other multicultural students and provide information about different cultures for all students. Terri Johnson, director of Multicultural Affairs, believes these connections are critical.

"We do talk to students about how do you deal with being the only one sometimes," Johnson said. "We try to serve as mentors and advisors, and try to get the students involved in the community."

But while LaFuerza provides a solid support system for Hispanic-American students, it is more difficult for some African-American students to take advantage of a cultural network. With fewer students, trying to connect with each other can be nearly impossible.

"You can't have a club if there's only 10 people on campus, and not all 10 participate," McGriff said. "And if you feel like you're always hitting walls, and you'll never get anything accomplished — the group will dissolve."

It is also difficult for the African-American community to watch the College commit to diversity through programs such as this fall's Chicana 2000! program, a series of lectures and coursework designed to raise awareness about the Chicana culture. While some African-American students feel the College's commitment to diversity is important, they feel their own diverse experiences are being ignored.

"It's not polite to have Saint Mary's be comprised of different cultures and showcase one without recognizing the other ones," Underwood said.

"They chose [the theme] because there are more Latinas on campus ... it's not fair that they're educating the entire freshman class about that culture, but not doing anything that educates about our culture," Thompson said.

While the numbers of Hispanic-American students are drastically higher than the numbers of African-American students, admissions officers do recognize that improvement is needed in recruiting and retaining African-American students. Affiliations in programs such as the National Hispanic Organization simply do a better job of making connections with Latina communities, said Mona Carrandi de Bowe, associate director of admissions, who specializes in multicultural recruiting. While the admissions office is working on making new connections with programs that specialize in African-American connections, such as the A Better Chance program, changes take

time. That does not mean, however, that Latinas are more of a priority than African Americans.

"There is an equal push [for African-American and Latina students]," Carrandi de Bowe said. "The College doesn't differentiate when we put together diversity goals. We talk about groups equally. It just happens that [Saint Mary's] is a better fit for one group than another."

That fit has a lot to do with the Catholic nature of the College, Carrandi de Bowe said, which can be a roadblock to admitting African-American students.

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president of La Fuerza

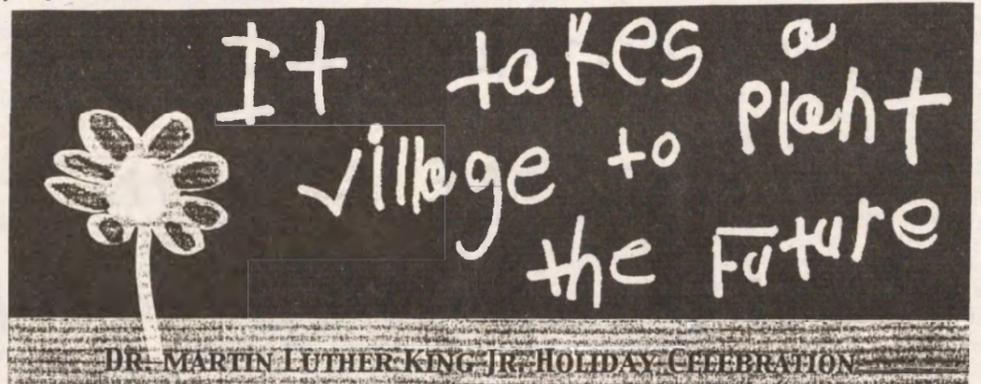
"I'm reluctant to make big generalizations, but a lot of Latina students come from families that

are comfortable sending their daughters to a Catholic women's college," she said. "If an African American student who isn't Catholic isn't comfortable with their religion, the Catholic environment [can be a deterrent]."

While the Latina population has grown faster than the African-American population on campus, the total campus minority enrollment lingers at just 7.1 percent. When minority students only make up 111 faces on a campus of 1565, regardless of race, the experience is a difficult one. Surviving as a minority is a task that takes determination, willpower and pride, say several minority students.

"If you're really serious about your education, you need to have the ganas [Spanish for will] to get what you want at Saint Mary's," Morales said.

"You have to work twice as hard to prove that you belong here," Underwood said. "I want to know how many Caucasian girls on this campus could go to an all-black school. That's how special you have to be to be a black girl at an all-white school."



TONIGHT

Wednesday, January 24

6:00 p.m. - Hesburgh Library Auditorium

Presented by Student Government

AN INTERACTIVE FORUM "COLORS OF THE WORLD"

Student Panelists: Vanessa Assad '03, Kelly Cooney '01, Joyce De Leon '03,

Brian Moscona '03, Abdul R. Omar, Graduate & Dave Wyncott '01

Moderator: Fr. Tim Scully, c.s.c.

Executive Vice President and Professor of Government

(Door prizes - MLK Celebration t-shirt - see display at the LaFortune Information Desk.)

TOMORROW

Thursday, January 25

7:00 p.m. - Keenan-Stanford Chapel

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"MUSTARD SEED FAITH"

Reflections: University President Fr. Edward (Monk) Malloy, c.s.c. and Rene Mulligan '01

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Iraqi militants arrested: Iranian security officers have arrested or killed members of an insurgent group near the Iraqi border, state television reported Tuesday. Militants with the Mujahedeen Khalq had "infiltrated the country from Iraq, intending to carry out acts of terrorism and cause trouble," according to the English-language state media report.

New Czech TV law: The Czech parliament approved a new television law Tuesday, hoping to resolve a monthlong standoff over the nation's public broadcasting station. Legislators voted 120 to 50 in favor of the law. The new measure calls for members of the Czech Television Council to be nominated by non-governmental organizations instead of by politicians. It aims to eliminate political bias in the station's management team.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Philadelphia man pleads guilty: One of 10 former employees of the city's medical examiner's office pleaded guilty Tuesday to stealing from bodies at the morgue. Leon Henry Jr., 29, stole credit cards from two bodies and gave the cards to someone who purchased computers and other merchandise worth more than \$28,000, Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Schwartz said. Under a plea agreement, prosecutors will recommend that Henry serve 18 months to two years in jail.

California avoids blackouts: California energy officials eked sufficient power out of tight West Coast electricity supplies Tuesday to avoid rush hour blackouts as lawmakers scrambled to make longer-term deals to buy power. In Washington, the Bush administration bought time for the state by extending emergency requirements forcing electricity and natural gas companies to keep supplying energy to California's almost bankrupt utilities.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Police search for suspects in stolen ATVs: Police searched Tuesday for the remaining suspect after two men stole all-terrain vehicles from a dealership, then shot at the owner as he chased them on a third four-wheeler. Police arrested Edward White Jr., 28, of Terre Haute on Monday night and charged him with theft. Two men wearing camouflage clothing and black ski masks had stolen new, red Polaris four-wheelers from Linton Cycle Sales about 3 p.m. Monday.

Texas fugitive's hideout raided

Associated Press

WOODLAND PARK

The seven escaped convicts from Texas played loud Christian music in their cramped RV perhaps to make themselves look innocent and God-fearing and kept mostly to themselves as they hid out in this peaceful town for three weeks.

At least one of the men attended Bible study sessions and befriended several residents, who were impressed with his knowledge of Scripture.

Several frequented a coffee shop. Some even felt safe enough to go drinking and dancing in area nightclubs. But they kept their heads down while walking past others through the itinerant workers'

mobile home park where their RV was parked. And at least two had disguised themselves by dyeing their hair.

Woodland Park Police Sgt. Bill Sumner speculated the men played Christian music for well-calculated reasons.

"That's what I'd do in a heartbeat," Sumner said. "The No. 1 way to look innocuous and innocent is to look real religious."

He said he wasn't surprised the men melted into the town without arousing suspicion: "They were pillars of the community for the time they were here."

One of the biggest manhunts in the Southwest's history ended Monday for five of the convicts. Four were arrested peacefully and a fifth killed

himself in the motor home at the Coachlight Motel and RV Park rather than surrender to law officers who had the place surrounded.

The two other convicts remained at large Tuesday as state and federal officers pursued thousands of leads.

A van used by the missing two was found abandoned in a Colorado Springs motel parking lot Tuesday, and authorities checked hotels for the men. The van was said to contain duffel bags, maps and hair color.

Federal firearms charges were dismissed Tuesday against the four in custody to expedite their transfer to Texas, where they could face the death penalty on state murder charges in the slaying of a policeman during a holdup at a sporting goods store.

CHILE



AFP Photo

Supporters of former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet shout slogans of support in front of his house while he was being questioned by Judge Guzman Jan. 23 in Santiago. Pinochet was questioned on human rights charges.

Pinochet faced last interrogation

Associated Press

SANTIAGO

Gen. Augusto Pinochet was interrogated Tuesday by the judge seeking to try him on human rights charges, the last step needed to decide whether to press charges against the former dictator despite his poor health.

Judge Juan Guzman was inside Pinochet's heavily guarded suburban Santiago mansion for two hours and 15 minutes. Details on their meeting — the first time the two met face-to-face — were not

immediately available.

But Hiram Villagra, a lawyer for the prosecution, said he was told that Pinochet denied responsibility for the "Caravan of Death," a military group that executed 75 political prisoners shortly after the 1973 coup that Pinochet led. That report was also carried by local radio stations.

According to an official report by the civilian government that succeeded Pinochet in 1990, at least 3,200 people were killed for political reasons and another 1,197 disappeared

during his 1973-1990 dictatorship. But the Caravan of Death may be the incident that ends up dragging him to trial: Guzman has been trying to indict the 85-year-old Pinochet for atrocities committed by the military group.

Guzman indicted Pinochet last month, but the charges were dropped by the Supreme Court because the judge failed to first interrogate Pinochet — a requirement he fulfilled Tuesday. After the failed indictment, Pinochet underwent four days of mental and neurological

tests that showed he suffers from "moderate dementia," a diagnosis that could influence Guzman's decision on whether to press for a trial.

Tuesday's interrogation was the last legal step before Guzman makes his decision. He did not comment, but another prosecution lawyer's statement seemed to indicate that a re-indictment was on the horizon.

"This is a historic day because dictator has for the first time submitted himself to a judge," said lawyer Eduardo Contrera.

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Race

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While the questions usually are not vicious and stem mostly from curiosity and a desire to understand other cultures, the questions weigh heavily on minority students at Notre Dame.

"Some people don't want that extra burden," said Patrick Parks, a senior anthropology major who is conducting a study on Notre Dame's retention of minority students. "Because academic pressure here at Notre Dame is already strenuous, having that extra burden is something that causes stress for a lot of students. Sometimes they aren't even cognizant of how much weight that is bearing on them and causing them to falter in other aspects of society."

Uplifting the spirits of those who must bear this burden is one of the keys to retaining minority students, according to Chandra Johnson, co-chair of the University's recruitment and retention committee. Services provided by MSPS and multicultural clubs are the key to invigorating minority students. The sense of a community among multicultural students can be lost when they are dispersed in the general population. The clubs and MSPS programs help minority students find a familiar face.

"When you know that a community represents who you are, you are strengthened when you go out into mainstream and do your thing," Johnson said. "Because you have seen a group — regardless of how small — there is a group of people who represent who you are and have the same experiences. They smell the same. They do their hair the same. They understand your jokes. It's a strengthening tool."

Veronica Trevino, an Hispanic

freshman from California, agrees with Johnson.

"I think the different programs available to minorities help retain students," she said. "Just knowing that there are other minorities on this campus and knowing that there are organizations on this campus helps a lot."

While the multicultural clubs and services may renew minority students' spirits, Parks, an African-American, has found that it is important that minority students are also active in mainstream activities as well.

"Researchers have said it takes a minority student who will take on a minority ideology [to succeed in a predominantly all-white environment]," he said. "What that means is that they can't take a nationalist approach and stick with their own

kind.' The researchers believe that Hispanics who branch out to different communities, like the [overall] community."

While not every student who chooses to join only multicultural clubs and spend time only with minority students is destined to dislike Notre Dame, Parks believes that students who integrate themselves into the general community are more likely to thrive.

"I've seen some students who are really active within their communities but don't branch out very much and they have been successful," he said. "But in my experience that is a rarity here."

So somehow at Notre Dame, minority students must become, in a sense, super minorities. They must bear the burden of curiosity from their white classmates. They must become active members of their own ethnic communities and help support each other. They must join other clubs and activities to engrain themselves in mainstream culture. And somehow, amid all their extra-curricular activity, they must keep up with Notre Dame's rigorous class work.

Some students wilt under this pressure and transfer. Others, like Nikki McCord, a sophomore

from Dallas who is involved with several multicultural programs and the senator from Pasquerilla East, thrive.

"I enjoy being a role model," said McCord, an African American. "I think Notre Dame wants those types of students who are going to, in their own way, enrich the lives of people at the University."

Incidents of racism, intentioned or through ignorance, are still the kryptonite that can sap the strength from these super minorities, however.

"The major challenge now are those instances where one person says the wrong thing," Johnson said. "I would like to say they are isolated but I don't think they are isolated yet. It exacerbates a situation that a person was really trying to embrace the culture. It's even more dramatic if it is done by a faculty member or a rector. It's not the majority of folk. It's just one or two but it can really break your spirit."

The problems and roots of racial insensitivity goes far beyond the bounds of Notre Dame's campus and the solution cannot be mandated at Notre Dame. Only time and education can erode this ignorance, according to Johnson. In the meantime, Johnson said the University has taken steps to be more aware of the problems minority students face and try to work through the unexpected incidents.

The University's public support of the four African American students arrested by Roseland police on Feb. 27, 2000, was a strong statement to minority students that the

University was serious about addressing their concerns.

"[Racism] is such a part of our social history for so long," Johnson said. "Notre Dame has made tremendous strikes to not necessarily rectify or correct them but recognize these things can indeed hurt

and effect a group of people."

Until the day when a greater understanding of the many cultures at Notre Dame is reached,

students from different backgrounds will continue to bear the standard for their ethnicity. But each minority student that comes to Notre Dame and stays at Notre Dame lightens the burden on their classmates a little bit. In the meantime, the super minorities will continue to support each other and wait for the day when they are no longer a rarity.

"I tell [students who are struggling at Notre Dame] that by one student coming to Notre Dame, they are doing their part to ensure that this is a diverse campus and that each student can add their own diversity to the Notre Dame community," McCord said.

"I think Notre Dame wants those types of students who are going to, in their own way, enrich the lives of people at the University."

Nikki McCord
ND sophomore

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Students comment on DC journey

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

In Saturday evening's darkness, 23 Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students left the comfort and familiarity of their campuses to join 330 of their fellow classmates in search of a cause. In what some may consider an ironic twist, these students depended on a bus driver named Moses to lead them to their glory, the March for Life in Washington DC.

With the hum of the bus as constant background noise, students aboard Bus 157 had plenty of time to reflect on why they chose to give up a weekend at college.

"I think it's a worthwhile cause," said Angela Sculetta, a freshman at Saint Mary's. "I know abortion is wrong — my mom has taught me that since I was a little kid."

"I feel so strongly against abortion. My parents and faith encouraged me to be against

abortion," said Holy Cross sophomore Kevin Potello.

Additionally, students chose to make the 12-hour drive because they want Washington politicians to recognize the pro-life side of the raging abortion debate.

"I would like to see Bush overturn Roe vs. Wade," said Notre Dame freshman Dave Vosburg.

"Hopefully politicians will take notice," said Kevin Somok, a freshman at Notre Dame. "I'd like to see a partial

birth abortion ban, and I'd like to see politicians create a Constitutional amendment against abortion altogether."

Notre Dame Right to Life president Kaitlyn Dudley said the March is about more than just

overturning Roe vs. Wade, the 28-year old Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in all 50 states.

"The March is about rejuvenating the movement. The work we do is so discouraging because the press is very

biased against the pro-life movement," Dudley said. "This is one of those really emotional issues. We will not let it go away."

Bus captain Erica DeVoir agreed.

"I think the media overall is pro-choice," she said. "The connotations in the words they use to describe us are harmful. Instead of calling us 'pro-life' they refer to use as 'anti-choice' or 'anti-abortion rights.'"

As the bus continued on through the night, students twisted and turned uncomfortably in search of the most comfortable sleeping position. However, weary eyes were apparent the next morning upon arrival in the gray morning hours.

"I could not fall asleep and I am exhausted now," said Saint Mary's freshman Kim Manus as she carried her bags into the hotel. "Despite the rough ride last night, I think this is going to be a really good experience."

The other 330 Notre Dame students who had arrived a day earlier greeted the 23 from Bus 157. As these students from the Notre Dame community gathered together to share in a weekend of marching and protesting, they were nourished with a little taste of home — a Grab N Go breakfast.

Notre Dame senior wins Marshall award

By SHEILA FLYNN
News Writer

When British Ambassador Sir Christopher Meyer read the list of prestigious Marshall scholarships on Dec. 2, 2000, Notre Dame senior David Swinarski was proud, surprised and excited to learn that he earned a two year scholarship to Oxford.

The Marshall scholarships were established after World War II in 1953 as a British gesture of thanks for the aid extended to Europe by the United States as part of the Marshall plan. They are awarded to American students who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership potential, and enable these scholars to continue their studies for two years at any British University, all expenses paid.

Swinarski gave most of the credit for his scholarship to the Notre Dame community and the opportunities he has had as a student.

"I could not have assembled the application I submitted if not for the many opportunities I have had at Notre Dame," he said. "Many of the core experiences which have been essential dimensions of my life as an undergraduate are not avail-

able in exactly the same way at other institutions."

During his three and a half years at Notre Dame, Swinarski has been active in community service and sang in the Notre Dame folk choir.

Swinarski said he chose to attend Oxford because its "mathematics department is one of the best in the world. On the whole, Oxford is one of the best universities in the world, which is important to me because I have interests outside the sciences, namely literature, music, and liberation theology. Oxford colleges are even stronger social units than dorms at Notre Dame, combining academics with residential life and sports and music etc. I hope to live in one of the older colleges and connect with a group of people I would never have met if I stayed in America."

After completing a master's degree program in mathematics at Oxford, Swinarski plans on pursuing a doctorate in math and, ultimately, to teach and conduct research at the university level.

"It'll be a fun two years," he said. "I'll get my feet wet in the waters of mathematical research, and then I'll return to the U.S. to finish my Ph.D."

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Monday afternoon with signs, pamphlets and banners to listen to the few vocal pro-life politicians in Washington today. Various congressmen and senators were on hand to encourage the crowd to persevere in their fight against abortion.

Nelly Gray, March for Life organizer, discussed her goals and initiatives for the coming year and beyond.

"Our whole purpose is to educate Washington and America.

Roe vs. Wade is evil. It is unjust and pre-born children are being killed.

"The job of stopping abortion in America is for every American. It

is the responsibility of feminist abortionists to stop it; they are caught up in it," Gray said to the many protesters as they shivered in the cold.

Despite the inclusion of Jewish rabbis from New York, the rally maintained a tight Christian focus. Priests and pastors from several Christian denominations were present to urge the crowd to continue the battle, and Christian music played to welcome the protesters.

"It's not a religious issue — it's a civil rights issue. Religion is a force within us that motivates us," Dudley said.

Pacifying the message

Throughout the weekend, Dudley and the other marchers strived to keep the atmosphere positive and constructive. However, one incident at the Rally forced Dudley into action.

Upon seeing a potentially negative poster held up by a passionate pro-lifer, Dudley and two fellow students approached

him.

"He was waving a sign that read 'The Fires of Hell Await All Abortionists.' That isn't the kind of message we want to send to pro-choicers," Dudley said, proud of her work. "His was a sign of hate, not of life, and Notre Dame responded to it."

When Dudley suggested he take the sign down, the man argued.

"He said that if you kill babies you're going to hell and that [abortionists] need a jolt," she said. "We have enough negative images of pro-lifers in the press. We need to be positive."

His was not the only negative or potentially disturbing sign at

the rally. Graphic images of aborted fetuses were on several banners and flyers.

"I think it is disrespectful to the babies they are showing," DeVoir said. "Pro-life supporters believe that the babies in those pictures were people."

Despite a few bumps, the road towards the March was a positive experience for most.

"This really is a pro-life rally," said Notre Dame senior Amy Szeszak. "I think it's awesome that so many people really do want to overturn Roe vs. Wade."

Second-time marcher Katie Rak agreed.

"This is a once in a lifetime rally because so many people are in Washington now for the inauguration. This gets our message to the politicians," Rak said.

The March

Who are we?

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Singing the Notre Dame fight song and shouting modified chants in a spirit reminiscent of a football pep rally, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students strived to make their

presence felt throughout the duration of the March for Life. Despite the thick crowd, Notre Dame was recognized as a force in the March.

"It's a very positive experience. This is a big, peaceful protest," Suarez said.

Beginning at the Ellipse near the Washington Monument and leading up to the Supreme Court, the March was felt throughout the city. Traffic was stopped for the hour-long protest.

Notre Dame was not the only vocal group during the March. A wide range of organizations were present, including National Cops for Life, Orthodox Christians for Life, as well as groups from all 50 states.

"I was very proud of Notre Dame today. We were enthusiastic, positive, and all of our chants and posters were appropriate and energetic. Everyone knew what they were there for," Dudley said. "We represented the best in the pro-life movement."

Extending the March

On the bus ride home after a tiring day of marching and

protesting, Dudley had a chance to think about the impact of the pro-life movement and what direction she would like it to head in.

"There are places for unwanted babies," Dudley said, the passion in her voice

noticeable as she cited that 20 percent of American couples are infertile. "The movement recognizes that it is a hard thing

for a woman to go through nine months of an inconvenient pregnancy, but we need to treat the problem, not kill it."

Dudley stressed the importance for pro-lifers to continue working for the cause after the annual March.

"The real work of the pro-life movement is education," she said. "The protest is just one part of it. It doesn't make a difference unless we change people's minds."

The Notre Dame Right to Life club is preparing several events in the coming year. Dudley is most excited about this Spring's Project MOM, wherein the group will collect baby supplies, such as diapers, formula and

clothing, for donation to local pregnancy crisis centers.

Dudley said she also plans to help the national movement grow as a whole. She blames the movement's unfavorable press coverage on the fact that it lacks a central leader.

"We need a dynamic leader the press can turn to, such as who Martin Luther King Jr. was in the civil rights movement," Dudley said as she shyly admitted her willingness to be that person someday. "You can't engineer a person to be that; they have to emerge."

One thing the pro-life movement does have is a growing, more vocal support base. In 1976, 20,000 supporters came out for the March. Since 1986, attendance has topped 100,000 every year. Notre Dame's history with the March exemplifies this growth.

"When I was a freshman only about 45 students came out for the March. Now there are over 350. Interest is growing," Suarez said.

Notre Dame law student John Fitzgerald predicted increased attendance as the years pass.

"It's a great opportunity to devote yourself to a cause. At school it is easy to forget about what's going on. There's no reason not to come out," Fitzgerald said.

"We have enough negative images of pro-lifers in the press. We need to be positive."

Kaitlyn Dudley
ND Right to Life president



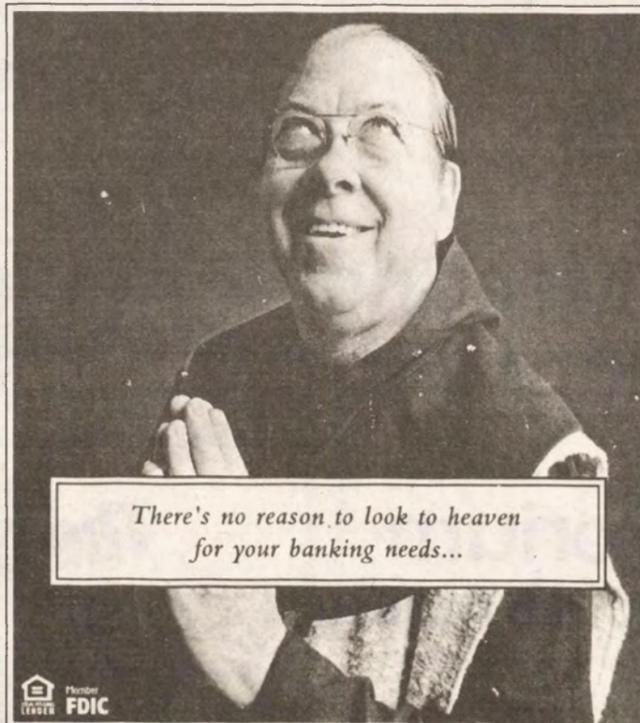
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Protestors from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's gather in front of the Washington Monument during the Right to Life March Monday. The March attracted students from across the country.

Foik Nominations Invited

The Reverend Paul J. Foik Award Committee invites nominees for the award, which is given annually to a library faculty member who has contributed significantly to library service to the Notre Dame community or to the library profession through personal scholarship or involvement in professional associations. The award is named for the Holy Cross priest who served as director of Notre Dame's library from 1912 to 1924 and was a leading figure in the library profession in the first quarter of the 20th century. It is among those announced at the President's faculty dinner in May. Previous winners, beginning with the first award in 1991, include Maureen Gleason, Robert Havlik, Joseph Huebner, Rafael Tarrago, Janis Johnston, Charlotte Ames, Dwight King, Jr., Stephen Hayes, Katharina Blackstead, and Margaret Porter.

All members of the University Libraries' and Law Library faculty with two or more years' service are eligible. Professor Philip Quinn, Philosophy, will chair this year's committee. Please send letters of nomination to the Reverend Paul J. Foik Award Committee, c/o Melodie Eiteljorge, 221 Hesburgh Library, by March 9. Such letters should include reasons for considering the nominee for this award.



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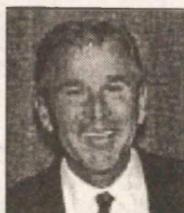
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Bush pushes education blueprint

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
President Bush is seeking consensus on a multibillion-dollar blueprint to help schools that fall behind. His supporters give him high marks, while skeptics of vouchers and testing say he has more homework to do.



Bush

"When I hear the word 'vouchers,' I get scared and wonder how much they're going to take away from us," said Dave Oland, a social studies teacher at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kan., which has been on the path to better performance for three years. "We improved because we put the resources into it."

On Tuesday, Bush fleshed out his campaign promises of improved schools with a package of reading programs, after-school care, teacher training, student testing requirements and failing-school remedies.

Eager to get something done on education this year, Democrats quickly signed on to most of those ideas, but pronounced vouchers as a deal breaker.

Bush avoided using the term "voucher," saying the federal funds taken from schools that fail three years in a row would be diverted to other choices for students trapped in bad schools.

To woo Democrats, Bush expanded the cost of his package by an undisclosed amount of extra money to schools that fail in two consecutive years.

But most of the lawmakers

who ultimately would vote on the plan rejected those overtures.

Rep. Bob Etheridge, D-N.C., called vouchers "dead on arrival as far as I am concerned."

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., also vowed to fight Bush on vouchers. "Private schools aren't going to take the hardest-to-teach kids," she said. "It will just be an out for the kids who can afford it."

Even if Bush returns with another plan that limits the number of participating children, simply introducing the proposal was enough for conservatives seeking to have a White House champion.

"We must have this debate," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "The American people must hear both sides of this issue, not just the defenders of the status quo."

Armey's plan to give vouchers to District of Columbia students was vetoed by President Clinton in 1997. Roughly 20,000 children attend private schools with publicly funded vouchers in five small programs in Maine, Vermont, Florida, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Some educators applauded Bush's proposal.

Ken Johnson, vice president of the Milwaukee school board, said that before there was school choice in his city, "the only way out was for wealthy parents."

"We don't own the children,"

he added. "Their parents own us. It's a matter of seeing parents as customers."

But Bush's announcement left a number of questions unanswered: Would private schools have to accept special-needs youngsters; could children take their vouchers out of state; and what would happen to crowded school districts hit with an influx of students from a recently failed school?

Under a current federal program, the states have deemed 8,000 of their schools as failing and thus eligible for school-improvement funds.

Bush aides had no estimate for how many schools could end up in his program, adding that states would set the standards and be the judges of how a school fared. They would, however, have to test children in grades 3 through 8 in reading and math.

The Education Department would use a national sampling test as a barometer for results from the states' own test scores.

Many teachers see excessive testing as a threat to students.

"They just don't give the whole picture," said Fred Albert, a sixth-grade math teacher in Belle, W.Va. He said a single test score last spring could have finished one of his most promising pupils.

The student, who expertly solved word problems just days before, sat through a standardized test in a panic over finishing 40 equations in 50 minutes, Albert said.

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Dave Oland
Kansas City social studies teacher

Powell: 'we need to do better' with State Dept.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Colin Powell had a sympathetic ear when he said "we need to do better" staffing the State Department and taking care of its facilities abroad.

Career diplomats are concerned about the dilapidated conditions of embassies overseas and the perception that some ambassadors "are little more than errand boys for Washington." The union that represents them says more and more diplomatic jobs are going to career civil servants.

The Foreign Service is beset with morale problems, but Powell is looking to turn that around.

"I'm going to be asking many of you to come up and tell me directly what you think," Powell said Monday, his first workday as secretary of state. "I want to make things move faster, cut through things more quickly. ... You are the experts. I want to hear from you as directly as I can, with minimum number of layers in between."

The initial reaction among Foreign Service workers was positive.

John Naland, a vice president with the American Foreign Service Association, said the union enthusiastically endorses Powell's pledge "to bring more resources and better management" to the Department of State.

"That is exactly what is needed to make the department a more effective agent of U.S. international leadership," he said.

In Powell's confirmation hear-

ing last week, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff drew a comparison between U.S. embassies in the Balkans and an upscale military camp for U.S. GIs in Kosovo. "If you visited some of the dilapidated embassies and other facilities in the region, you would wonder whether the same government was taking care of them," he said. "That's not right."

"And if we want them to do the people's work, then we must give them the resources they need to do it," he said.

Still, Myles Frechette, a retired former ambassador to Cameroon (1983-87) and Colombia (1994-97) believes the halcyon days of the Foreign Service may be over.

"The superb communications we have today have been used by the Department to micromanage," Frechette said.

"The ambassadors are little more than errand boys for Washington. They are told how to say everything. The people who are sending instructions are really mediocre. There is hardly ever any reward for courage. And what has happened over many secretaries of state has been a gradual erosion of the sense of uniqueness of the Foreign Service and what it could do."

AFSA, the union that represents the career diplomats, complains that more and more jobs are going to career civil servants at the expense of the Foreign Service. During Madeleine Albright's tenure at State, there was a widespread perception that she relied on a tight inner circle of advisers, ignoring in large measure the Foreign Service.

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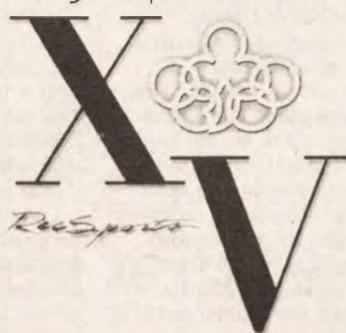
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CSC strives to build community

Consider this example. Imagine walking into your classroom today and seeing half of the students missing, not to return. Imagine returning to your residence hall or apartment building this evening to visit with friends and realizing that your neighbors have moved away without the opportunity to say goodbye. Imagine returning home for break to find neighbors, friends and family members gone. I share this example in hopes that we might begin to understand what it means to lose a community. The example seems nonsensical in this setting. Though marked with diversity of experience, it is almost certain that the majority of students and faculty feel a sense of "place" on our campuses.

I witnessed this phenomenon of community dissolution last year as I worked with high school aged children, residents of the Robert Taylor Homes public housing community in Chicago, Ill. and their families, community leaders and teachers. As many of you may know or have studied, the public housing program in Chicago has been a marked failure. For Robert Taylor, the largest public housing development in the nation, this failure culminated last year in the decision to demolish the buildings and relocate its residents.

Time and space prevents thorough discussion of motivations for and logistics of this decision; my focus here is the reality that "community" is fragile and can not be taken for granted. Teachers shared with me their young students' pain and frustration felt upon coming to class to see friends and neighbors transferred away. Families, many with several generations living within the development, were no longer neighbors.

What did this transition mean for this community? Turbulence, inconsistency and distrust, to start. All of these are disastrous to children and families, particularly those whose lives have been marked with struggle. The organization at which I worked, Chicago Area Project, recognized this and attempted to address it. The youth of the community enrolled in our program, a program that moved beyond recreation or tutoring or other typical youth activities and encompassed community-building. Our program involved the youth of the housing development in designing and implementing community-service projects. What a wonderful concept!

So-called "at-risk" youth, who typically exist on the receiving end of service projects, designed and led their own volunteer projects for their families and neighbors — fostering leadership and pride in their community and building where others have torn down. And despite what you may have seen on your evening news, there exist many youth right here in the South Bend community embarking on such endeavors in their challenged neighborhoods. Working with them has brought me tremendous joy and hope.

I share this experience to ask that this new year brings us all to fill the essential role of community builders. Working with several social service organizations in South Bend and Chicago, I have seen and felt the reality that community can be transient and fragmented, but that it can also be strong and sustaining — particularly in those communities that are often ignored or misjudged.

I witnessed many students in the course I teach on Business Ethics, a course that involves undergraduate business students performing volunteer service at sites throughout the area, amazed and transformed by what they saw in their volunteering. So many of them expressed amazement in themselves and their tremendous abilities to serve and the remarkable abilities of many in these communities that often are described unfairly as only "poor" or "at-risk." My students saw so much more; I am certain that many will continue their commitment long after the course is complete.

We've all heard about the "global community." If we acknowledge the reality that communities across the world are increasingly interacting and symbiotic, we must realize the fundamental need for strong and capable community units. We must recognize that community functions only to the extent that its members participate — community is something that must be built and, when it exists, must be nourished. Community depends on the sustenance of its members and is crucial to the economic and social future of groups of people.

Our Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and South Bend communities comprise one such unit. Moving beyond our University borders in partnership with surrounding communities is an invaluable and incomparable contribution to education and development. I hope that we as faculty and students can be touched by such experiences. This Thursday, from 7-9 p.m., the Center for Social Concerns will hold its annual "Social Concerns Festival." This is a tremendous occasion to meet with community agency and student service and social action group representatives to discuss available volunteer opportunities. I invite everyone to attend the festival. I strongly encourage us all to continue or embark on a volunteer experience, thereby filling that fundamental role of community-builders.

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*For a More
Just and
Humane World*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Justifying Revue's location

Each year the approach of Keenan Revue is signaled by an escalation in the unending debate amongst the Saint Mary's student body as to whether or not our show should be performed on their campus. And just as this year marks the Revue's 25th anniversary it is also the 21st year that we have performed at O'Laughlin Auditorium. This year, however, has seen an apparent increase in student objection to having the Revue on the SMC campus.

In an effort to better understand this phenomenon, Chris Martin, this year's Revue producer and I appeared in front of the Saint Mary's BOG so that we might convince them to buy an ad in our hilarious program. And in addition, we agreed to entertain any questions the BOG had about our show.

While we found the dialogue to be stimulating, it was apparent that there were some opinions which were not going to be changed

either way, though it was decided that BP was still fat and Farley still smokes.

So to determine how Saint Mary's really felt about the Revue being on their campus, Chris and I, under the watchful eyes of Saint Mary's student body President and Vice President Crissie Renner and Michele Nagel, handed out surveys to 235 SMC students (approximately 1/6 of the population) as they walked into the dining hall. This is what they responded:

218 of the 235 students (93 percent) responded that they approve of having the Revue on campus.

Of the 17 students who were opposed to having the Revue at SMC, eight had seen the show. Five of these eight said that their experience was entertaining and would see the show again.

Three students had seen the show, did not find it entertaining, would not see it again and did not approve of SMC hosting the event.

The purpose of the survey or this letter is not to stir up any more controversy but to inform the students of Saint Mary's as well as we here at the Revue of how SMC views holding the Revue on their campus. We sincerely hope that relations between Keenan Hall and the SMC powers that be can be improved and that this letter demonstrates our willingness to continue to spread tidings of love and sarcasm to ND and SMC students alike from O'Laughlin Auditorium every February for years to come.

Incidentally the Revue is the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of February. Tickets go on sale at Saint Mary's on Wednesday the 25th and at the JACC on the 26th for the amazing price of free.

Grant Gholson
Keenan Revue Director
junior
January 22, 2001



Decree inhibits student growth, expression

As most students already know, Saint Mary's College has canceled a play called "The Vagina Monologues." This is somewhat ironic, considering that Notre Dame and SMC administrators seem to speak only in monologues.

Did SMC administrators gather student opinions before canceling this play? Did they have an open forum before making a final decision? It seems they simply issued a decree and considered that the end of any conversation.

This should not surprise students of either college.

In the same issue of The Observer philosophy professor Ed Manier was quoted, "How can any of us (CLC) hope to accomplish real change in an environment where student life administrators dictate what we can and cannot do?"

There is simply a pattern of denying discussion on certain issues either school deems inappropriate.

If SMC is paying for sets, costumes or stage help then they do have the right to cancel this play since it is the College's

money.

If not then they are simply denying the students of SMC intellectual freedom, which is a far greater disgrace than a sexually oriented play.

If people feel strongly against the play's message, then they should be able to protest outside the entrance to it. That is how groups and ideas are heard. Not through an imperial decree, but through open conversation and, yes, confrontation.

We may learn many things while we attend college. But in the end, if we haven't learned to engage ideas that may contradict our beliefs, learned to face those who challenge our way of thinking and learned how to interact in a world of diverse views and backgrounds then we haven't learned the only lesson that matters. We can only hope both schools' administrations recognize this.

Kevin Suhanic
Morrissey Manor
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January 23, 2001

Back to reality — pop culture r

Exotic settings and heated competition push "Temptation Island," "Survivor: Australia" ahead of ABC's "The Mole"

By MATT KILLEN
Scene Writer

The summer of 2000 brought a new genre to American television known as "reality TV." The success of "Survivor" and, to a lesser extent, "Big Brother" opened the flood gates for a wave of new reality shows.

Networks scrambled to emulate the success of CBS's reality summer, and the results are finally debuting on the small screen.

The first reality show of the new year is ABC's "The Mole" (airing Tuesdays at 8 p.m.). Ten players have been selected to travel the world and accomplish tasks. For every completed challenge, more money is added to the growing pot.

However, one of the ten is a mole — hence the title — who is working against the team to sabotage the challenges.

Members of the team are eliminated (or as the show says, executed) every so often when they take a quiz about the characteristics of the mole.

The person who scores the lowest is then eliminated from the show. Whoever discovers the mole gets the cash.

While "The Mole" lacks the endurance aspect of "Survivor," as the team has been staying in luxurious European hotels, the concept plays out surprisingly well. The method of eliminating people has a reason to it — whoever knows the least about the mole is kicked off.

Beyond that, this show won't generate the buzz that surrounded "Survivor." In fact, "The Mole" is already being drowned out by the anticipation of "Survivor 2."

In its now patented shameless and sleazy style — remember Darva Conger? — Fox's entry into the reality craze is a show called "Temptation Island" (airing Wednesdays at 9 p.m.).

In this show, four "committed couples" — not engaged or married — agree to spend time on a remote island with twenty or so single persons. The men are put in a camp with the single women, and the women are put in a separate resort with the single men.

Let the temptation begin. In what could only be described as a twisted crossover of "Survivor" and "The Real World," "Temptation Island" tests the couples' relationships by isolating themselves from each other



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and bombarding them both with the opportunity to cheat.

Unlike "The Mole," this show has had no trouble attracting buzz and controversy. Many groups across the nation condemn the show's trashy premise, which simply causes more people to watch it.

The problem with "Temptation Island" isn't that it is immoral or too racy — it's just not very good. The show is incoherent, as there is no rhyme or reason to the way the show plays out. Beyond that, it is set up like a game, similar to "Survivor," but there's no real goal or ending.

The hit summer show "Survivor" returns to CBS this Sunday after the Super Bowl. In this go-round, the castaways aren't really cast away anywhere. The show takes place in the Australian Outback.

Feeding off the success of the original, the show promises larger production values and more exciting challenges.

Predictably, this cast is much more attractive than the original's band of sixteen.

Unlike the first "Survivor," each player is entering the outback with strategies and alliances mapped out. This should make for much in the way of drama and diabolical Richard-esque dealings.

CBS has a lot of confidence in the show, as it is putting it up against NBC mainstay "Friends" on Thursday nights. Surprisingly, NBC is already feeling the heat.

For the month of February, the network has decided to boot Steven Weber's "The Weber Show," which airs after "Friends," and to extend "Friends" by ten minutes.

The rest of the hour will be filled by "Saturday Night Live" skits.

NBC made this change in hopes of preventing people from switching over to CBS after "Friends" for the second half of "Survivor," which is typically when a member is voted off the show at tribal council.

How long this new wave of reality TV will last is any-

one's guess. When "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" debuted in 1999 to huge ratings, a wave of primetime game shows hit the air, like "Winning Lines," "Twentyone" and "Greed." Yet the only show still around is "Millionaire."

Perhaps the reality TV craze will go the way of the game shows — which in a way is a derivative of reality TV — leaving only an original like "Survivor" behind.

Or perhaps not. With the looming writers' and actors' strikes threatening to paralyze Hollywood and halt the start of the 2001-2002 season, networks have been busy buying up reality ideas from around the world.

Since reality television shows tend to require no writers or actors, this would be the perfect solution to fill the vacuum of the fall season.

CBS has already ordered up "Survivor 3" and "Survivor 4," with possible locations in Africa and South America. There's also rumors of a possible "Big Brother 2." Many other networks have shows in the making as well.

Of course, the true survivor is the reality show that withstands the ultimate tribal council: the Nielsen ratings. Despite the desire and possible necessity for reality TV, the low-rated shows will quickly fall off the radar. And if the fickle and merciless American public grows tired of reality TV, the genre will be voted off and replaced with the next great thing.



The 16 member cast of CBS's "Survivor: The Australian Outback" in the terrain of Queensland. The "Survivor" sequel

"The Mole"
Tuesdays, 8 p.m., ABC

"Temptation Island"
Wednesdays, 9 p.m., FOX

"Survivor: the Australian Outback"
Thursdays, 8 p.m., CBS

Sleigh bells' ring tarnished by stresses of school

Sleigh bells ring — were you listening? Probably not. With the rotten weather, frenzied exam schedule, packing, pulling anything remotely electrical out of the wall and praying to everything holy that you make your connecting flights, the holiday spirit was lost on most students this season.

Not that we didn't try. We hung lights, downloaded Christmas carols both new (*NSYNC) and old (Bing Crosby) and dreamed about going home to friends that love us and families that miss us.

Gifts were exchanged, mistletoe was hung and we sat through Jim Carrey's efforts at "The Grinch." But overall the Christmas spirit was pushed to the back of our minds. We had more important things to think about.

As much as retailers would like for us to think it, the world doesn't stop for Christmas. Instead of sugarplums dancing 'round in our heads, we had papers, deadlines, projects and exams filling our minds with facts, dates and formulas.

Christmas became more of a hassle than anything



Jacqueline Browder

In Vogue

else. Buying presents, facing the crowded, sweltering malls, writing thank you notes — we were ready for Christmas to be over before it began. We even had trouble enjoying Thanksgiving dinner with the thought of finals looming in the not so far-off future.

Did I avoid this holiday mess? Did I see Mommy kissing Santa Claus? Was I doing the Jingle Bell Rock? Hardly. Let's face it. I was into the Christmas spirit about as much as Ebenezer Scrooge.

There must be a better way. I love Christmas. There was a point in my life when it really was "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." I've lost that. In fact, my primary goal this season was to get from the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade to Dick Clark's "Rockin' New Year's Eve" in one piece.

Well, I made it. Am I better for the endurance? Am I running my proverbial victory lap around the wilting Christmas tree in my living room? No. I spent so much time trying to cut corners and avoid the holidays that I missed out on the fun.

I spent one excruciating day at the mall, determined to buy every single one of my Christmas presents, in order to save time and another trip out in the cold. Sure, I did it, and I checked that item off of my to-do list, but it took all of the fun out of shopping.

I then made sure that I spent a certain amount of time with my friends and family, planning holiday out-

ings and the obligational let's-catch-up-on-the-latest-gossip lunches.

However, I was so busy making sure that I saw everyone that I didn't have time to really enjoy being with my friends.

My point is this: we need to slow down. We spend so much of our time trying to see and do everything that we don't enjoy anything during the holidays.

As students, we have the wonderful opportunity to spend a special time with people we love — both at school and at home.

Sure, finals leave us all snappish, tearful and exhausted. However, we can take a few minutes out of our day to sooth our coffee-riddled body with half an hour to eat lunch with friends, have a gift exchange, play Nintendo 64 or just take a break.

We (and I include myself here) need to remember that although school is invariably important and time is precious, it's the people in our lives that are the most important, especially around the holidays.

So next time Christmas rolls around, take a minute to deck the halls and listen for the sleigh bells — they'll surely be ringing.

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rules in television's new wave



Photo courtesy of cbs.com

The Australian Outback" prepare to depart for the rugged sequel will premiere Jan. 28 after the Super Bowl.

The girls of "Popstars" take on the O-Town boys from "Making the Band"

By KATIE MALMQUIST
Scene Writer

In an age of pop super-stardom and reality-based TV, network television's recent attempts to cash in on both phenomena should not come as a surprise.

ABC's "Making the Band," whose first season kicked off last spring, and the WB's "Popstars," which premiered Jan. 12, take full advantage of these two pop-culture fascinations. Both shows combine teeny bopper obsession with a growing interest in reality television shows to produce what has thus far proved to be a marketing paradise.

Picture Britney Spears goes to "Survivor" Island — or better yet, "Temptation Island" — complete with broken nails, broken hearts, and lots of conflict juicy enough for prime time television.

Of course, the American market for this kind of synthesis is not as young as many think.

Made-for-TV bands like the Monkees have been

around since the 1960's, and MTV's "Real World" series launched the reality trend nearly ten years ago.

With the recent success of O-Town, the five man group created for the series "Making the Band," the possibility of reaching Monkee-Mania heights could be a reality — a scary one for groups like Backstreet Boys and *NSYNC who spend a great deal of time contesting accusations of this exact kind of "boy-band" manufacturing.

Luckily for the boys of O-Town, America's teen pop audience doesn't seem to mind as much as the critics.

In fact, the boys' pretty faces have landed them multiple appearances on MTV's "Total Request Live," not to mention copious air time for their latest single, "Liquid Dreams," the title track off their debut album.

But the road to stardom is a bumpy one, and in this case, each twist and turn was broadcast over national television for an audience as hungry for the real experience of pop music (if only seen once a week through their TV screens) as they are for the poster boys it produces.

In fact, ABC saw high enough ratings for "Making the Band," which aired for 22 episodes in its first season, that the network has already placed an order for 13 more to run next season.

Headed by Trans Continental Record executive Lou Pearlman, the unctuous force responsible for discovering groups like *NSYNC, Backstreet Boys and LFO, "Making the Band" chronicled the grooming of nearly a thousand hopefuls from which five talents were ultimately chosen for the quintet of O-Town.

Of the many who auditioned, 25 were flown to Orlando, FL (the city from which the group borrows its title) where eight were selected to be trained in the art of super-stardom.

The majority of the series exploited the various sacrifices, heartaches and joys they experienced during the final selection process. Perhaps the most dramatic storyline was the plight of the ever-problematic neglected girlfriends (but teen heartthrobs aren't supposed to have girlfriends anyway, are they?).

In the end, we have O-Town: Jacob Underwood, Trevor Penick, Dan Miller, Erik-Michael Estrada, and Ashley Angel — five guys who smile arguably better than they sing.

They are not the first guinea pigs of music industry mass production, and in light of the WB's latest series, "Popstars," it is quite clear that they won't be the last.

Besides crossing the gender line drawn by "Making the Band" and losing the creepy presence of Pearlman, "Popstars" is excruciatingly similar to the ABC series. Even their final product, an all-girl quintet comparable to Destiny's Child or Dream, promises to be O-Town's female shadow.

Basing the show on an Australian series by the same name, the producers of "Popstars" are banking that their female ensemble will be as big in America as it was overseas, where the resulting group, Bardot, scored a number one hit single and album.

With the American premiere, which aired during network prime time Jan. 12 and drew some of the WB's highest ratings to date for that time slot, the future of "Popstars" 13 week run (currently airing Fridays at 8:30 p.m.) certainly looks as bright as the stars it promises to create.

Like "Making the Band," "Popstars" chronicles a nationwide talent search with stops in Atlanta, Miami, New York, Dallas, Chicago and Los Angeles. Those auditioning must be 18 years or older and must perform one of five selected songs a cappella.

This strategy makes it easier for the judges (a record executive, a group manager and a choreographer) but becomes slightly redundant for the viewers, who may get tired of hearing Whitney

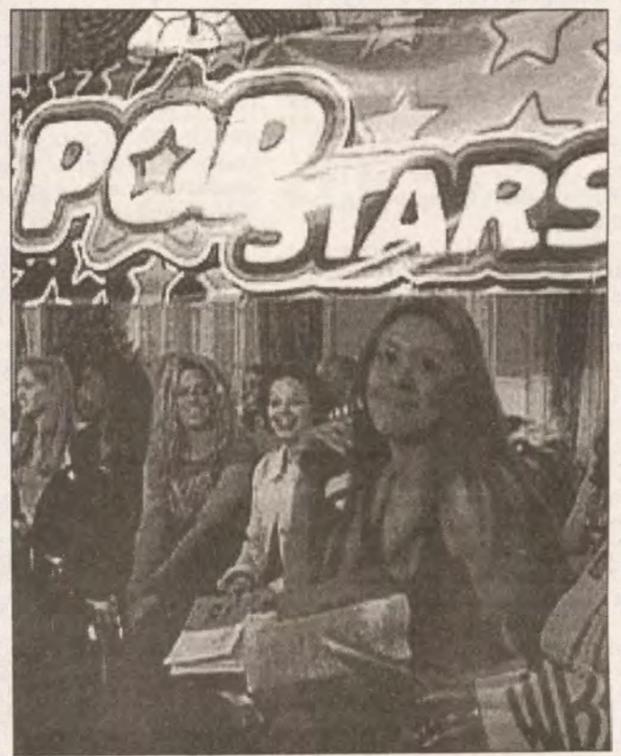


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Singers and dancers from across the country wait anxiously for their turn to audition for the WB's new show "Popstars."

Houston-esque renditions of "I Will Always Love You" from six different girls in strikingly similar halter tops and glitter eye-shadow.

In the end, again in O-Town fashion, five lucky girls will get their break, moving to a posh house in L.A. where they will rehearse and record a debut album before launching a national tour, following all the rules of pop along the way — abundant merchandising, lots of glitter and a visit or two to MTV studios for appearances on "TRL," today's ultimate pop music meter.

But will all this careful marketing be enough to launch the girls of "Popstars" and O-Town into the realm of celebrity musicians like Britney Spears and *NSYNC, who have set standards for record and touring sales over the past year?

Most think (or hope) not — mainly because of the inevitable backlash against this kind of mass production of pop groups and what it means to those who genuinely struggle for authenticity and originality in the music business.

The continual growth of America's pop market and the recent overseas popularity of groups like Bardot give O-Town and their female counterparts hope. After all, the likes of Backstreet and *NSYNC hit it big overseas before even being introduced in the US, a promising trend for producers who aim to create that kind of star power.

Still the question remains, are television producers capable this type of magic trick? Only time, record sales and Billboard reports will tell.

"Making the Band"
(starting its second
season next year on
ABC)

"Popstars"
Fridays, 8:30 p.m.,
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The members of O-Town — Jacob Underwood, Trevor Penick, Dan Miller, Erik-Michael Estrada, and Ashley Angel — enjoy the success of their latest single, "Liquid Dreams."

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NBA

Howard pulls off last-minute shot for Washington win

Associated Press

Juwan Howard hit a baseline turnaround jumper with 1.8 seconds remaining to give the Washington Wizards a 97-95 victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Tuesday night.

Howard took the pass from Felipe Lopez, who was playing as the fourth-string point guard after Richard Hamilton fouled out. Rod Strickland and Chris Whitney didn't play because of injuries.

Howard had 22 points and Hamilton had 20 points and six assists for the Wizards, who have won two in a row for only the second time this season. David Wesley scored 25 and Jamal Mashburn added 20 for the Hornets, who have lost five straight and 11 of 14.

The win was the first of the season for the Wizards with president of basketball operations Michael Jordan in attendance. They had been 0-6 with Jordan in the building.

Mashburn tied the game at 95 with a layup with 15.5 seconds remaining for the Hornets, who had trailed the entire fourth quarter. After Howard's bucket, Elden Campbell took a jump shot at the buzzer, but Calvin Booth was guarding him closely and the shot hit the top of the backboard.

Hamilton got his first NBA start at point guard because Whitney's ankles finally needed a rest. Whitney, who has limped through stretches over the last few weeks, sprained both ankles in Sunday's victory over Atlanta.

The Wizards' only other point guard, Strickland, missed his 14th straight game with what is officially listed as left shoulder tendinitis. Strickland hasn't played since complaining about his playing time after a game Dec. 27, and has since been suspended for missing a road trip and being charged with drunken driving.

Hamilton, who has looked out

of place at times when asked to play point in the past, was aggressive against the Hornets and caught a break early on when Charlotte's Baron Davis had to sit with two quick fouls.

There were 11 lead changes and 11 ties through the first three quarters, and neither team led by more than seven. The Wizards began the final period ahead 77-72, and kept the Hornets at arm's length until Howard's short jumper capped 6-0 run that created a 91-83 cushion with 2:56 left.

Hamilton fouled out with 1:51 to play, leaving Lopez to handle the point the rest of the way. Hamilton's foul came on a three-point play by Wesley that made the score 93-90.

The teams traded turnovers before Jahidi White made two free throws with 57.5 seconds left. Wesley's 3-pointer made it 95-93 with 39.4 to go, and an offensive foul on Lopez gave Mashburn the chance to tie the game.

Timberwolves 82, Suns 73

Terrell Brandon scored 26 points to lead the Minnesota Timberwolves to their fourth straight victory, 82-73 over the Phoenix Suns on Tuesday night.

The Suns, who trailed 57-52 going into the fourth quarter, tied the game at 67-67 on Rodney Rogers' 3-pointer with 5:19 remaining. The Timberwolves took the lead for good, 72-71, on a jump shot by Brandon with 3:19 left.

The loss was the Suns' third in a row without All-Star point guard Jason Kidd, who is skipping their six-game road trip to mend his relationship with his wife. Kidd was arrested last week on a misdemeanor assault charge accusing him of hitting her at their suburban Phoenix home.

Phoenix also was without Tom Gugliotta, who missed his third

consecutive game because of a family emergency, and Anfernee Hardaway, who is on the injured list because of a knee injury.

The Timberwolves' Kevin Garnett had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

The Suns were led by Shawn Marion, who had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Elliott Perry, who made his third start in place of Kidd after signing a 10-day contract last Wednesday, had 10 points in the first half but was scoreless in the second.

The Timberwolves were outscored 14-2 in the final six minutes of the first quarter, which ended with the Suns leading 21-13. That was the Wolves' fewest points in a first period this season.

Celtics 83, Hawks 82

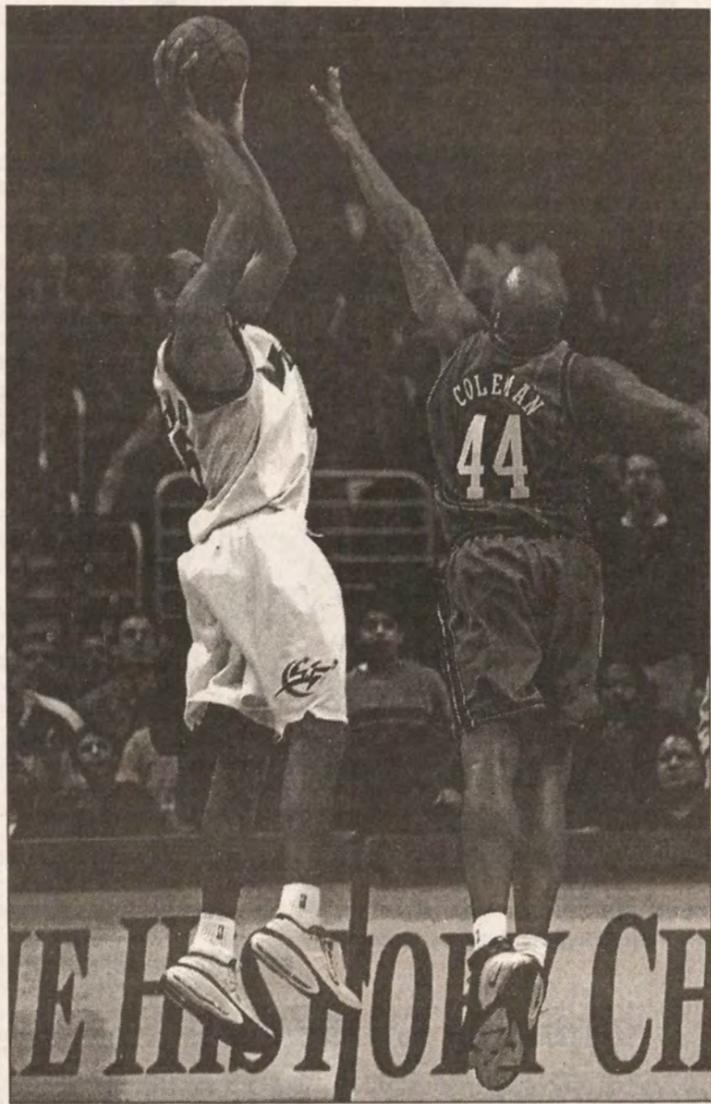
Antoine Walker's deflection with five seconds left made up for his poor shooting as the Boston Celtics held on for an 83-82 win over the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night.

Walker poked the ball from Jason Terry near midcourt and it went out of bounds off the Boston forward with 2.1 seconds remaining. That was only enough time for the Hawks to inbound the ball to Terry, who missed a long desperation jumper at the buzzer.

The Hawks started the possession with 21.1 seconds remaining, but Walker's defense ruined the play they were setting up and sent them to their fourth straight loss.

Walker shot just 3-of-19 and finished with only 11 points, more than 11 below his average. Paul Pierce led Boston with 23 points and scored the winning basket with 1:07 left. But he shot just 7-of-19.

Pierce did score seven of the Celtics' last nine points as they capitalized on Terry's poor shooting. Atlanta's leading scorer



Juwan Howard, shown above, scores with 1.8 seconds left to give Washington a 97-95 victory over the Hornets.

had just eight points and shot 3-of-13.

Boston won for the third time in five games as Randy Brown scored a season-high 16 points and Eric Williams added 13.

The Hawks, who began the game with point guard Matt Maloney on the injured list, lost

point guard Brevin Knight with a strained left groin with 3:32 left in the second quarter.

The Hawks were led by Dion Glover with a season-high 15 points. Dikembe Mutombo had 12 points and 18 rebounds, and Lorenzen Wright added 13 points and 14 rebounds.

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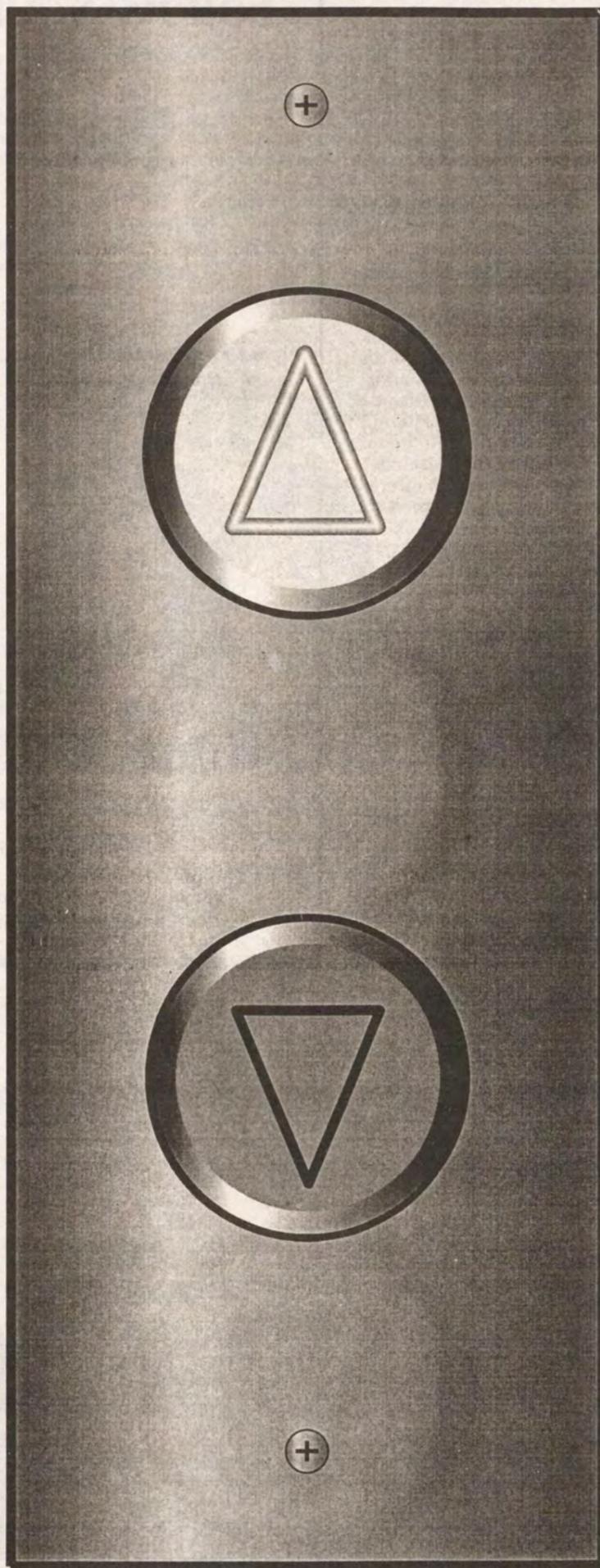
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Browns talk with New Orleans' coach McCarthy

Associated Press

CLEVELAND
The Cleveland Browns interviewed another NFL assistant for their head coaching job Tuesday and said they wouldn't go back to college to find their man.

New Orleans offensive coordinator Mike McCarthy met with Browns team president Carmen Policy and other team executives at the club's training facility in suburban Berea.

McCarthy, coming off his first season directing the Saints' offense, is the second candidate to interview this week with the Browns. On Monday, Tennessee defensive coordinator Gregg Williams met for three hours with Browns officials.

The club will interview San Francisco offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg on Wednesday and is still trying to set up a meeting with Minnesota offensive line coach Mike Tice later in the week.

Mornhinweg was scheduled to interview Tuesday with the Detroit Lions. The Lions, Browns and Buffalo Bills are all without a head coach.

The Browns also received permission to talk with New York Giants

defensive coordinator John Fox. Both Fox and Baltimore defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis will be in Cleveland for visits after the Super Bowl.

Browns spokesman Todd Stewart said Policy also hoped to give Browns defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel an interview. Crennel, who is popular with Browns players, is considered by some to be the frontrunner for the position.

Policy said the Browns would focus their search exclusively on NFL assistants. There had been speculation they were quietly recruiting Miami's Butch Davis, Oklahoma's Bob Stoops and Washington's Rick Neuheisel.

Policy denied reports he had offered the job to Davis, who has agreed to, but not yet signed, a contract extension with the Hurricanes.

"Although there are several very interesting and talented coaches at the college level, we have made the decision to pursue prospects currently with the National Football League," Policy said through Stewart.

The Browns have been seeking a coach since firing Chris Palmer this month. Palmer was dismissed after leading the club to a 5-27 record in two seasons.

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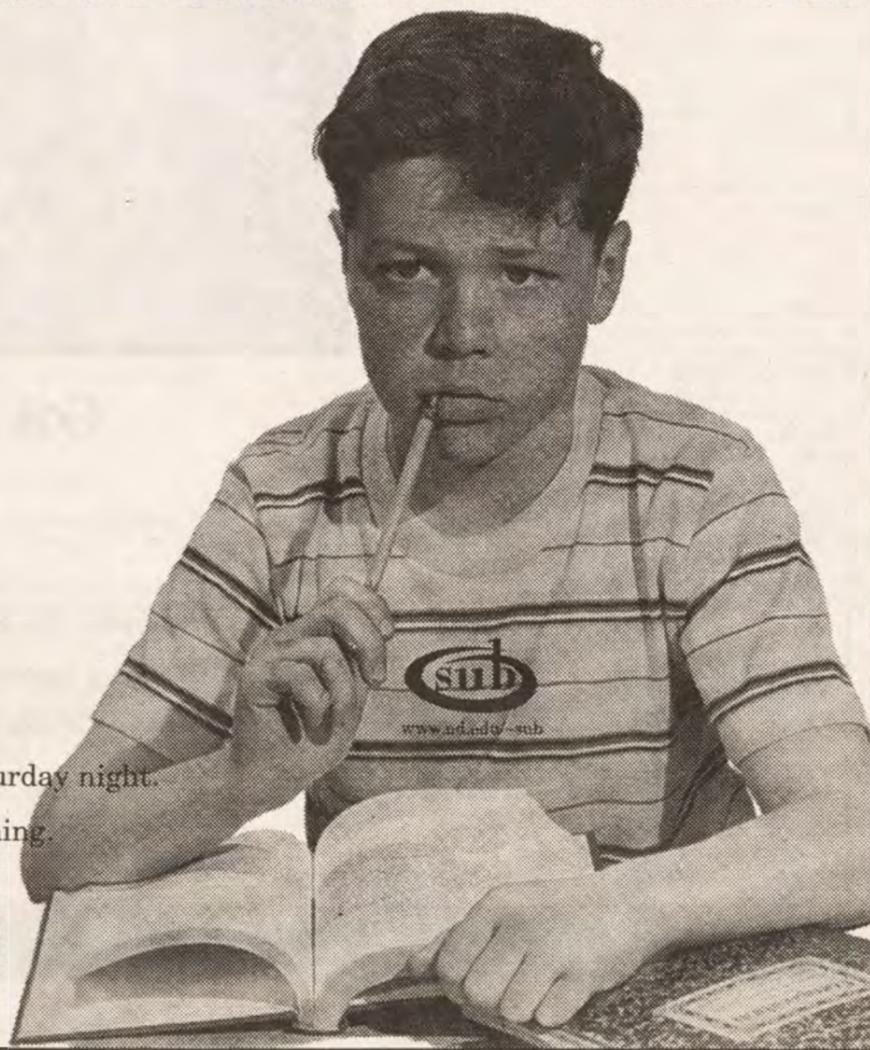
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Lewis focuses on football, leaves murder trial behind him

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The session began with a wave of reporters and camera-men streaming onto the field at Raymond James Stadium,

many making a beeline for the big guy at Station 7.

"Ray Lewis is down there! Hurry up!" said Baltimore Ravens defensive tackle Tony Siragusa, directing the herd filing past him.

And there he was.

"The media has been focused on me the whole year," Lewis said. "It hasn't distracted me yet, so it won't right now."

He was peppered with questions by at least 200 people, twice the crowd gathered around any other player. The

pack diminished only slightly after it was clear Lewis wouldn't discuss his ordeal of a year ago — a double-murder trial in Atlanta.

"Please, let's talk about football," he said, shaking his head after someone asked yet

another question about the case.

Lewis made a reference to his trial at the start of the hourlong session, looking directly at his questioners and speaking with the confidence of a man who had nothing to hide.

"What Ray Lewis went through was a year ago. Let it go," he said.

What he went through was this: a much-publicized case in which he was cleared of murder charges in exchange for a guilty plea to obstruction of justice and testimony against his co-defendants, who were found innocent.

"I'm not there to justify what went on. That's a story in my book that's closed," he declared.

Lewis repeated what he has claimed since his arrest — that he was made a scapegoat by Atlanta officials, who weren't really trying to find the real killer.

"The real truth is this was never about those two kids that were dead in the street. This is about Ray Lewis, and that's not right," he said. "Don't be mad at me. The person to be mad at is [prosecutor] Paul Howard, the mayor of Atlanta, the people who never said one time we're going to find out who killed these people. They said we're going to get Ray Lewis."

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Agassi moves on to semifinals with victory over Martin

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andre Agassi has every weapon in the tennis arsenal and command of them all. Todd Martin was only the latest to find that out.

On match point, Martin hit a good angle volley. Agassi chased it down, blasted a shot that Martin could only block back, and then lobbed over him.

With his 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 victory Tuesday, the defending champion was in the Australian Open semifinals — and without Pete Sampras to worry about.

Last year, Agassi's come-from-behind, five-set victory over Sampras in the semifinals was the supreme showdown of the Australian. This time, Martin knocked out Sampras in the fourth round, ending a 13-match losing streak against him.

Agassi next faces the winner of a night match between two-time U.S. Open champion Patrick Rafter — the hometown favorite — and No. 14 seed Dominik Hrbaty.

Agassi interrupted his match briefly to catch a bug near the baseline and throw it off court. Martin, trailing 30-40 and 1-2

in the final set, waited out the distraction and then served an ace.

He then held serve and, three games later, broke Agassi for a 4-3 lead. But Agassi broke right back and went on to win.

"I put on a good front," Agassi said of his mercy toward the bug.

His tennis, meanwhile, "feels pretty good. I've gotten better as the tournament has gone on," the No. 6 seed said.

"I felt on top of it today," he added. "It's the best I have ever felt against Todd. I was making him earn all the points he was winning, and felt like I was executing everything that I could do as well as possible."

Agassi's Australian Open triumph last year ended a run of four Grand Slam tournaments where he also won the French and U.S. Opens and was runner-up at Wimbledon.

Winning all four in a year "would be great," he said. "There's no saying it can't be done, but I think we're a lot closer to seeing Mark McGwire's home run record being beat than we are to seeing someone win four Grand Slams in the same year in the men's game."

Martin said the Sampras that he beat was out of practice, but "Andre is very much in form. ... Andre thrives on confidence, and he's got plenty of it."

"I was beaten today," Martin said. "I certainly didn't lose. I didn't play nearly as well as I had hoped. Most of that is due to the way Andre played."

Agassi improved his record against Martin to 13-5. Nobody ever has beaten both Sampras and Agassi at a Grand Slam tournament.

At age 30, Agassi and Martin were the oldest players still in the men's ranks after the fourth round here.

On the men's side, 1999 champion and 2000 runner-up Yevgeny Kafelnikov plays No. 15 Arnaud Clement, and No. 16 Sebastien Grosjean meets Carlos Moya, who is unseeded but a former No. 1.

After Grosjean beat No. 4 Magnus Norman Monday night, all four top men's seeds were gone before the quarterfinals for only the third time in a Grand Slam tournament since the Open era began in 1968.

No. 1 Gustavo Kuerten, No. 2 Marat Safin and No. 3 Sampras lost earlier.



Andre Agassi, shown above, will advance to the Australian Open semifinals after a 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 win over Todd Martin.

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B-ball

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of the court all night.

Trailing at the half by eight, Syracuse managed to tally only 26 points and finished the game shooting just 37 percent from the field and 30 percent from behind the arc.

"We have to shoot the ball well," Boeheim said. "We have no other plan B. We have to get those shots on the perimeter."

Preston Shumpert was the lone bright spot on an otherwise struggling Syracuse team. The forward led his squad with 25 points, posing a threat on inside and out, with 18 points behind the arc.

Forward Damone Brown, recovering from a leg injury sustained in practice started for the Orangemen but was unable to play at full speed, adding only seven points on the night.

"We depend on four guys and when they're healthy we're a good team," Boeheim said. "When Brown is hurt, we don't have anyone to take his place. We need him on the court. He, in his capacity tonight, was the best we had and so we went with him."

DeShaun Williams and Billy Celuck added 10 apiece in the losing effort.

Carroll also scored in double digits for the Irish, adding 14 points with four 3-pointers and a short jumper.

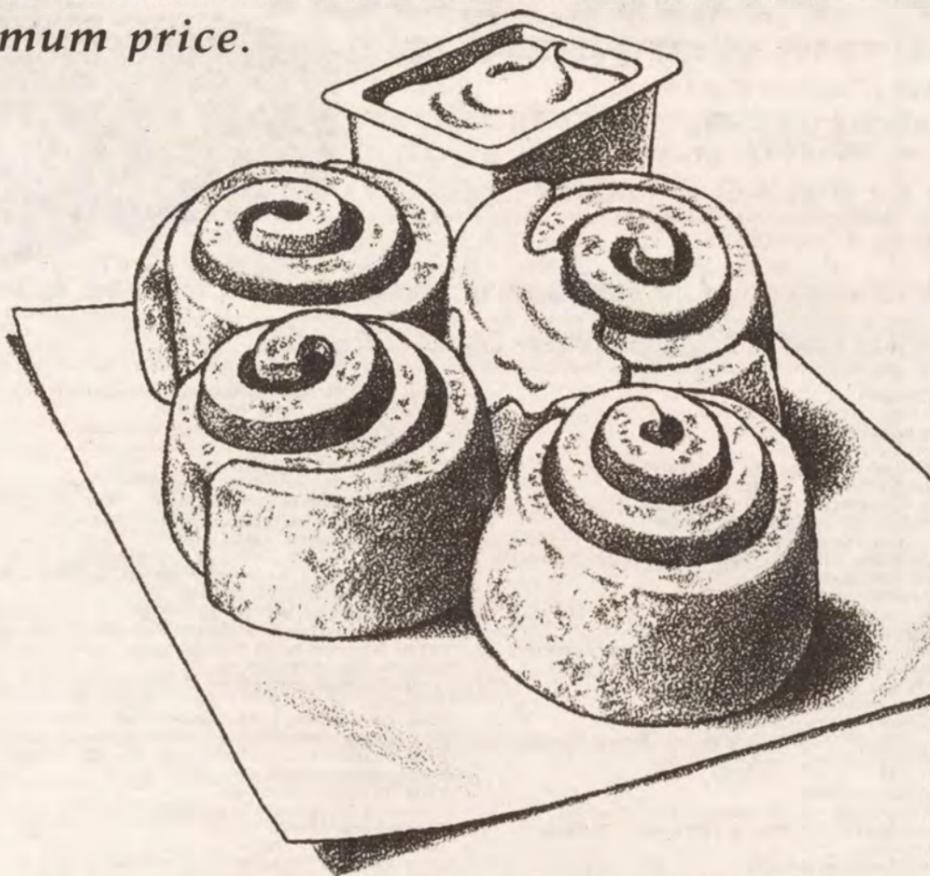
Notre Dame's conference win was important for a team in the thick of the league race. With a meeting against Georgetown next on the agenda, the Irish have a chance to grab hold of the league lead and Brey is ready to prepare his team for the challenge.

"We get to go to Georgetown on Saturday and we get to play for possession of first place in a league," Brey said, "taking care of league business was good for us tonight."



Sophomore Matt Carroll, shown above, drives down the court past Syracuse defense as the Irish overcome the Orangemen for a victory. LACAYO/The Observer

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Murphy leads Irish win over Syracuse with 34 points

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Troy Murphy swooped down on the hoop Tuesday night, coming in from the left for a slam dunk on a fast break pass from teammate Ryan Humphrey.

The second-half slam jam counted for just two of Murphy's 34 points, but it signaled the start of a 10-0 Irish run and the momentum it gave the Irish was the beginning of the end for the Orangemen. It also helped provide Murphy with his first fond thoughts of taking on Syracuse, as Notre Dame went on to win 74-60.

"Those are shots that are hard to miss, those dunks," Murphy said.

Troy Murphy associates a bundle of bad memories with playing Syracuse.

In Murphy's first clash with the Orangemen his freshman year, a Joyce Center game, he



Murphy

recorded the worst game of his collegiate career, scoring only five points and going 0-for-11 from the free throw line. The Big East Rookie of the Year and the Irish lost 75-63. The next four times Murphy faced Syracuse, he scored more, but never showed his A-game against the Orangemen. Instead, Syracuse shelled Notre Dame in five straight games, including a two-point win last March that squelched Irish hopes of making March Madness. Earlier this month, Murphy, a preseason pick to repeat as Big East Player of the Year and first team All-American, was held to 19 points and five rebounds as Notre Dame lost at Syracuse 79-70.

"Syracuse was a team that I never played well against," Murphy said. "I played my worst game there as a freshman."

Murphy didn't just play well Tuesday — he dominated. He helped the Irish stuff the No. 11 Orangemen by raining in 34 points and seizing 16 rebounds. The win vaulted Notre Dame into a tie with Syracuse for second place in the West Division of the Big

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Troy Murphy
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East.

"Sooner or later, he's going to get away from you. We've kept him from getting it in low for five games," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "That's why we've had success against him in the past. That was the difference in the game."

All game long, Murphy wreaked havoc on Syracuse. None of the Orangemen defenders could get a handle on him, with their only outlet to stopping a Murphy field goal being to foul him. That recourse didn't work, as Murphy nailed 16 of 19 attempts from the free throw line.

Making it to the charity stripe was a focal point for Murphy prior to Tuesday's game. Monday before going to bed, he watched tape of the

Jan. 2 loss at Syracuse. Tuesday before the game, he replayed the video. Murphy didn't like what he saw.

"I only went to the line one time," Murphy said. "I wasn't very active. I tried to attack the gaps more tonight, and I think I was pretty successful. I can tell how active I am by how many times I get to the line."

Eleven separate trips to the free throw line. Murphy must have been moving more than the Energizer bunny.

The All-American went 9-for-17 from the field, taking advantage of some sweet feeds from his teammates. Senior point guard Martin Ingelsby and sophomore guard Matt Carroll each dished off six assists, and junior small forward David Graves added three.

"When you get the ball two feet from the hoop, you're either going to get a lay-up or a free throw," Graves said. "Troy was at the end of some great penetration and great passes."

Murphy scored at opportune times Tuesday. He spread his 12 first-half points out throughout the period, allow-

ing Notre Dame to keep a healthy lead until the Orangemen turned up the intensity just before halftime.

In the second stanza, Murphy sliced Syracuse's defenses early on, scoring the first seven points for the Irish. The Orangemen never did manage to corral Murphy. Whether they cornered him, double-teamed him or fouled him in frustration, Murphy still found a way to the hoop. Murphy turned in arguably the best all-around performance of his career. It was his 15th 30-point night, but he added 16 rebounds to boot against Syracuse. More importantly, the Irish won, launching them into contention for a Big East Championship for the first time ever.

Murphy was as tough as someone walking on hot lava coals, and the Irish sailed to the easy win. With more monumental efforts from Murphy, Brey will have to rehang the NCAA Tournament brackets he removed during Irish woes earlier this season.

If Murphy hangs up the kinds of numbers he did Tuesday, all opponents will be able to do is watch and weep.

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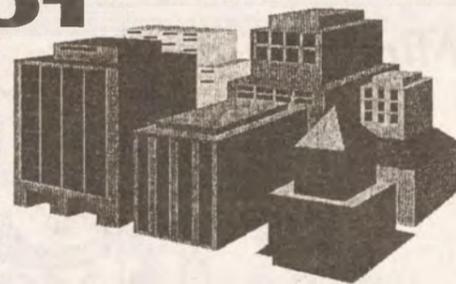
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"It's going to be a month before it gets better," McGraw said of Siemon's injury. "There's no sense in aggravating it any further. We'll figure out what we can do in the meantime."

Notre Dame must contain West Virginia's three-point shooting. Freshman Kate

Bulger (15.0 points per game) and senior Darya Kudryavtseva (14.7 points) are among the Big East's top ten scorers. They are both good three-point shooters, with Bulger's 49.3 percent (37-of-75) ranking sixth in the country. Kudryavtseva has hit 35-of-80 from beyond the arc. As a team, West Virginia shoots 42.3 percent (112-of-265) on three-pointers.

Notre Dame is the only Big East squad with a higher per-

centage on threes. The Irish are shooting a nation's best 54.1 percent (86-of-59), with Ratay (41-of-67 for 61.2 percent) and Ivey (34-of-61 for 55.7 percent) ranking as the top two three-point shooters in the country.

"We've been playing well all year, we've been playing knowing that we can win all year," McGraw said. "But actually doing it (beating Connecticut) gives you that added boost. It's a great feeling."

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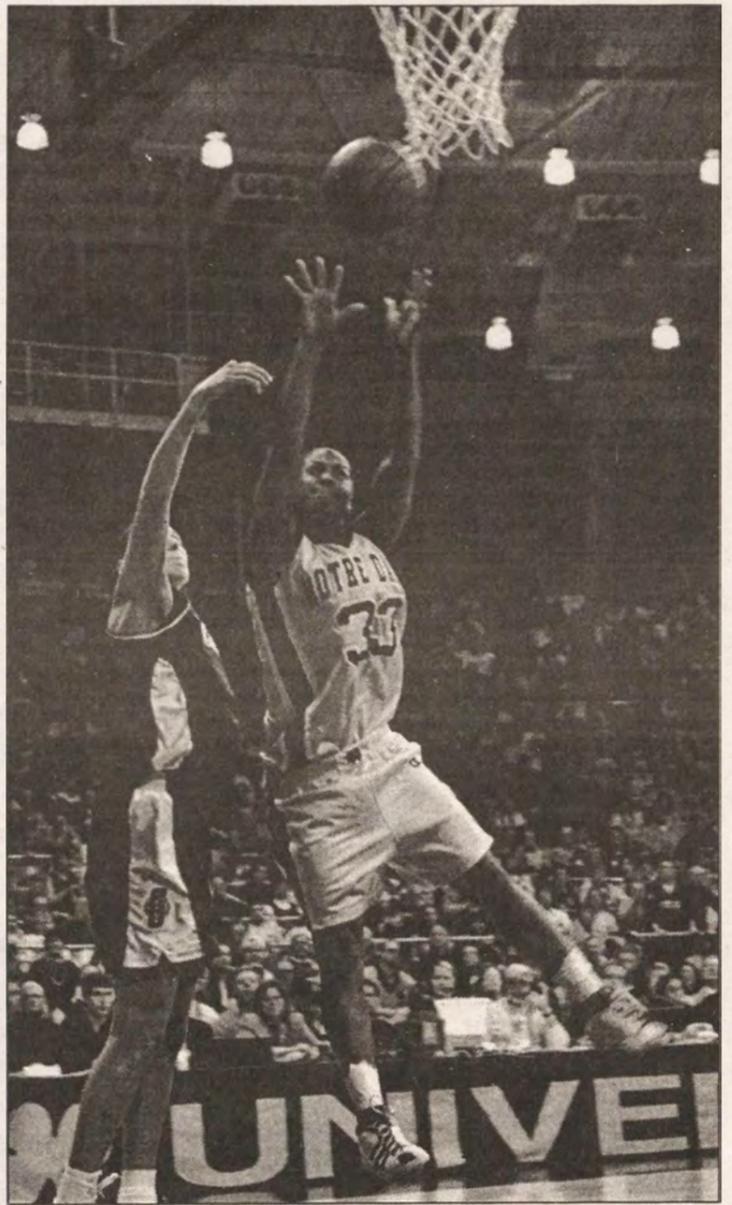
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's hope to end losing streak with Hornet win

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Technical skill and coaching will play its part, but much of tonight's home meeting between the Belles and the Kalamazoo Hornets will focus on history and emotion.

The Hornets felt the sting of the Olivet Comets on Saturday, dropping the game to Olivet 54-53, and falling to fourth place in the MIAA behind Calvin. The Hornet loss has inspired hope in the Belles and they will be ready to win as they step onto the court at 7:30 p.m.

"I think our team is really looking forward to a win," post player Anne Blair said. "Because we lost to Olivet as well is going to make us eager to go out there and win."

Coming off of five consecutive losses, most recently to Adrian, the Belles need that win. Currently, the only Saint Mary's MIAA win has come against Albion, and tonight's game against Kalamazoo marks the end of the first half of MIAA play.

"[This game] is really big," head coach Suzanne Smith said. "We need to get two wins in the first round of MIAA play."

In addition to the sheer need to win, the Belles and the Hornets have some history to deal with. Last year, a Saint Mary's team that only won four games all season upset Kalamazoo at home late in regular season play. Kalamazoo may be looking for revenge, but Saint Mary's plans to use that to its advantage.

"I think they're gonna come out really wanting to beat us," Blair said. "But that will strike us hard because we know we can win and we want to."

Adrian's strong press on Saturday led to several Saint Mary's scoring problems. Smith and her team have been focusing on the offense this week at prac-

tice. "We're working to be really aggressive," Smith said. "Most teams in the MIAA that we've faced have come out with the press and we've been kind of tentative."

Getting the ball inside was also a major problem on Saturday, one that the Belles do not plan on having tonight.

"We've really worked with our post players," Smith said. "Saturday our guards threw some passes to people that weren't open and we've been working with them to look inside."

In addition to working with guards and post players, the Belles are hoping that size may come into play under the basket. Blair, Elizabeth Linkous and Kelly Roberts are all 6-footers while Kalamazoo's post players, Amanda Weishuhn and Lindsay Drury, only stand 5-foot-10.

"They have a small line-up post wise," Blair said. "[Our guards]

can look into the post players more."

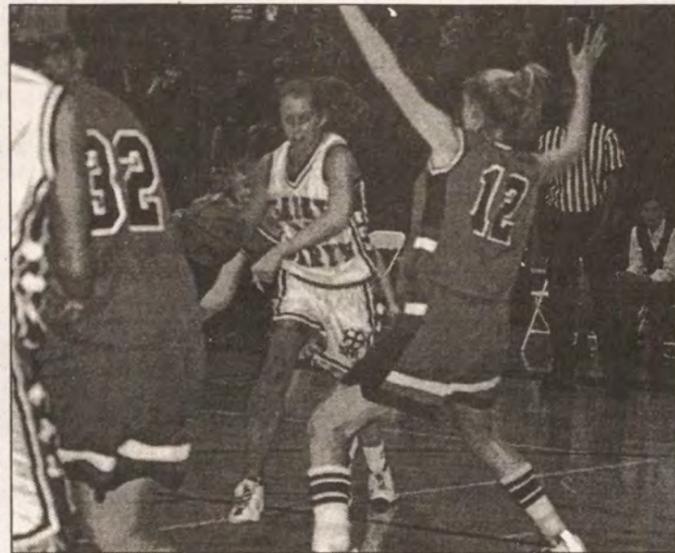
The Belles have recently struggled with team unity, but tonight they will have to work together to beat a quick Kalamazoo offense.

"Kalamazoo has a lot of quick guards," Smith said. "We really need to work on team defense."

The Belles are still not playing with a complete team. Leading forward Kristen Matha is still out with an injured hip flexor muscle and will not return to practice until Monday at the earliest. In addition, sophomore guard Katie Christiansen went home sick from practice on Monday. She is, however, expected to be at full strength tonight.

"Christiansen has been sick," Smith said. "But she's a real fighter and she will be ready to play on Wednesday."

Action will tip off tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Angela Athletic facility.



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Jamie Dineen drives toward the basket in against Marion in a game earlier in the season.



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Tonight, the Club hosts a special party in tribute to a 4-yr. remembrance of the seniors' favorite "filling station" (B.M.) Come on out for karaoke and other famous traditions of this memorable establishment (see our web page: www.nd.edu/~asc) In addition, life-time club memberships will be sold at half price (\$10) through the month of January and sign-ups will be available for Thursday night dart league starting in February. Must be 21 or older with valid I.D.

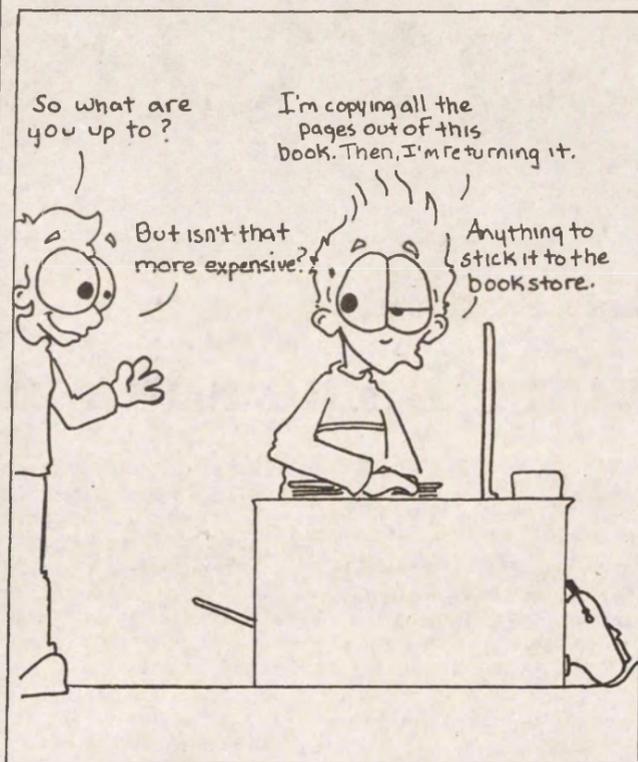
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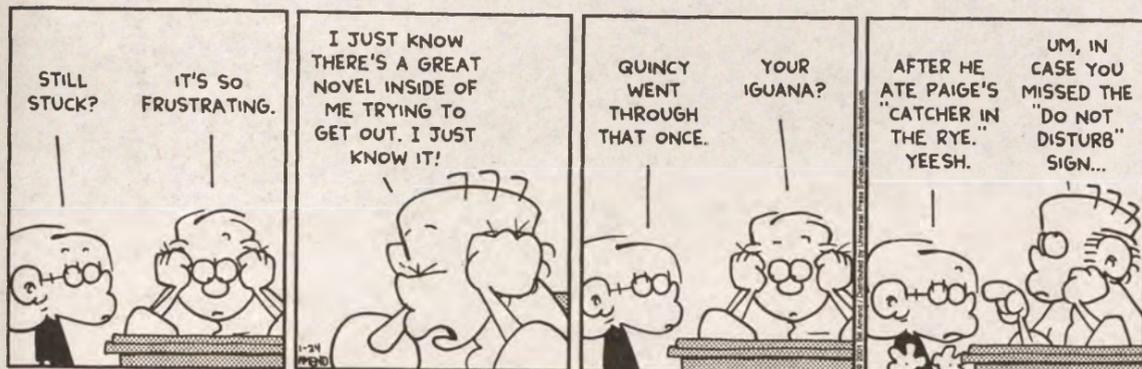
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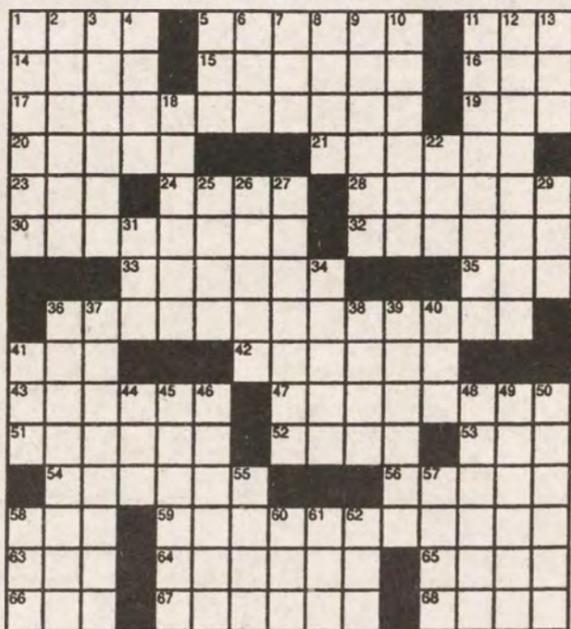
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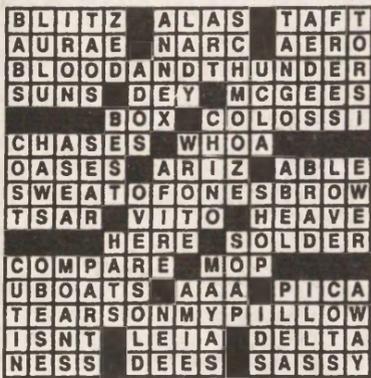
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bloke
 - 5 Out of it
 - 11 Show of team spirit
 - 14 First name in the 40's-50's Yankees
 - 15 "Civis Romanus sum" speaker
 - 16 Fancy name appendage
 - 17 Green Bay Packers fans
 - 19 Some batters, for short
 - 20 Noted wine valley
 - 21 School assignment
 - 23 Sounds of doubt
 - 24 Holiday shortening
 - 28 Turn in
 - 30 Noncommittal response
 - 32 Eastern European language
 - 33 "I didn't do it," for one
 - 35 Appraiser's skill
 - 36 Klutz
 - 41 100 yrs.
 - 42 Bank patrons
 - 43 Items on belts
 - 47 Trattoria orders
 - 51 It works like a charm
 - 52 1999 Ron Howard film
 - 53 "... quit!"
 - 54 Card carrier
 - 56 Shiver-producing
 - 58 Spiritual path
- DOWN**
- 1 Bikes
 - 2 Santa's greeting
 - 3 AARP concern
 - 4 Waterfront walk
 - 5 Rocks
 - 6 Place for med. researchers
 - 7 Champion
 - 8 One cause of trembling
 - 9 Commands
 - 10 Kind of truth
 - 11 Its valley is fabled in song
 - 12 Camels may end up here
 - 13 Command posts: Abbr.
 - 18 Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence," e.g.
 - 22 Siouan
 - 25 Outfielder's cry
 - 26 Princes abroad
 - 27 Clams and oysters, e.g.
 - 29 Squeeze (out)
 - 31 Summer hours in N.Y.C.
 - 34 Hopping mad
 - 36 "Star Trek" command
 - 37 Salves
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Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mary Lou Retton, Ray Stevens, Oral Roberts, John Belushi, Warren Zevon, Nastassja Kinski, Neil Diamond, Tatyana Ali, Aaron Neville

Happy Birthday: You will find it difficult to please others, so start with yourself and work on your own emotional well-being for a change. Then you'll find it easier to make those around you happy. Your professional position is changing, but the result can be to your advantage if you are on top of your game. You will receive the necessary support if you are open about your intentions. Your numbers: 15, 19, 20, 23, 38, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You need a creative outlet for your high energy. You're interested in having more youngsters around you to spend time with. ☺☺☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may have problems with female members of your family. Don't let your emotions take over or harsh words may follow and cause even greater upset. Your partner is not likely to sympathize. ☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Romantic encounters are apparent. Get out and socialize or take a trip that will be conducive to love. You are overdue for a little time out. Pamper yourself and have fun. ☺☺☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't overspend on children, entertainment or self-indulgences. If you are drawn into gossip at work, it could lead to difficulties with your employer. ☺☺☺

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be excessively sensitive today. Try not to be too dramatic, or your mate may leave you to suffer all alone. You are creating your own problems. Be a giver, not a taker. ☺☺☺

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't be too eager to hand out information about others or you may find yourself in hot water. You will be misinterpreted if you are not precise in your communications. ☺☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's best not to spend too much on luxury items or purchases for your home. Lending or borrowing will get you into trouble. Losses are evident if you are careless with your cash. ☺☺

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You appear to be experiencing some difficulties with your personal situation. Don't try to push your beliefs on others. Allow your partner the necessary freedom. Jealousy will cause loneliness. ☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel will lead to romance and adventure. Your creative talents will surface, and you should pursue your dreams. Children may play a crucial part in your life today. ☺☺☺☺

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't hesitate to invite friends over for a social evening. You can form partnerships that will be fruitful and lasting. Real estate investments look good. Put your offer in writing. ☺☺☺☺

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your partner will be in need of attention. Don't neglect his or her needs unless you are prepared to deal with tantrums. Communication will help your relationship. ☺☺☺

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A new lover will be yours if you become involved in creative hobbies or travel. You may attract more than one individual, but don't try to play one against the other. Be honest and you'll gain a friend. ☺☺☺☺

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Moving up

Andre Agassi moves to the Australian Open semifinals following a 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 win over Todd Martin.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame shuts door on Syracuse for a 74-60 victory

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

The long arms of the Orangemen defense could not stretch far enough to eke out a win Tuesday in Notre Dame's 74-60 upset over No. 11 Syracuse.

Syracuse was knocking on Notre Dame's door the entire game, but as the minutes ticked off of the clock and the score remained close, the Irish answered loud and clear.

With the home crowd in a frenzy, Irish center Troy Murphy and forward Ryan Humphrey combined for a pair of hard-hitting dunks while David Graves stepped up on defense and took a charge, sparking the Irish to a 21-point lead with less than four minutes remaining.

"Defensively, when we went to man to man and our student section was making noise, that flusters people," Irish head coach Mike Brey said. "We were taking charges, scraping stuff off the lane. That makes the difference."

Big plays might have sealed the win, but Murphy's consistent play supplied the difference on the court.

The junior scored a game-high 34 points, muscling his way to the foul line 10 times — a much-needed improvement after making only one trip to

the line in Jan. 2 loss at the Carrier Dome.

"I tried to be more active tonight," Murphy said. "I can tell how active I am by how many times I go to the line and one time is not very good."

While Murphy's force in the lane frustrated the Orangemen defense, the Irish perimeter players made it happen. Guards Matt Carroll and Martin Ingelsby split 12 assists to the big men down low, while Graves dished out another three.

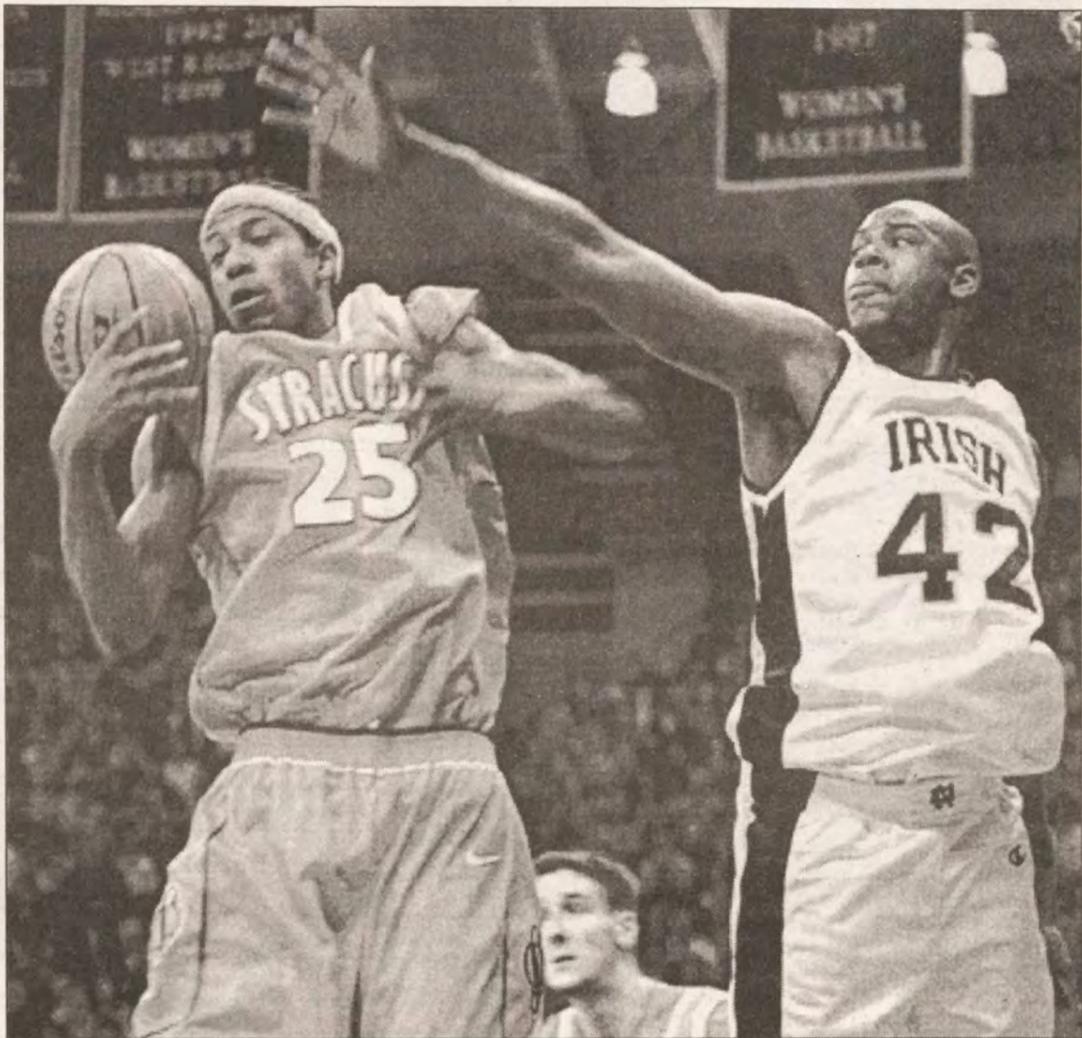
"Our main focus was to get the big guys easy shots," Graves said. "It was a great team effort. [Murphy] was on the end of some great penetration and some great passes."

The Orangemen also felt Murphy's effects on the boards, as the junior brought down a game-high 16 rebounds.

"We played Murphy well for five games, but sooner or later he was going to get away from us," Syracuse head coach Jim Boeheim said. "If he gets in the lane he's going to get fouled and that's the difference. We've got two young guys in the center and they weren't up to the challenge of stopping him."

If Murphy's presence in the lane frustrated the defense, finding the net frustrated the Orangemen on the other end

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ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Junior Harold Swanagan, shown above, blocks a shot against Syracuse's Damone Brown in Notre Dame's 74-60 upset over the No. 11 Orangemen.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish return to normal scene with trip to West Virginia

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Since the now-legendary Connecticut victory, the Irish saw the illuminated No. 1 arise on top of Grace Hall, answered the proverbial "How does it feel to be the top team in the nation?" roughly 7,312 times and stole the campus spotlight away from some guys named



McGraw

Murphy, Humphrey and Brey.

The added attention may not wear off for a while and the record may stay unblemished as Notre Dame (18-0 overall, 7-0 in conference) faces the Big East also-rans in the coming few weeks.

The Irish return to the normal women's basketball scene starting with tonight's game at West Virginia. Instead of a sold-out Joyce Center atmosphere, Notre Dame will compete at the 14,000 seat West Virginia Coliseum. The average attendance for Mountaineer home games (467 fans) comprises just 3.4 percent of the stadium's capacity.

With the Irish coming to

town, look for the season attendance record (579) to be broken.

"We've had a target on our back all year," coach Muffet McGraw said. "And we're still supposed to win every game so everybody's going to be out gunning for us. We could be ranked 201 but people are still going to want to beat us because we're Notre Dame."

One main reason for the early-season success has been the Irish's stifling defense. They rank second in the country in scoring defense (54.5 points per game) and have held the previous 18 foes to a nation's best 33.5 percent shooting from the floor. Notre

Dame has shut down their opponents by mainly utilizing two aggressive zone sets.

"As long as we can stay out of foul trouble, that makes it (the defense) better," McGraw said. "Everybody's a year smarter and a year stronger in the zone."

The same can be said for the players' offensive production.

While Ruth Riley, Alicia Ratay and Niele Ivey gain most of the publicity, the contributions from the other players have benefitted the Irish. In the 72-47 win over Seton Hall on Sunday, forward Ericka Haney scored a team-high 17 points, and Meaghan Leahy, Kelley Siemon and Jeneka

Joyce provide an added dimension.

"You can't guard everybody," McGraw said. "It seems like whatever teams have decided to give up, that's what we've been good at. It's like 'pick who you want to beat you.'"

Unfortunately for the Irish, Siemon, who broke her left hand in the Jan. 13 game against Virginia Tech, will sit out of tonight's contest. The senior forward will be re-examined on Tuesday and may play against Providence on Jan. 31. Leahy will replace Siemon at power forward.

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