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Students to pay \$1,400 in plan

 By JIM RILEY
News Editor

Members of the Hall Presidents' Council are scheduled to meet today at 4 p.m. to formulate a plan to pay the \$1,400 in damages resulting from the food fights earlier this semester, said Susan Coene, Farley Hall co-president and member of the HPC.

HPC members met Friday with John Goldrick, associate vice president for residence life. Goldrick said the student body as a whole should take responsibility for the action because about 800 students were involved in the food fights, HPC members said.

Attempts to reach Goldrick were unsuccessful.

Members of the HPC will bring payment proposals to the meeting this afternoon, said Coene. One plan will propose that the money be apportioned between each hall, based on its size.

In addition, she said, the HPC will ask the the classes and stu-

dent government to help foot the bill.

"We want to include student government and the class offices in this," said Winkler. "(The classes) each represent a fourth of the student body, so they should take part in coming up with some of the money."

One member has suggested a fundraiser be held, according to Winkler. "The first \$1,400 raised would go towards the bill," he said. "The extra would then go to a charity."

The \$1,400 would be used to cover "the cost of broken dishes, food wasted . . . and paying the (University Food Services) employees who stayed to clean up," HPC Co-Chairman Bob Daley said earlier.

The damage bill was first presented to Goldrick by William Hickey, director of University Food Services, said Jim Winkler, co-president of Alumni Hall and HPC member. Goldrick then contacted the co-chairmen of the HPC, Winkler

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Life after ND?

The Observer / John Studebaker

Chuck Nevins takes time out to contemplate a possible future as one of Forbes' Four Hundred Richest People in America.

Accusations about SUB are leveled

 By LIZ PANZICA
Copy Editor

The Student Senate is conducting an investigation into the Student Union Board activities and their alleged violations of the Student Government Constitution, according to student government member Mike Jaeger.

Jaeger said he is "currently putting together an explanation" of the senate's investigation. Jaeger would not give details of the investigation at this time, but he did say that a full explanation will be issued at the end of the week.

Jaeger did explain, however, that the investigation is an assessment of the Constitution pertaining to SUB activities. He said, "Parts of the constitution are not being obeyed by SUB and the senate is now aware of it." The senate would like to see SUB pay closer attention to the Constitution, he said.

At Monday's senate meeting

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Co-ed dorms among residence task force topics

 By REGIS COCCIA
Assistant News Editor

Co-ed dorms at Notre Dame?

The possibility has been discussed before but lately is getting serious consideration from a task force on residentiality, said Ann Firth, director of residence life.

"We are taking a serious look at that question and what the

advantages and disadvantages are," said Firth, task force chairman. "It's certainly been an issue that has come up."

Firth said the task force is gathering information for a report it will present to University President Father Edward Malloy in March. "We won't come up with a conclusion until (we deliver the report)," Firth said.

Student Body Vice President Laurie Bink, one of several student members on the task force, said co-ed housing is being seriously considered, but only as a recommendation in the report to Father Malloy.

"Because we recommend it, doesn't mean it's going to happen," she said, adding that student opinion on the issue has been mixed.

"We're finding a lot of students saying (a co-ed dorm) would be a nice option, but when you ask them if they'd like to live there, or if they'd like to have their hall converted, they say no," Bink said.

"We're still gathering information," she said. "We're talking with students, other administrators, a wide range of people," Firth said. "Residen-

tiality affects a whole lot of different groups."

Bink said task force discussions with both faculty and students have been positive. "We have great discussions and the faculty are very open-minded. It's very cooperative," she said. "I think it's progressing quite well."

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Reagan 'a bit wiser,' nominates moderate Kennedy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Reagan, saying he was "a bit wiser" after two failed attempts to put a hardline conservative on the Supreme Court, picked federal appeals judge Anthony Kennedy for the bench Wednesday and dropped his partisan attacks against the Democratic-run Senate.

Reagan said Kennedy, 51, has earned a reputation as "a courageous, tough but fair jurist" in his 12 years on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

"He's popular with colleagues of all political persuasions," Reagan said. "And I know that he seems to be popular with many senators of varying political persuasions as well."

Kennedy is considered to be a moderate conservative, less ideologically rigid than Reagan's two earlier nominees, Robert Bork, who was defeated by the Senate, and Douglas Ginsburg, who quit after revealing he had smoked marijuana.

The new choice drew favorable comments from Democratic and Republican senators across the political spectrum.

Mindful of the problems he's had for more than four months in trying to fill the court opening, Reagan said he would not actually submit Kennedy's nomination until completion of a full-field FBI background check, which could take weeks.

And, in a conciliatory tone after months of tough rhetoric, the president abandoned

his earlier promise to give the Senate a nominee that "they'll object to just as much" as Bork, his first candidate, who was rejected on a 58-42 vote.



Anthony Kennedy

"Sometimes you make a facetious remark and somebody takes it seriously and you wish you'd never said

it," Reagan said in answer to a reporter's question. "That's one for me."

The president announced Kennedy's selection in a nationally broadcast appearance in the White House briefing room, accompanied by the judge, his wife, Mary, and their three children.

The choice appeared to be a clear effort to end a politically embarrassing episode for Reagan, who once said that winning Bork's confirmation was his No. 1 domestic priority.

Abandoning any pretense of confrontation with the Senate over filling the vacancy, the president said: "The experience of the last several months has made all of us a bit wiser."

Invoking the spirit of the bicentennial of the Constitu-

tion, he called for a bipartisan effort to fill the opening, created by the retirement in June of Justice Lewis Powell.

On Capitol Hill, the reaction echoed Reagan's attempt to overcome the bitterness generated by the Bork and Ginsburg nominations.

"I can't see any good reason for anyone opposing this, from Jesse Helms to Teddy Kennedy," said Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif. Sen. Kennedy, D-Mass., had led the fight against Bork, while Sen. Helms, R-N.C., once had threatened to filibuster against Judge Kennedy as not sufficiently conservative.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., chairman of the Judiciary

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In Brief

Sylvester Stallone, filming "Rambo III" in the Israeli resort town of Elat, reportedly fled his hotel room Sunday night when security guards told him machine-gun fire had broken out nearby and he was in danger. But police and army spokesmen said there was no gunbattle in the area. Stallone's head security officer, Tony Maffatone, disputed the Israeli statements, saying he witnessed a four-minute battle in which hundreds of rounds of machine-gun fire were exchanged. "There is no question about it. This was a real battle with heavy machine-gun fire," Maffatone said. "The Israeli story is completely implausible." - *Associated Press*

Of Interest

Grace Hall debates continue at 9 p.m. in the Grace Hall pit. Tonight's topic will be: "The personal morals of presidential candidates do have a bearing on their suitability for high office." This debate will be judged by Professor John Roos of the government department. - *The Observer*

The Anti-Apartheid Network continues its prayer vigil on the administration steps at 12:15 p.m. today. The vigil also will occur at the Center for Continuing Education on Friday at 12:15. - *The Observer*

The Macintosh Users Group will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 226 Math and Computing Center. - *The Observer*

A Notre Dame Encounter reunion will be held at 10 p.m. in the Morrissey Hall party room. A short meeting will be held, followed by an ice cream social. - *The Observer*

The last Friday Forum at the Center for Social Concerns will be tomorrow at 12:15 p.m. Professor Jack Dow, department of physics Freimann Professor, will speak on "High Speed Computing: Its Implications -- Social As Well As Technical." - *The Observer*

A concert by London Baroque will be held at 8 p.m. in the library auditorium. The concert is sponsored by the department of music and is free. - *The Observer*

Raymond Dunnett, professor of history at Purdue, will be speaking on "Traditional Gold Mining in Ghana: A Critique of the Marxist Model," at noon tomorrow in Room 242 of O'Shaughnessy Hall. - *The Observer*

Roberto DeMatta, a professor in the anthropology department, will be speaking on "For a Sociology of the 'Latin American Tradition.'" This lecture will be held at 4 p.m. today in 131 Decio. - *The Observer*

The Great Hunger Clean-up is now forming committees for recruitment, fundraising, publicity and worksite selection in order to raise money to fight hunger. For more information, call Liz Durkin at 287-3876 or Sean Evers at 232-9112. - *The Observer*

Applications for fashion show tryouts for the Black Cultural Arts Festival are due no later than Friday. For more information and an application, call Kim Stevenson at 283-4072. - *The Observer*

Any junior interested in working on JPW, please leave name in the junior class office on the second floor of LaFortune Student Center by Friday. - *The Observer*

"The Dragon and the King: The Iconography of Power in Olmec and Maza Art," a lecture given by P. David Joralemon, will be tonight at 7:30 in the Annenberg Auditorium. - *The Observer*

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No humming allowed at ND football games

With the advent of the last home football game of the season this Friday, I think that we should get a few things cleared up. Seniors will experience their last home game of their college careers.

As usual, emotion and nostalgia will run rampant at the tailgaters and in the senior section. And wherever there is emotion and nostalgia at Notre Dame, there is the urge to sing our inspiring school songs. This, however, presents a problem.

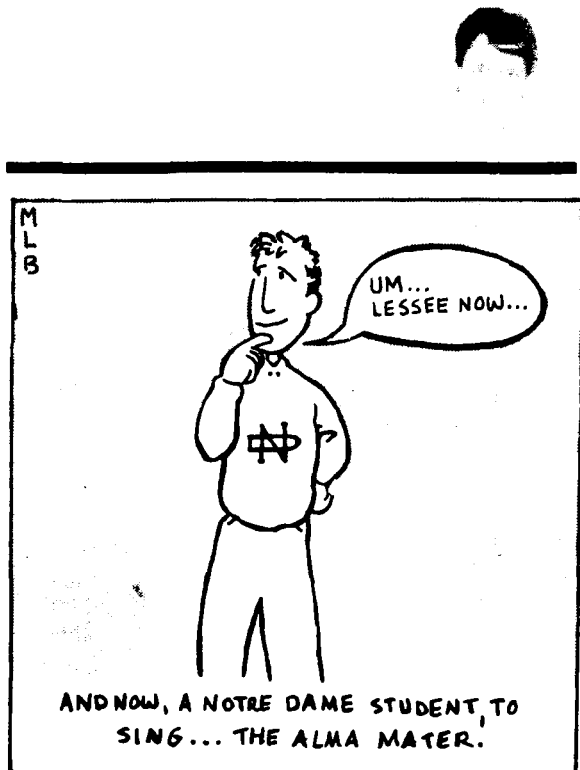
After almost four years, I now realize that I am one of the only fools who actually knows all of the words to the three main school songs. As an incoming freshman, I thought knowing the Victory March, Notre Dame Our Mother and the Hike Song were prerequisites for admission to the football games.

To the contrary, opening one's ears at the football game will prove that most people begin to sing the chorus of the fight song well before it's time to break in with the familiar words. And if I did not know any better, I would think that the alma mater consisted of a bunch of melodic mumbles followed by an overwhelming "Looove thee Noootre Dame!!"

In the interest of all those who would like to get the words of these songs right once in their careers, I will give up the rest of my column to words of Notre Dame's school songs. Good luck, good times and good singing.

Notre Dame Victory March
Rally sons of Notre Dame;
Sing her glory and sound her fame,
Raise her Gold and Blue
And cheer with voices true;
Rah, rah for Notre Dame
(This is the part people miss-KB)
We will fight in ev-ry game,
Strong of hear and true to her name
We will ne'er forget her
And will cheer her ever
Loyal to Notre Dame.

Chorus
Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame,
Wake up the echoes cheering her name,
Send a volley cheer on high,
Shake down the thunder from the sky.
What though the odds be great or small.
Old Notre Dame will win over all,
While her loyal sons are marching
Onward to victory.



Notre Dame, Our Mother
Notre Dame, our Mother,
Tender, strong and true.
Proudly in the heavens,
Gleams the Gold and Blue,
Glory's mantle cloaks thee,
Golden is thy fame,
And our hearts forever,
Praise thee, Notre Dame.
And our hearts forever,
Love thee, Notre Dame.

Hike Song
The march is on, no brain or brawn
Can stop the charge of fighting men.
Loud rings the cry of grim defy
Of hard attack let loose again.
Oh, it's the hike, hike, hike of victory.
The call to rise and strike.
For Notre Dame's men are winning
When Notre Dame hears hike, hike, hike.

Chorus
Hark to the cheering, songs rising high,
Hark to the roar as the ranks go marching by;
Shoulder to shoulder chanting her glorious name.
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The Color of Money, Part II

It looks like Tom Cruise may have some competition. Pangborn's Chris Kruse cues up the balls and practices some hustling of his own.

The Observer / John Studebaker

Network fasts for divestment

By ERIC M. BERGAMO
Senior Staff Reporter

Members of the Notre Dame Anti-Apartheid Network are "making some kind of sacrifice" by fasting this week before the meeting of the Board of Trustees, said Greg Magetti, head of the Anti-Apartheid Network.

Fifty-five people have signed up to fast for some period or miss a meal, Magetti noted. Those who have signed up include undergraduates, graduate students and faculty.

Three graduate students are abstaining completely from food during the week, he said.

Curtis Brock has been on a diet of juices since Monday, while Carol Stewart and Cris Toffolo have only had water, Magetti said. Brock had to eat some rice on Tuesday because he was becoming ill from the fast.

The fasters are staying in the LaFortune lobby during the day, he said.

The fast will end at 12:15 p.m. Friday during a vigil outside the Center for Continuing Education.

The Board will decide on divesting from corporations doing business in South Africa this Friday at the CCE.

Magetti said he doesn't feel the fast will influence the decision of the Board of Trustees.

"We're trying not to think of it in those terms because that's not why you should fast," he said. "You shouldn't fast to force someone to do something." There are a number of reasons for the fast, Magetti said.

"First of all it is to share in a little way in the suffering," he said. "Secondly -- and this is one reason why it's good to have other people join into the fast -- it is to get as many people as possible to really think and to look deeper at what is going on in South Africa."

"One thing we would like (the Trustees) to know," he added, "is that it affects us how they decide on this, that we take it seriously."

Magetti noted that he came to Notre Dame because of the reputation for peace and justice.

"We (the Network) feel kind of a responsibility to make our

University the best that it can be," Magetti said.

Magetti originally felt the Board might divest because "they were waiting specifically to hear what (Rev. Leon) Sullivan was going to say," but now feels the Board won't take action.

Sullivan is the author of the Sullivan Principles, the guidelines regarding investment in South Africa followed by many U.S. businesses and institutions, including Notre Dame. In May, Sullivan called for complete divestment from South African businesses because apartheid had not diminished. Magetti said he has heard comments from several people, including a Belgian journalist who interviewed Father Oliver Williams, a member of the Board's investment committee, that it seemed the University would continue to invest.

People who have written to University President Father Edward Malloy, Magetti noted, have received answers that "people of goodwill can disagree on the best means to end apartheid."

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Co-ed

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Junior Bob Challenger said the task force is collecting views and opinions on coeducational housing from faculty, alumni and students.

Firth said each member of the task force is involved in collecting information from a variety of groups with input on the issues of residentiality.

The 15-member task force was appointed last spring by Father David Tyson, vice president for student affairs, to study six areas of residentiality, a press release stated. The issues to be examined include:

- the quality, sufficiency and variety of living facilities for undergraduate and graduate students;
- the criteria for selection and evaluation of residence hall staffs;
- the structural and programmatic support available to hall staffs;
- the standard of conduct for student residents;
- the provision of services to meet the social, religious, cultural, volunteer and personal needs of resident students;
- the relationship between residential life and the academic mission of the University.

A survey on residentiality issues will be distributed to a sample of the student body next week to gauge student reaction, Challenger said.

"Students will be able to voice their opinions on coeducational housing," he said. "The survey is important. It will be a very valuable tool to our report."

Challenger said the task force is providing Father Malloy with information in order to identify key residentiality issues.

"The purpose of the survey is not so much to suggest changes as to look closer at certain issues," Challenger said. "Based on our report, (Malloy) will decide on what to investigate. Our report may have a direct bearing on his decision."

Wall Street greed reviewed

By **KIMBERLY TRENNER**
Senior Staff Reporter

"Insider trading is a very difficult thing to police," said Gregg Jarrell, speaking Monday at Notre Dame's "Ethics in the Investment Industry" symposium.

The former chief economist for the Securities and Exchange Commission was one of the many featured speakers at the symposium.

The symposium, which was held Monday through Wednesday, brought together the country's top market specialists with top ethics people.

Jarrell's discussion, titled "The Insider Trading Scandal," was the first of ten sessions in the symposium. Jarrell defined insider trading as the wrongful use of confidential information, he said.

Among those benefitting from insider trading today, he said, are take-over lawyers, investor lawyers, and tippees (those who receive a tip).

Insider trading is difficult to control, said Jarrell, because of the number of people who are exposed to sensitive information. "If you look at the whole process, you have hundreds of people who are in possession of or see sensitive information before a deal is made," he said. "It is hard to have a piece of information in your hands and not use it."

It is also hard to control insider trading because it is so difficult to prove. In order for a case to be taken into consideration, it must be proven that

confidential information has been misappropriated. "There must be a proper connection between the action and the harm," said Jarrell.

Jarrell cited several reasons for the rise of insider trading in the 1980's. "Merger and acquisition opportunities have increased, and the anti-trust laws have been reduced and loosened tremendously since Reagan," said Jarrell.

In response to the rise in insider trading, said Jarrell, there will be much more monitoring of employees. He also said that business schools are going to have to think very hard about what has been until now a neglected area. "Business ethics will be more common," he said.

Dennis McCann, a professor of Christian ethics at DePaul University, also spoke at this first session. McCann said that in order to straighten out the trading problems, a massive, coordinated and rational policy of investment is needed.

McCann said he is very skeptical about the ability of the regulatory process to promote the public interest. "I am very disturbed by what regulations actually produce and of the gap between what lobbyists ask for and what gets produced," he said.

McCann expressed concern for the protection of the "average shareholder" - that person who holds stock but does not have the resources to obtain the information that the insiders can get.

Richard DeGeorge, a distinguished professor of philoso-

phy at the University of Kansas, spoke at the second session, "The Ethical Issues."

DeGeorge said that the ethical climate of the firms on Wall Street is the ethical responsibility of top management. "If that climate has deteriorated it is their responsibility to come up with a solution, not the business schools or the government," he said. In the absence of such internal self-policing, he said, it is the right of the public to look elsewhere for remedies for what it perceives as harm to society.

DeGeorge suggested a restructuring of the investment system. "If the roots of the abuses are personal greed, the system would be better off if arbitrageurs were well-paid for their work by their firms, but precluded from trading for themselves as one of the conditions of their employment," he said.

Some radical suggestions to the ethical problems facing the market were posed by Father Drew Christiansen, professor of Christian ethics at Notre Dame. Christiansen said that we must find a strategy to make unproductive greed unprofitable. Business success must be tied to providing a service to the public, he said.

Christiansen said that we also need to recruit older, more experienced people to the market to serve more creatively in that area rather than to worry primarily about returns on investments, as many new, freshly educated graduates do.

SUB

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SUB was charged with violations of the student constitution.

Janel Blount, SUB director, said, "There have been violations of the Student Government Constitution if you interpret it strictly." Blount said, "SUB is being unfairly singled out." She said if one part of Student Government is being assessed other organizations in Student Government should be assessed also.

Blount said she is not concerned over the assessment.

She said, "Assessments are positive and nothing negative can come of it."

According to Blount, one past violation pertained to having an assistant director of student activities who was more active than the position originally was meant to be. The assistant director made agendas in the past, but Blount said, "It is not happening this year, but it did happen in the past."

At an SUB Steering Committee meeting Thursday, the members discussed ways to correct the problems outlined by Jaeger at Monday night's Student Senate meeting. Jeff Woody, controller of SUB said,

"Pat Cooke wanted us to bring specific recommendations to the senate at the next meeting."

Woody said SUB would bring before the senate their interpretations of the constitution. He said they will also present their views on the violations of the constitution.

SUB is upset with Jaeger's presentation of the violations at the senate meeting, according to Woody. He said, "Jaeger had never come to anyone on the board (SUB) and presented the violations he saw" before the meeting.

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Committee that will handle the nomination, said, "Kennedy seems on the surface like a mainstream conservative justice who I can support, but I'm going to withhold final judgment until I know a lot more about him."

During a 35-minute meeting Monday, Reagan asked Kennedy if there was anything in his background that would prove embarrassing, said presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater. He said there was nothing.

A graduate of Harvard Law School and resident of Sacramento, Calif., Kennedy was named to the appeals court by President Ford in 1975.

Kennedy has written opinions upholding capital punishment, the legality of paying women less than men in comparable jobs and the Navy's policy of discharging sailors who engage in homosexual conduct.

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Roommate games

Saint Mary's students Maureen Philbin and Therese Colby hosted "The Roommate Game" last night at Holy Cross Hall. The two emcees, also roommates, later announced that Jennifer Sante and Sheila Feeley (not shown) won the competition.

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Notre Dame/Saint Mary's phone books on the way

By DAN MURPHY
News Staff

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's telephone directories are on their way and should be distributed to students, faculty and staff by the end of this week.

The University Publications and Graphics Services office said the phone books currently are in transit between North Carolina and South Bend.

The directories, published annually, are normally distributed at the end of October

or the beginning of November, according to the office.

The Student Union Board will hand out 5,500 directories on- and off-campus as soon as the truckload of books arrives.

The office said the books were not considered late.

University Directories, the Chapel Hill, N.C., company responsible for publishing the phone books, prints them free of charge for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, according to the publications and graphics office. Last year the company published directories for 49 col-

leges and universities across the country. The sale of advertising space in the yellow pages section of the directories generates revenue for University Directories and helps students earn money during the summer, according to the office.

During the summer, teams of students recruited by University Directories solicit ads from local community businesses. Purchased ads appear in the directories published the following fall.

Senior Steve Clark said he heard about University Directories last February through Career and Placement Services. He was interviewed and hired to sell ads during the summer as part of a six person team. The team spent six weeks selling ads to businesses serving the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community and two weeks selling ads to businesses around Western Michigan University, he said.

Clark said he worked on a straight commission basis and is still receiving checks from

his summer work. He said the job was challenging and sometimes intimidating, but he quickly learned that his potential to make money was "limitless." Clark said his team sold ads to over 100 businesses that had previously advertised in the directory. He also developed 40 new accounts in the South Bend/Mishawaka region, Clark said.

University Directories will tentatively be recruiting on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses this February, according to current schedules.

Surprise snowfall buries East Coast

Associated Press

More than a half-foot of snow piled up in parts of the Northeast and temperatures swooped into the 30s in the South on Wednesday as wintry weather arrived more than a month early and caused dozens of accidents that killed at least six people.

Snowfall ranged from up to two inches in the mountains of North Carolina to seven to nine inches in the Pocono Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania. Up to six inches fell in the Catskill Mountains of New York and Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts.

"This is like Siberia," said Trooper Joseph Perechinsky at the State Police barracks in Towanda, Pa. "It is snowing and blowing and the flag is blowing straight out."

Sections of major highways in the metropolitan areas of Baltimore, New York and Richmond, Va., were shut down briefly Wednesday morning to allow highway crews to sand and salt bridges, intersections and overpasses.

"We're welcoming the winter with a little excitement and

a little overtime," said Vito Turso, spokesman for the New York City sanitation department which called in 800 workers on their day off.

However, police reported, many drivers were off slick roads because of the Veterans Day holiday. Schools, banks and local, state and federal government offices were closed and kept people at home.

In the Washington, D.C., area, where temperatures reached 72 on Monday, seven inches of snow fell by 2 p.m., with a predicted 16 inches possible, blanketing the sites of Veterans Day activities at the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia and at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

National Weather Service spokesman Ed Schoenberg said the snowfall broke the 1967 record when the total for the entire month was 6.9 inches.

The snow led first lady Nancy Reagan to cancel a planned trip to New York City to attend a concert at Carnegie Hall by pianist Vladimir Feltsman.

School sessions and many scheduled events were cancelled.



Pork chop

A Saint Mary's "baby bio" class ends a period of studying their fetal pigs by really getting to the "heart"

of the matter. The students have been dissecting the animals for the past month.

The Observer / Heleni Korwek

Howitzer taken for a joy ride

Associated Press

DENVER A self-propelled, 27-ton Army artillery piece dubbed "Clyde" was stolen from Fort Carson early Wednesday and driven about 70 miles along Interstate 25 before it ran out of fuel in Denver.

Two men inside, a young soldier and a civilian, were arrested.

The tracked 155mm howitzer, "a big cannon on tracks," was not carrying ammunition, said Sgt. John Millar, an Army public information officer at

Fort Carson, near Colorado Springs.

The incident began shortly after 1 a.m. when the post was notified that the M-109 howitzer, measuring 12 feet high and six feet wide, was moving on I-25 toward Denver, Millar said.

The \$758,000 vehicle, which can fire shells weighing around 90 pounds, was traveling only with small directional headlights that only show up faintly, Millar said.

Officers from the Colorado State Patrol "more or less es-

corted it to Denver to assure safe travel," Millar said. The howitzer ran out of gasoline at an intersection in a residential neighborhood.

A woman who lives near the intersection, about six or seven miles from downtown Denver, called the incident scary.

"I always thought we had security in these United States. But anything can happen," said Maria Pena. "You go to sleep, you wake up in the morning and find this thing right in front of your doorstep."

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Ortega tells OAS he supports peace

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega declared Wednesday his government is fully committed to complying with the Central America peace agreement and he renewed his offer to hold peace talks with the United States.

"Nicaragua is ready to comply 100 percent with the agreement," Ortega declared in a dramatic hour-long appearance before the General Assembly of the Organization of American States during his first visit to Washington in eight years. Ortega wore a conservative gray suit instead of his usual outfit for public appearances -- combat fatigues.

He thus disputed President Reagan's charge before the same audience on Monday that Nicaragua is "nowhere near" meeting its obligations.

An overflow crowd filled the main meeting room at OAS headquarters.

In the standing-room-only crowd were all six members of the Contra leadership; they listened intently as Ortega spoke. Afterward, one of the most veteran Contra leaders, Adolfo

Calero, called Ortega's speech "lengthy, boring and without real substance."

Ortega's call for a direct dialogue with the United States was rejected immediately by the U.S. ambassador to the OAS, Richard McCormack, who said that Reagan had laid out strict conditions for re-opening diplomatic contacts with Sandinista officials.

Ortega said that although Nicaragua has taken a number of steps to meet its commitments under the regional peace agreement he signed last August, the United States has undercut the accord by sending weapons and other equipment on 140 resupply flights to the country's Contra rebels since then.

He said the weapons include ground-to-air missiles which are threatening domestic and international air traffic in Nicaragua. U.S. spy flights also have continued, he said.

The peace agreement was signed by Nicaragua and four Central American neighbors -- Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica.

Damage

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said.

HPC members said Goldrick told them that the University usually does cover minor damage charges, but because this was such a large amount, the University didn't want to set a precedent by paying the bill.

HPC members said Goldrick told them that students definitely would have to pay the damages, so the administration wanted to have the stu-

dents involved in the decision about how the damages would be assessed.

Some HPC members expressed concern that a precedent might be set in which the student body as a whole could be assessed damages for the actions of only some students.

The HPC said University officials collected ID cards from 16 or 17 students during the food fight. Each has already paid a fine to the University, Coene said. But these are disciplinary fines, and this money will not be applied to the \$1,400 of damages, she said.

Soviets oust communist boss

Associated Press

MOSCOW Boris Yeltsin, a former protege of Mikhail Gorbachev who criticized the slow pace of the Soviet leader's reform drive, was dismissed Wednesday as Moscow Communist Party boss.

His departure appeared to be a setback for Gorbachev's campaign for franker criticism of problems in Soviet society, and could herald a more conservative approach to the country's economic woes.

It was not immediately clear whether Yeltsin's removal marked a personal defeat for Gorbachev. In a highly unusual move, Gorbachev attended the Moscow Communist Party committee meeting at which Yeltsin was ousted, indicating that he had a hand in the decision.

Yeltsin, who as Moscow party chief held one of the top party posts in the country, was the highest-ranking Gorbachev protege to lose his job since Gorbachev became the Soviet Communist Party chief in March 1985.

The 56-year-old Yeltsin had been among the most vocal supporters of Gorbachev's plans for "perestroika," the ambitious restructuring of the Soviet economy and society.

But at an Oct. 21 meeting of

the party's Central Committee, Yeltsin criticized the style of the leadership and the speed with which the Soviet leader's reform program was being implemented. He then offered to resign. It was not clear whether he criticized Gorbachev.

Gorbachev's position on Yeltsin's removal was not known, but the move seemed certain to strengthen the hand of party conservatives.

The official Tass news agency said the Moscow party committee on Wednesday found Yeltsin guilty of "major shortcomings" in his work as party chief and relieved him of his duties.

It said the meeting also approved a decision made at the October Central Committee meeting to brand Yeltsin's critical speech "politically erroneous."

Yeltsin was succeeded by Lev Zaikov, 63, a member of the 13-man ruling Politburo who once headed the Communist Party apparatus in Leningrad, the Soviet Union's largest city after Moscow.

Tass said Gorbachev spoke at Wednesday's Moscow party meeting, but gave no details. It was not known when Gorbachev last attended a meeting of the committee.

Gorbachev criticized "headstrong" advocates of

domestic reform in a Nov. 2 speech that appeared to be directed at Yeltsin and others demanding quicker implementation of reforms.

"It should be clear that one cannot leap over essential stages and try to accomplish everything in one go," Gorbachev said. "Reconstruction carries on the revolutionary cause, and today it is absolutely essential to master the skill of exercising revolutionary self-restraint."

Yeltsin, who was named to a candidate, or non-voting, seat on the Politburo in February 1986, reportedly drew a rebuke after his speech last month from Yegor Ligachev, the Kremlin's No. 2 man and a reputed conservative force in the Politburo.

Ligachev also took part in the Moscow party meeting, Tass said, without providing details.

Despite the Kremlin's policy of "glasnost" or openness, party sessions like the plenum of the Moscow city committee and October's Central Committee meeting are usually reported in general terms.

Yeltsin, former party boss of the industrial city of Sverdlovsk in the Urals, was appointed Moscow party chief in December 1985.



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Society suffers from a love of words

While filling out applications for graduate schools, I ran across something interesting in the directions for completing the application. In the section for writing a personal statement the admissions board of this particular university advises the applicant that "brevity is the soul of wit."

Brian Broderick

sincerely yours

My first reaction was one of disdain. Here I am filling out a tedious, time-consuming application for graduate school and I learn that "brevity is the soul of wit?" These people have just asked me for everything but my shoe size and now I am asked to be brief in my personal statement. Okay, so hypocrisy extends beyond the world of

Notre Dame. This comes as no surprise to most of us.

Then I looked at the quote more closely and realized that nothing in our world is very brief and that wit is sorely lacking in any type of communication. Evidence for this observation is apparent by simply examining our very own campus publications.

Take for example the self-indulgent, moralistic drivel put out by the pseudo-intellectuals on this campus known as "Common Sense." Not only does this publication give new meanings to the word tedious, but its lack of wit is only compensated by its ability to induce narcosis. (I am sure Ann Pettifer will admire my choice of vocabulary in describing her tiresome rag, my only regret is not commenting on the female genitalia aspects of Vatican II. I know that would really peak her interests). Mercifully this publication is thrust

upon us only once a month.

Scholastic's attempts at wit have been few and far between. Not only are they long and witless, but the magazine itself lacks any soul. When a magazine's sole attempt at humor consists of a comic strip from the juvenile Matt Groening, then we have a definite problem in defining the terms.

What is really disappointing about Scholastic is that it takes itself and its "investigative journalism" so seriously. Do these people really think they are proving anything? Obviously the people behind the current "Student Survey" are responsible for the path taken by Scholastic.

I would be remiss to exclude our own precious Observer which brings to us weekly a mindspill from a certain cleric who takes tedious and long writing one step too far into the realm of the absurd. And, of course, we are

all aware of the deep abiding interest that our faithful Viewpoint editor inspires when he prints those provocative columns written by Joe Unknown concerning the relief efforts contributed to the Nicaraguan civil war.

Nothing is really brief anymore. Anywhere from philosophy class to Presidential elections, we are stuck in a malaise of long-winded, unamusing events in our daily lives. If brevity is really the soul of wit, then our country is suffering through a very somber era. Can anything be done or said in a clever, succinct fashion? My experiences here on this campus and observations of the outside world have shown to me a general lack of wit or clarity in today's society. The Bard must be turning in his grave.

Brian Broderick is a senior Government major and a regular Viewpoint columnist.

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Drunk driving hurts everyone

Dear Editor:

Picture your best friend. Remember all the things you've done together and all the great times you've had. Remember the parties, the football games, days playing basketball and nights at the bars. Remember the long talks; the things you told him that you couldn't tell anyone else. Remember the times when you were depressed, angry or sad and he was there for you. Remember all the times you were just glad he was around.

Now imagine walking home from one of those great times and watching as your best friend is killed by a swerving car. Imagine your devastation when you realize that your best friend has been taken from you by the senseless actions of a drunk driver. Imagine your best friend gone forever. No more great times, no more long talks, no more times together. Only memories and a lot of "what-ifs." Now picture the other side. Imagine being at a party or the bars and it's time to go home. Imagine that you've had a couple of beers but think you're o.k. to drive. Maybe the rest of the carload has been drinking too and you're their only way home.

Imagine driving along, talking about the great time you've just had, and seeing the person in the road too late. Try to imagine the utter horror you would feel knowing that you have just hit and killed someone, someone's best friend.

For the ten of us, the scene we describe requires no imagination. It happened. On December 6, 1986, last year, our best friend Mike Cogswell was killed when someone, who on that particular night had too much to drink, got behind the wheel and didn't see Mike in time. In an instant our best friend was gone.

It's hard to express in words the feelings of shock, devastation and grief that accompanied the first few hours after the accident. In the days that followed we tried to deal with our sense of loss as we consoled each other, our friends and Mike's family. Traveling to his home at Syracuse, participating in the funeral and burying Mike will always live with us as the most difficult thing we've ever done. The week was a nightmare.

Returning home to ND we all began to think about the accident. We heard good things about the driver, what a nice guy he was. We realized that it could have been any of us driving that car. That all of us have at one time or another, driven having had a few

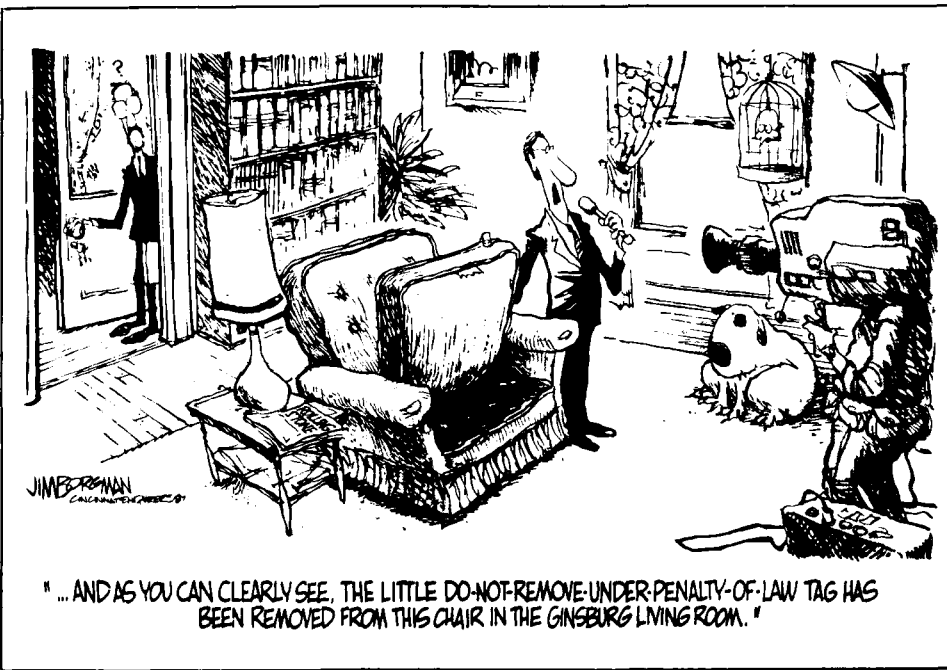
drinks. We vowed to stop drinking and driving and, hopefully, touch other people with the same message.

The message is don't let it happen again. Don't drink and drive. Don't let your friends drink and drive. If someone had been a designated driver on December 6 our best friend would still be alive. No good time is worth saying

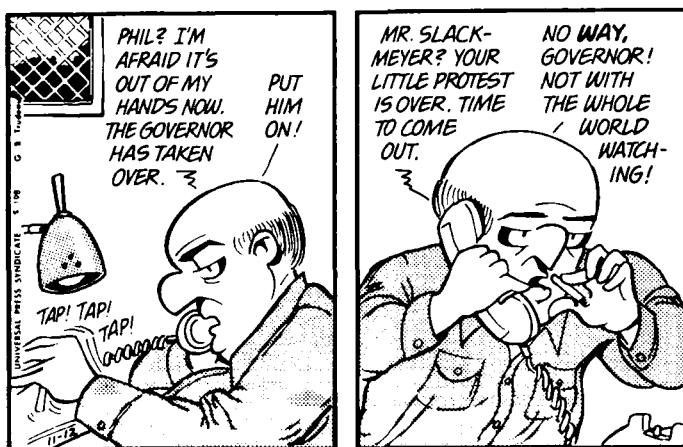
goodbye forever to someone you love. Picture your best friend.

The roommates of Michael Cogswell

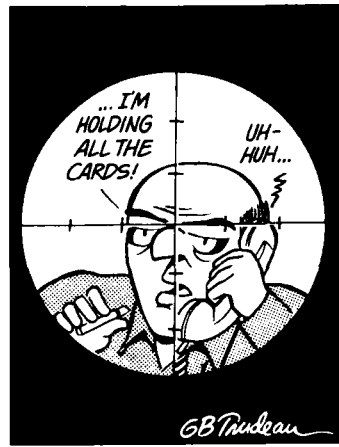
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Quote of the Day

"The majority of men are subjective towards themselves and objective towards all others, terribly objective sometimes - but the real task is in fact to be objective towards oneself and subjective towards all others."

Soren Kierkegaard
The Journals of Kierkegaard

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Spyro Gyra spirals to success

KIM YURATOVAC
assistant accent editor

Bands emerge and disintegrate without the blink of even a serious music lover's eye. It is quite a feat for a single band to secure a following for ten years. Spyro Gyra has achieved just that kind of success, hard-earned and long lasting.

"We've been very successful playing music we like," said Beckenstein in a phone interview, "we've managed to sustain a steady growth for ten years. It's put us in a great place. I'm not looking to go quadruple platinum next year or be a huge sensation, I'm looking to be around twenty years from now."

Beckenstein and his old friend Jeremy Hall started the group in Buffalo, New York in 1975, billing themselves as "Jazz On Tuesday." The name Spyro Gyra was meant to be a joke. "It's a name I first ran across in a biology textbook," said Beckenstein, "It's a kind of algae, nothing special unless you really like algae. It was flippant. It was a joke."

The owner of the club where Beckenstein's band was playing, was "obnoxiously persistent" that the band choose a name, so Beckenstein responded with an obnoxious title.

"It's spelled incorrectly," said Beckenstein, "because the owner came back the next week and advertised with that name. He made a spelling error, instead of using i's, he used y's. And we stuck with the spelling error."

Along with the spelling error, the success that was born in the Tuesday night jams stuck with the group. Since then, the band has released 11 albums that have crossed the musical barriers between jazz, pop and rock-- although the primary focus of the group has been on jazz.

"To some extent, we're rock people's favorite jazz group and jazz people's favorite rock group," noted Beckenstein.

The group's most recent album, "Stories Without Words," released this August, has been a success. The title is descriptive of a group which has never and does not intend on includ-

ing vocals in their music. Beckenstein acknowledges that without vocals, the group can not merge into the mainstream of pop music.

When asked if the group intends to ever move into the mainstream of pop music, Beckenstein answered, "To truly move to the mainstream of pop music, the band would absolutely have to have vocals. There's no exception to that rule. We have no plans to put vocals on our records so I guess the answer to that question is no."

The group's unique renditions of 1987 jazz have earned them the respect of the music world. They are now embarking on a two-week tour of Europe, where they have already established a following, especially in Austria, Switzerland and Germany.

Members now consist of Beckenstein, Tom Schuman on keyboards, Dave Samuels on vibraphone, Julio Fernandez on guitars, Rich Morales on drums, Manolo Badrena on percussion and Robert Vally on bass.

Badrena's addition has added

a new dimension in the sound of the group. "He has made a much larger contribution than a percussionist has ever made on our albums," noted Beckenstein, "that tended to send things in that percussion, Latin-oriented direction."

The group recently added bassist Roberto Vally to replace Kim Stone, who left the band to pursue personal interests.

"Kim was a great bass player," said Beckenstein, "but there are a lot of other bass players out there and we're the kind of group that great bass players want to play in, so when it came to looking for a replacement for Kim, there was no shortage of really great people. And Roberto is a great bass player."

The untimely death of producer Rich Calandra left Beckenstein to produce "Stories Without Words" by

himself. Beckenstein and Calandra had collaborated on the earlier albums, but Beckenstein was prepared for the solo task because in recent years, he had concentrated on the production of Spyro Gyra while Calandra guided the efforts of other bands which the duo produced.

Beckenstein is satisfied with the group's success. "I think it's an amazing success. For a group that makes a few compromises as we do, it's astounding," Beckenstein doesn't mind not getting the recognition and hype that inflate some bands to stardom. For Beckenstein, the success of Spyro Gyra depends on pursuing music they enjoy and "defying definition" to create "contemporary, electric instrumentals."

Spyro Gyra will be in concert at the Morris Civic Auditorium November 18 at 8 p.m.

Close encounters

KATHY SCARBECK
accent writer

After Bing Crosby died, his wife Catherine wrote Reverend Robert Murphy saying, "I hope you'll always know how special you were to Bing."

Ray Bolger, who played the Scarecrow in "The Wizard of Oz," gave Murphy a picture with the following inscription: "I haven't got a brain but I've got a friend--you. Please pray for me."

On a Friday afternoon last month, a representative from Hope Enterprises invited Murphy to come to Bob Hope's show in Chicago. So Murphy and three companions, notebooks and camera in tow, piled into a car and headed for an encounter with a show business legend.

Murphy, who has just finished a five and a half year stint as vocation director for the diocese of Kansas City/St. Joseph in Missouri, is currently taking part in a sebatikal program for priests at Holy Cross Junior College. At the Center for Continuing Formation in Ministry, participants re-examine what they learned in the seminary core curriculum and apply it after having years of practical experience as priests.

During the trip to the Windy City, Murphy entertained his travel companions with stories about his show business contacts. While he was still in high school, Murphy performed with a band that played music made popular by Bing Crosby.

He credits Crosby's "positive, upbeat" portrayal of a priest in the movie "The Bells of St. Mary's" with influencing his decision to enter the seminary. Murphy then wrote the actor, telling Crosby of his impressions.

"Bing was flattered that his portrayal had an effect on the life of a seminarian," Murphy says. The two began corresponding and exchanging phone calls in 1965 and continued

until Crosby's death in 1977.

Murphy received an invitation from the Crosbys to visit them at their home in California. On New Year's Day in 1969 Murphy found himself in the Crosby household telling stories to a young Mary Crosby who sat on his knees.

"How many guys do you know who've had the girl who shot J.R. sit on their lap?" Murphy asks, referring to the actress' former role on "Dallas".

Murphy first met Bob Hope later that year when he was able to do a favor for the comedian, and the two have met again on two or three separate occasions.

When Murphy heard that Hope was going to perform in Chicago in early October, he wrote the comedian a letter relating his friendship with Crosby, who had died ten years ago that month. Some time later, Murphy received a call from a representative for Hope Enterprises. The man said that he could meet with Hope for a few minutes after that evening's show. Someone named Mark Anthony worked for Hope and was to insure that he could get backstage.

So when Murphy and his companions entered the Old Chicago Theater later that night, they were rather surprised to discover Mark Anthony, wine glass in hand, hawking programs in the lobby. He explained to the group that he didn't have tickets for them but promised to "sneak" the four in after the show started.

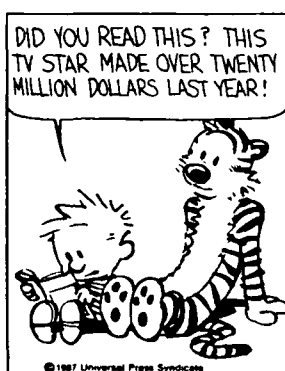
After a few late comers purchased the last of his programs, Mark Anthony ushered his guests through a side exit and down a dimly lit alley. Two burly security guards, clad in pressed slacks and ill-fitting suit jackets, were posted before the stage door.

Mark Anthony exchanged greetings with the expressionless pair and led his group through the door and down a



Jay Beckenstein, producer of Spyro Gyra, demonstrates the "contemporary, electric instrumentals" the group is famous for.

Calvin and Hobbes



Bill Watterson



Spyro Gyra, the band named after a type of algae, will be performing November 18 at the Morris Civic Auditorium.

s of the superstar kind

series of hallways into the theater. Anthony then directed his guests to take four empty seats in the eighth row.

On stage a plump woman in a black sequined dress was singing a piece written by Irving Berlin. The younger members of Murphy's group soon recognized her as Rosemary Clooney, the lady in the paper towel commercials. ("Extra value is what you get, when you buy Coronet.") Older audience members remembered her as Bing Crosby's co-star in the film classic "White Christmas."

During the intermission which followed Clooney's performance, a theater manager approached Murphy's group and demanded to see their tickets. Somehow she found out that the four hadn't paid the \$27.50 admission charge; the woman made it clear that they'd either have to pay or leave the theater, regardless of whether Hope had invited them.

But Mark Anthony had other plans, he directed the group backstage. "You don't have to have a ticket," Anthony announced as he set up four chairs in the stage wings, "You can stay right here."

"Backstage we can have whoever the hell we want," he continued, apparently undisturbed by the white collars and black suits worn by two of his guests.

"Really?" Father Murphy asked, unfazed. "God damn right," Anthony returned, looking rather proud of himself.

"Two minutes, gentleman," called out the stage manager, as he paced backstage. Murphy's group listened to the orchestra tune up. They were so close to the musicians that they could read the notes on the sheet music. Someone brought them Dixie cups filled with water.

And then they met him. The show business legend came

backstage and looked rather quizzically at the pair of priests and two students sitting in the wings.

Murphy took the initiative and shook Hope's hand, reminding the comedian of their prior meetings. The other members of the group followed his lead and quickly mumbled introductions.

The meeting couldn't have lasted more than a few minutes before the curtain went up and Hope walked on stage. During his performance Hope danced and sang with an agility that belied his 84 years.

And then there were the jokes. Hope hit everything from Reagan to religion to his age:

"Are you a Jehovah's witness? Hell no, I didn't even see the accident."

"My wife's really Catholic. She thinks Oral Roberts is a dentist."

"When I get up in the morning, I don't feel my age. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon and then I take a nap."

After the performance, Murphy and his companions met with Hope again and took some pictures. A stage hand told the comedian that Sammy Davis, Jr. had called the theater just a few minutes before the show ended. Then, as Hope's four visitors were about to ask for a group photo, Rosemary Clooney glided backstage.

Murphy and his friends watched the pair of screen legends go upstairs to Hope's dressing room. Although the four didn't get as many pictures as they would have liked, it was still an unforgettable evening. Exiting through the stage door, they left the theater—thanking Bob for the memories.



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Reverend Robert Murphy poses with Bob Hope after his performance at the Old Chicago Theater.

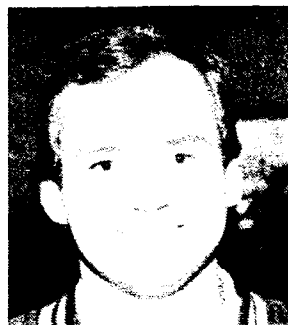
'Right to Know':

Should public officials' past activities be held against them?

Compiled by Cara Anthony and Kathryn Ellis
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"Smoking marijuana wouldn't necessarily affect how one would be as a Supreme Court justice. Ginsburg lied about other things, though, like how many cases he tried for the country. It's sad for the people involved that these things are found out, but it's better in the long run for our country."

Kate Murray
Junior



"A prospective candidate's past matters more when it reflects directly back on the job he would do. In Bork's case, his past had a lot to do with how we think he would function as a justice."

Dennis Hughes
Senior

"If a candidate made a mistake before he was a public figure, it shouldn't be held against him, but if it happened during his career, as in the case of Gary Hart, he should have known that it would be detrimental to his career."

Mimi Suba
Freshman



"People tend to blow small things out of proportion. Everyone can make a mistake once in a while but if they did it on a constant basis and they knew it was wrong, the mistake should be made public."

Joe Watson
Sophomore

"You elect a candidate for who he is today, not for who he was yesterday. I think people want to know about a candidate's past so they can criticize him and feel like good citizens."

Dan Beaton
Freshman



"I think the press is going a little too far now. Time has a lot to do with it. If questionable behavior happened a long time ago, then it's not important, but if it happened recently it's worth bringing out into the open."

Becky Besser
Sophomore

"Well, I think in the case of the judges, what's at stake is their past record as judges, not their past record as college students. Everyone has something they don't want other people to know."

John Uhran
Sophomore



"I think the press is carrying it too far because what the candidate did in the past is irrelevant to what's going on now and in the future. The media didn't handle it well—they blew it way out of proportion."

Stephanie Burke
Junior

Aggressive freshman

Andre Jones makes his mark

By PETE SKIKO
Sports Writer

The Irish score. The crowd goes wild, but settles down during the ensuing timeout. The Notre Dame kickoff team trots onto the field, except for number seven, who prances out, waving his arms wildly, inciting the crowd to come alive and rally behind the Irish.

Thousands of fans thumb through their Notre Dame programs. Seven? Who's number seven?

If freshman Andre Jones has his way, future fans won't have to flip through their programs or look way down in the depth chart for his number. He's hoping that his number will be firmly implanted in their memories from his play on defense and special teams.

Jones, Maryland's defensive player of the year last year, is both optimistic and realistic regarding his ability to contribute now and in the future.

"We've got great linebackers this year," says Jones, an outside linebacker by trade. "and I realize that I might not be as

strong this year as the guys who have been here a while. But I'm hoping to start at outside linebacker next year and work towards all-American as an upperclassman."

Jones has been an absolute headhunter on the kickoff team this year, backing up his pre-kickoff exuberance with results - ten solo tackles and three assists, most of them rather convincing. He has been practical in going about getting playing time.

"I don't go nuts before the kickoff to get my name known," says Jones, the 6-4, 220-pound Hyattsville, Md. native. "It's just something I've always done. The crowd was really down after Boston College got off to the start they did. When it was 25-12, I didn't want our home field advantage to slip away. So when we scored, I tried to pump the crowd up a little bit. You can't believe how psyched it makes the guys on defense when they know the crowd is behind them."

"I figure that if I can make an impression right away on special teams, I'll be able to

work into the defense eventually. But I have a lot of fun on the special teams. I don't do anything that special when I cover kicks. Basically, I run down the field as fast as I can and find the ball. If you can get down there right away and mess up the return team's wedge, you can create a little havoc and maybe give somebody else a shot at the tackle if you don't get it."

Jones has had very little problem adjusting to the Irish system, and has already seen limited time at linebacker. Members of the team seem to know that Jones has the potential to help the squad quite a bit.

"I've had no problems with the guys on the team," says Jones. "Everybody's been great - trying to help you out when they can. (Outside linebacker) Cedric Figaro has been kind of an inspiration to me so far. To me, he's the epitome of a linebacker. He's intense, a hitter, and really consistent. (Free safety) Brandy Wells, too. They're a couple of good guys to study."

Clemens wins Cy Young

Associated Press

NEW YORK Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox became the first American League pitcher in more than a decade to win two straight Cy Young awards, capturing the 1987 trophy Wednesday despite a spring training holdout and 4-6 start. Now, he says he can aim for the record books.

"It's an individual award. It gives me something to shoot for, something that no one has done before, win a third time in a row," Clemens said at a Houston news conference. "I

beat the jinx. Now, I guess I have to do it again."

Clemens, who lives in Katy, Texas, had 256 strikeouts in 281 2-3 innings this year. He received 21 of 28 first-place votes and 124 points in balloting by a panel of Baseball Writers Association of America members.

Jimmy Key of Toronto, 17-8 with a league-leading earned-run average of 2.76, had four first-place votes and 64 points to finish a distant second. Dave Stewart of Oakland, at 20-13 the only other 20-game winner in the AL, was third with two first-place votes 32 points.

MCC

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Soccer

There is one word to describe the role of soccer in the MCC - confusing.

Conference members Evansville and St. Louis are the two soccer powers in the region, but there is no guarantee Notre Dame will face either team next season.

Soccer officials are still debating what format to use in scheduling league competition. Many coaches do not want to tie up six of their allotted 21 matches with league games, so some favor splitting the league into two divisions, with the Irish, Aces and Billikens all having to play each other.

A post-season tournament is also held, but coaches such as

Sports Briefs

Sports writers are asked to attend a meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the Observer office to sign up for winter sports. -The Observer

CBS Sports will hold a seminar on sports broadcasting today at 3:15 p.m. at the LaFortune Little Theatre. The seminar will feature Michael Burks, the coordinating producer for college football for CBS, color commentator Pat Haden, a director, an assistant producer and a production associate. CBS holds the weekly "CBS Sports on Campus" seminars at the home sites of games the network televises each week. -The Observer

Ice time sign-ups will be held today at 1 p.m. in the JACC. Teams may sign up for a maximum of one hour per week. Cost is \$50 per hour. Questions should be directed to Tom Carroll at 5227. -The Observer

The women's soccer team will have its first indoor game today at 8 p.m. Meet at the Library circle at 7:30 p.m. If there are any questions call Kate at 2904. -The Observer

The men's basketball team will play an intrasquad scrimmage game Saturday at 11:30 a.m., prior to the ND-Alabama football game. -The Observer

Keith Tower, a 6-11, 228-pound center from Coraopolis, Pa., became the second basketball player to sign a letter of intent to attend Notre Dame next fall. Elmer Bennett, a 6-1 guard from Houston, Tx., committed to the Irish early last month. -The Observer

Irish head coach Dennis Grace do not want to play the same team more than once any season. Starting in 1989, however, the tournament champion is supposed to receive an automatic NCAA Tournament bid. So there is talk of not having any regular season league games.

In that case there would be no guarantee that Notre Dame would face Evansville and St. Louis, and as the Irish found out this season, not having ranked teams on your schedule can hurt your tournament bid chances.

Swimming

Both the men's and women's swimming teams probably will join the MCC this season, but it is not definite.

If the two teams do join this year, Notre Dame's participation will mean competing in the

MCC championship swim meet.

Tennis

It remains uncertain as to whether the men's tennis team will join the MCC this spring or in the spring of 1989. Notre Dame has a schedule conflict on the date of this spring's MCC tournament.

"When we were there two years ago, it was a Notre Dame-Evansville battle for first, and both were very close," said Tim Welsh, the coach of Notre Dame's men's and women's teams.

The women's tennis team won the North Star Conference every year it was a member, and the Irish figure to have similar success in the MCC. In the North Star, the Irish had to play dual matches with conference opposition in the fall, but in the MCC the Irish only will have to compete in the MCC tournament.

Volleyball

The volleyball team will leave the North Star after this season, but will not join the MCC for two more years.

"For the next two years, we'll basically be an independent," said Irish volleyball coach Art Lambert. "We'll see in two years what the situation is with the MCC. This is no real benefit to us."

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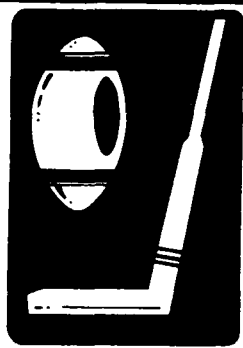
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Lance Madson makes a save earlier this season. The hockey team will be looking to take some pressure off of their sophomore goaltender this

weekend when they face Lake Forest in a home-and-home series. Pete Skiko has the details at right.

The Observer / John Studebaker

Hockey faces Foresters; looks to break tie streak

By PETE SKIKO
Sports Writer

Sister-kissing is not high on Notre Dame head hockey coach Ric Schafer's priority list.

But that's all the Irish could muster -- two ties -- last weekend against Kent State. The 5-5 and 6-6 deadlocks sent Notre Dame's record to 1-1-2, and Schafer thinks it is about time the Irish got out of the 'T' column and back into the 'W' column.

The Irish will get their chance this weekend when they play a home-and-home series with Lake Forest. Friday night, the teams will face off at the ACC and Saturday night the series shifts to Lake Forest. Both games are at 7:30 p.m.

"We're not going to win our conference one point at a time," said Schafer, in his first

year at the Irish helm. "We've played pretty well early in the season, and if we hadn't made a couple of mistakes near the end of both of last weekend's games, we might have come away better than we did. If we can get a couple of wins this weekend, it'll probably do a lot for our confidence."

Schafer feels that the team has had a good week of practice and that it is a just a matter of time before the team starts hitting a groove.

"These are the games we most have to worry about," said Schafer. "Lake Forest is in our conference. Those are the games we have to win. Later in the season we play St. Thomas, a tough Division III school, but we can't look ahead because the name of the game is winning in your conference. I'd like to come away with a sweep."

Bama

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defense doesn't appear any slower this season.

On the other hand, the Irish offensive line outweighs the 'Bama defensive front by about 25 pounds a man. The Notre Dame line, led by four fifth-year seniors, has opened gaping holes in the last four consecutive victories, and has even been getting credit in the papers and on television -- which is traditionally unusual for the men in the trenches.

It's the old battle of size vs. strength.

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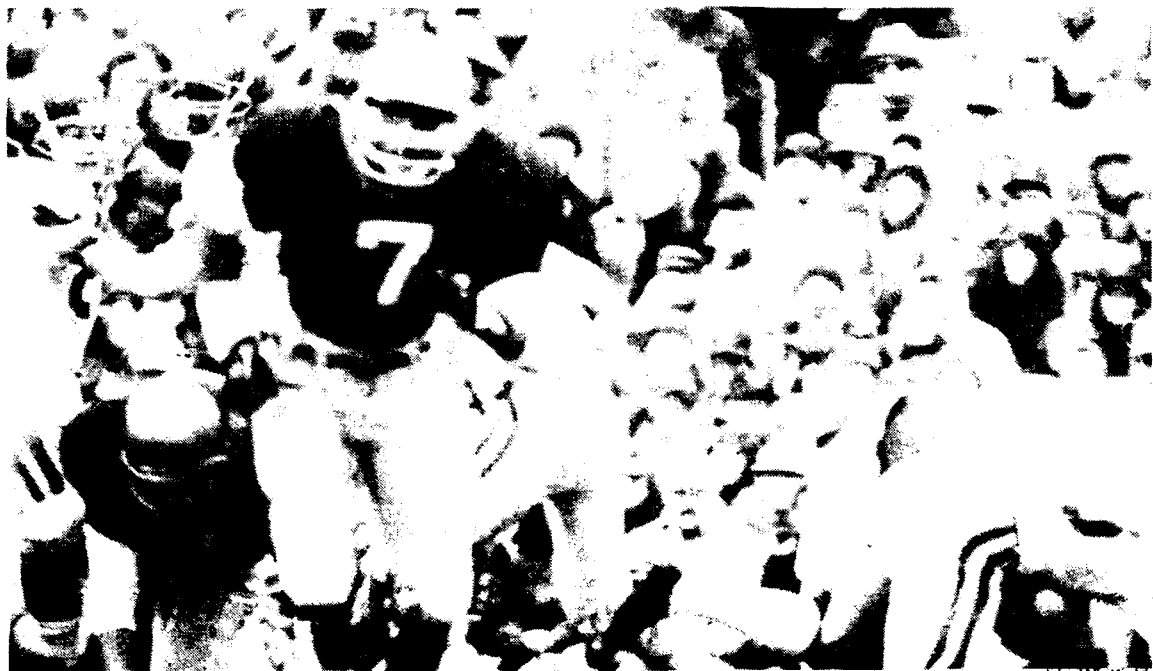
Curry also pointed out something that not too many teams are concerned about coming into Notre Dame Stadium: looking past the Irish.

What? Looking past the Irish? That just doesn't happen.

Don't laugh too soon. Alabama is in a race for the Southeastern Conference championship and a bid to the Sugar Bowl. Next week's game between the Tide and Auburn will not only answer a lot of questions about who gets the SEC title, but is the annual contest for state bragging rights.

"When you consider all the factors here, and that our primary goal is the SEC, I think it's a valid concern and one we're taking very seriously," Curry said. "It's hard to believe we even have to think about that against Notre Dame, but if we overlook this game, we're going to get embarrassed."

If the Crimson Tide needs any incentive to play well against Notre Dame, the Sugar Bowl chooses the representative in case of an SEC tie. Overall record and national ranking come into play.



Andre Jones (7) breaks out of the pack and heads downfield to register a hit against USC earlier

this season. Pete Skiko features the freshman special teams artist on page 11.

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Ricky Watters heads for paydirt. The freshman tailback has been a welcome addition to an already-strong Irish backfield. Brian O'Gara features Watters at right.

Freshman tailback

Watters making a big splash

By BRIAN O'GARA
Assistant Sports Editor

Cool and calm in the locker room. Excited in the tunnel. And downright dangerous on the football field.

That's a brief definition of freshman tailback Ricky Watters, whose membership in Notre Dame's 'Pony-Express' backfield has given Irish fans a lot to cheer about and even more to look forward to.

The rookie has run for 261 yards and two touchdowns on 58 carries, the third-best rushing numbers on a team whose offense revolves around the running game.

Next Saturday when the Irish travel to Penn State to face the defending national champions, it will be a homecoming of sorts for the Harrisburg, Pa., native.

Like so many top high school players, Watters is inundated with scholarship offers to several top schools, including the Nittany Lions. But Watters and his family were particularly impressed with the sincerity of Head Coach Lou Holtz.

"He comes to your house," says Watters, "and he gives you that little smile and wink, he makes you feel so relaxed around him. As if he was saying, 'I have plans for you in the future.' And you tend to believe everything he says. I don't really know what it is. My Mom and Dad just loved him from the beginning. After he came to visit it was all 'Holtz, Holtz, Holtz.'"

Holtz counters with similar praise, citing the rapid improvement of his young back.

"The improvement Ricky has made since being here has been fantastic," says Holtz. "The biggest way he has improved is that he has better body lean and falls forward, whereas before Ricky just tried to beat every tackler."

Thanks to Holtz' use of several runners in his attack, Watters has seen minutes on the field and on the sideline.

"No matter who you put in, we're all going to do our job," says the freshman. "I like the way Coach Holtz gets us in there and gets our feet wet, to see what college football is all about. Coaches generally don't like to play freshmen, so I'm happy just getting time."

Humble thoughts for a guy named to USA Today's first-team All-America squad last fall. But when one thinks of the company he is keeping these days, it's easy to see why.

"You just have to marvel at a person like Tim Brown," says Watters. "You watch him play and see the things he can do, and yet he is so humble. Tim Brown, as good as he is, he's blocking for me. I'm a freshman. He's just such a great competitor."

"Mark Green is the same way," adds Watters. "They are just competitive people. They don't run around and say 'I'm gonna kick your butt.' They just do it."

With the emergence of the

wishbone in the Irish offensive attack, Watters has been able to take his quickness and drive to the outside off the pitch with impressive results.

"I love it (the option)," says Watters. "I like to go to the outside right now. Next year I'd like to get up to about 205 so I can be effective inside. Now when I get inside and through a hole, I look for something else, like another hole, instead of making things happen myself."

Though he may be hesitant squirting through the middle of the line, Watters is not shy about the thrill of playing Notre Dame football.

"You come outside the locker room," says Watters, "and you hear the band and the crowd saying 'Here come the Irish.' And you're thinking, 'That's right, here we come.' Whatever the team, it doesn't matter who is out there -- Miami, Alabama, Michigan, whoever -- here we come."

"When teams come in here, I don't think they expect to beat us. They want to win, but I know they see the gold helmets and it strikes fear in their hearts. When we walk out and look at them, you just feel so strong. I know our stadium has to do that to them, because it gets me so pumped up when I play there."

And when Watters takes the option pitch and jukes by opponents, you just know he's not the only one in the stadium who's pumped up.

Women

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top three individuals advancing to the NCAA championships.

The Irish are coming off a disappointing second-place finish in the North Star Conference Meet two weeks ago, a meet marked by inconsistent performances. DePaul placed three runners ahead of Notre Dame's top runner, a fact that led Ryan to begin looking for a frontrunner to emerge and compete for individual honors.

Junior co-captain Theresa Rice will be Ryan's best bet to challenge the leaders. Rice emerged as one of the top runners in the district early in the season, but tapered off toward the end of the campaign, finishing 15th at the Indiana Intercollegiate and eighth at the North Star. Rice finished 98th

last year at the districts.

Challenging Rice for the top spot will be senior co-captain Julia Merkel. Merkel was ninth at the Indiana Intercollegiate and 10th at the North Star. She finished 51st in last year's meet. Junior Terry Kibelstis will compete for the second week in a row after being sidelined for seven weeks with a stress fracture. Kibelstis returned to the squad in grand style last weekend with a ninth-place finish at the North Star and will be near 100 percent this week.

Joining the top three runners will be senior Kathleen Lehman, sophomore Linda Filar, and freshman Jenny Ledrick. Lehman has been consistent at the fourth and fifth spots, while Ledrick has been a pleasant surprise that gives Ryan hope for a bright future. Filar battles Lehman for the final point-scoring position.

Men

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strong competition for the Irish this weekend. Loyola recorded an early-season victory against the Irish, capturing the National Catholic Title, a meet in which the Irish finished second. Indiana scored a more recent win over the Irish, edging them by a meager 10 points, enroute to the Indiana Intercollegiate crown.

Piane last guided a team to the NCAA's in 1984 and may return with this year's squad. The Irish have remained consistent, opening the season by dismissing Georgetown 18-41 in Washington, D.C. and finishing up with a 17-41 rout of USC.

Success for the Irish lies in a total team effort. Strong individual efforts will be essential

from sophomore Mike O'Connor, junior Ron Markezich and senior captain Dan Garrett. Markezich and O'Connor were among the top five to cross the line in the Indiana Intercollegiate Meet, while Garrett broke the tape in the dual meet against USC.

The Irish hopes will also lie heavily on the shoulders of the Irish fourth and fifth finishers. Coach Piane is confident that any of four runners can fill these roles: Rick Mulvey, Mike Smoran, Pat Kearns, or Ryan Cahill.

Garrett, running in his third NCAA qualifier, feels confident, claiming that the team has gelled together well since its dual meet win over USC.

Garrett, Markezich and O'Connor also have a chance to qualify as individuals, the top 21 of which will also go the party in Virginia.

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Season soccer recap

Irish reach new heights

By PETE GEGEN
Sports Writer

So you say the Irish soccer team had such a good season that they should be in the NCAA Tournament.

All right, let's leave out all the mushy stuff about what a great season the Irish had. They must have done something wrong this season. After all, they didn't even make the tournament field.

You say only 24 teams in the entire country make the tournament? Hey, so what if there aren't quite as many teams in it as the basketball tournament? That Grace character has had an entire four seasons to make his team one of the best in the country.

And that 17-3-1 record? I heard those Irish soccer players didn't win some games by a lot of goals. Why, they even went to overtime six times, although they never lost any of those games.

So they beat some team called the Hoosiers. What did they do, play the game in a corn field? I can't believe that Hoosier team is the number-one team in the nation, even after they lost to this Irish team. Hey, don't you know it's football season?

It may be football season, but the Irish soccer team has ac-

complished enough this season to establish its own identity in the world of college athletics.

In just four seasons Irish head coach Dennis Grace has changed a mediocre team into a regional power. And just this season alone the Irish soccer team:

- cracked the national top-20 polls for the first time, climbing as high as seventh in Soccer America's poll and 16th in the ISAA coaches' poll. The team also gained its highest ranking ever in the Great Lakes region poll, holding the No. 2 position for several weeks.

- was the second-last team in the nation to lose a game. Only Harvard remained undefeated after the Irish fell to Portland in the 16th game of the season.
- defeated Indiana, 4-3 in overtime, for the first time in 10 meetings, thus becoming only the fourth team in the region to have ever beaten the Hoosiers and only the third team to have ever scored four goals against Indiana.

- received national press in Soccer America magazine, with articles highlighting the team's rapid progress and the play of senior captain Steve Lowney.
- did not lose a game at its new home, Krause Stadium, nor did the team lose any of its six overtime contests.

"We have to keep remember-

ing that we had a fantastic year, whether or not we made the tournament," says Grace. "Not getting in the tournament did not diminish anything we accomplished."

Described by Indiana head coach Jerry Yeagely as "the young upstarts," the Irish moved up very quickly in the college soccer arena, a world which is very traditional and very political. The movement started when Grace arrived, and it has been gaining speed ever since.

"No way did I think we would be where we are now," Lowney says of his first impressions as a freshman in 1984. "But as the program grew, we had to readjust our goals."

Lowney, the only senior who started for the Irish this season, indicated that the team goal was an NCAA bid. But the snub means Lowney will never get the chance to play in the tournament, a chance which the team hopes will come next season.

"We've stepped up another level," says junior midfielder Joe Sternberg. "Next year with all the returning players we'll be on solid ground. We should have an even better chance of making the tournament."

Grace is trying to enhance those chances next season with the team's schedule. While the



The Observer / Dan MacDonald

Members of the Notre Dame soccer team celebrate their win over top-ranked Indiana earlier in the year. Pete Gegen reviews the highlights reached by the team this season at left.

tournament committee criticized Notre Dame's schedule strength this season, already Virginia, Duke and William & Mary have indicated they would like Notre Dame to play in their tournaments.

"I felt our schedule was chal-

lenging this year," says Grace. "If luck went against us, we could have been 13-8."

I think we're a tournament type team," says Grace. "We've put ourselves in position to be one of the elite."

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Special to The Observer

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5:30 p.m. Morgan Stanley Presentation/Reception. Chicago Room, third floor LaFortune.

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7:30 p.m. Lecture, "The Iconography of Power in Olmec and Maza Art." given by P. David Joralemon, a curator from New York. Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art.

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RIO ANTRA
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OMOO ALIEN ALTI
PERU NOSED CERO
EWES DRESS EROS

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Comics

Bloom County

OH, MY GOSH...
WE NEVER TOLD THE
UNION DEFENSE
COMMITTEE THAT THE
STRIKE IS OVER!

HEY, YOU GUYS! THE
IMPULSIVE DISPLAY OF
SUDDEN LABOR VIOLENCE
BROUGHT ON BY UNDER-
STANDABLY STRAINED
EMOTIONS WON'T BE
NECESSARY!!

ZZZZ...
SHORT.

RATS!

Berke Breathed

ZZZZ...
SHORT.

RATS!

Far Side

Gary Larson

At first, the crew could hear only the
creaking of oars. And then, out of
the fog, the ghost dinghy appeared.

Beernuts

WELL, THANKS VERY
MUCH... SEE YOU FRIDAY!

WOW. I FINALLY GOT
ASKED TO A DANCE!
AND I DON'T EVEN
KNOW HER! WOW!
LET'S CHECK OUT THE
OLE' DOG BOOK AND SEE
WHO SHE IS....

OH MY LORD. SHE LOOKS
LIKE A RUN-DOWN HOUSING
PROJECT. WHAT'S THIS
'HOBBIES'-EATING AND FLOSSING
OH, WELL. MAYBE SHE HAS
A GREAT PERSONALITY.
(YEAH, RIGHT)

HELLO?

HI, MARY THIS IS KIM. YOU
KNOW THAT GORGEOUS GIRL
WITH THE GREAT PERSONALITY
WHO YOU ALWAYS STARE AT
IN GERMAN EVERY DAY...
WELL, I WAS WONDERING...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO FLY OUT
TO THE COAST THIS FRIDAY
AND SPEND THE WEEKEND AT
MY CHATEAU?

NICE GUYS FINISH
LAST! FORGET THE
DANCE! YOU KNOW YOU
WANT TO!

SHOVE IT,
JERRY.

WELL?

Mark Williams

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LAST! FORGET THE
DANCE! YOU KNOW YOU
WANT TO!

SHOVE IT,
JERRY.

WELL?

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Cross country teams to compete in districts

Men face big odds

By GREG ANDRES
Sports Writer

Three teams out of 40 will be selected out of this weekend's NCAA District IV Men's Cross Country Meet to compete in the NCAA Championships in Charlottesville, Va. The road is a rocky one, but Notre Dame hopes to pull out a great performance.

For the Irish, the path to the finale must go by way of Bowling Green, site of the District IV this Saturday. And while 40 teams vie for the three invites, the presence of two squads who are among the top 10 in the nation, third-ranked Wisconsin and number seven, Illinois, reduces the magic number to one.

Head Coach Joe Piane, now in his 13th year, feels that the Irish are competing in the 'most difficult district in the country to qualify.'

Loyola and Indiana will also provide

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Both the men's and women's cross country teams will see district action this weekend. Greg Andres and Greg Guffey have the related stories.

Women strive for goal

By GREG GUFFEY
Sports Writer

The women's cross country team will attempt to put a rollercoaster season of injuries and late-season inconsistencies behind it Saturday at the NCAA District IV meet in Bowling Green.

With the full squad healthy and enjoying the benefits of a week of rest, the Irish are in a good position to improve on last year's 20th-place finish. Coach Dan Ryan, though, cautions about the certainty of the improved finish.

"Our goal during the season has been to finish in the top 10 at districts," Ryan said. "But I will be happy with any improvement over last year's 20th-place finish. The field of runners at this year's district meet is much stronger than last year's field."

A total of 38 teams will compete in the meet with the top two teams and

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MCC to have varied effects on Notre Dame teams

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Sports Writer

The University of Notre Dame announced last month that it would rejoin the Midwestern Collegiate Conference on a full-time basis.

Other schools in the MCC include Butler, Dayton, Detroit, Evansville, Loyola, St. Louis and Xavier.

Notre Dame will have six men's sports -- baseball, cross country, golf, soccer, swimming and tennis -- competing in the conference. Women's teams participating in the MCC include basketball, cross country, swimming, tennis and volleyball.

From 1982 to 1986, Notre Dame had served as a part-time member of the MCC, but had left to become an independent. Women's teams are currently participating in the

North Star Conference, a conference which the Irish will be leaving next year for the MCC.

From here, things start getting confusing. Different teams will be entering the conference at different times. The conference membership also figures to help some teams, such as baseball and possibly soccer, while providing no apparent benefit to others.

Baseball

If Notre Dame wins the MCC post-season tournament this spring, the Irish would receive an automatic berth to an NCAA Regional. Winners of these six-team regionals advance to the College World Series.

Of course, that's easier said than done. In games with conference teams last year, the Irish lost single games to Butler and Detroit, dropped two of three to St. Louis and split two games with Xavier.

"I think the conference is strong for baseball," said Irish head coach Pat Murphy. "It's not like the Big Ten or Big Eight, but it's strong in its own right. Detroit, Xavier and Evansville have very good baseball teams."

Basketball

The men's basketball team will continue to compete as an independent, and the women's team will play its final season in the North Star Conference this year.

In the 1988-1989 season, the women's basketball team will join the MCC. First-year Irish coach Muffet McGraw figures the MCC will be similar to the North Star competition.

"I think they're similar, both have strong teams at the top," said McGraw. "Dayton, Detroit, Loyola and Notre Dame will be the top four teams. I think we can win it."

McGraw hopes an MCC title will provide an automatic berth to the NCAA tournament by the 1988-89 season. Right now, neither the MCC or North Star champion earns an automatic bid.

McGraw said that the chances of this occurring would improve greatly if the NCAA tournament expands to 48 teams.

Cross Country

The men's and women's cross country teams' participation in the MCC, beginning next fall, will consist of one MCC meet during the fall.

Men's coach Joe Piane expects to see his main competition in the conference coming from Loyola.

"When we were in the MCC for four years before, we won the cross country three times, but Loyola has vastly improved, and beat us earlier this

year," said Piane. "Loyola's very good, occasionally Detroit has a good runner or two and Butler has a runner or two."

Golf

Entering the MCC this spring, Notre Dame will compete in an MCC championship, and will be eligible for the all-conference teams and the Coach of the Year award.

Notre Dame has no actual MCC regular-season competition, but the Irish will face the majority of the MCC teams in various tournaments throughout the spring.

"We've faced almost every one of these teams before, and they're getting better. It will be a very worthwhile conference for us," said Irish golf coach Noel O'Sullivan.

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Brown only one not sure of Heisman winner

Tim Brown's name is already on the Heisman Trophy.

All the Notre Dame flanker has to do now is make sure Alabama, Penn State and Miami don't erase it. And for Brown's name to be erased, the senior probably would have to fall on his face every time he touches the ball. Or maybe run backwards a few times.

Not likely. In fact, it's pretty safe to say that the nation will see a few more defenders falling on their faces and running backwards when Brown touches the ball in these next three weeks.

According to a poll of about 15 percent of the Heisman voters conducted last week by USA Today, Brown would win by a landslide if the vote took place this afternoon. Brown garnered 80 first-place votes out of 147 surveyed, and a total of 317 points. Florida tailback Emmitt Smith was second with 85 points, and Syracuse quarterback Don McPherson received 82 points.

This means Brown is faced with a problem some thousands of college football players would love to be faced with. Now he has to think about it -- something he's been trying not to do all year.

"I really didn't think about it until last spring, when I was on the cover of some magazines," Brown said Wednesday. "People were telling me I was going to be the No. 1 candidate. Hearing things like that makes you think about what you're doing."

"Even to be considered for a trophy like that is an honor for me ... It's nice to know that people consider me to be ahead."

Brown's performance against Boston College this past Saturday put some distance between him and the other Heisman candidates.

The Dallas native picked up a career high 294 all-purpose yards in Notre Dame's 32-25 victory over the Eagles, which boosted the squad's record under second-year Head Coach Lou Holtz to 7-1.

Marty Strasen

Football Notebook

Brown acknowledges that the race for the Heisman isn't over yet, but says he senses that his efforts are finally paying off.

"It's about time," Brown said, when asked about his personal achievements and the team's success this season. "I've paid my dues. I work hard and I try to be the best at what I'm doing, and it's starting to pay off for me and the team."

"But the season's not over. We still have three

more games to play, and anything can happen." But don't count on it.

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The games coaches play.

Holtz expressed concern at his weekly press conference over whether the Irish will be able to run the ball effectively against the Crimson Tide on Saturday.

"If there's one thing they're going to do," Holtz said, "it's shut off the run. LSU, I felt, was one of the finest offensive football teams and Alabama shut them off completely."

Next up, Alabama coach Bill Curry.

Curry, in his media teleconference held Wednesday afternoon, expressed concern over whether his defense will be able to stop the powerful Notre Dame ground attack.

"LSU did run well on us," Curry said of the game Alabama won by a 22-10 score. "You know they (the Irish) are going to use their strength to come out and hammer on us."

So who do you believe?

They both have legitimate concerns.

Alabama ran circles around the Irish last year in the Tide's 28-10 whipping of Notre Dame, and the

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