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University President Father Edward Malloy (far right) joins the Year of Cultural Diversity panel discussion at Theodore's Monday. Father Theodore Hesburgh,

University president emeritus, (far left) was the moderator. Story at right.

5 Central American leaders meet and open summit talks

Associated Press

COSTA del sol, El Salvador - Five Central American presidents began a summit Monday with predictions their two-day meeting will contribute to peace, democracy and progress in the troubled region.

The leaders appeared buoyed by the mere fact of being under the same roof after six months of postponements, delay and dispute over the summit's prospects, agenda and date.

"I am sure that we, with optimism, will analyze efforts we've made according to Esquipulas II and search for favorable solutions that will promote peace and progress in Central America," said Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte in brief com-

ments inaugurating the meeting.

He was flanked by Presidents Jose Azcona of Honduras, Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua, Oscar Arias of Costa Rica and Vinicio Cerezo of Guatemala.

All except Ortega, who wore his green Sandinista army uniform, wore casual attire fitting the climate and ambiance at this seaside resort complex 40 miles southeast of San Salvador.

Following Duarte's statement, the presidents began work in a closed session.

The chief executives will analyze the successes and failures to date of the Esquipulas II peace plan, signed by the same five men in Guatemala on Aug. 7, 1987. The plan, also

known as the Arias plan for its principal architect, was designed to promote peace and democracy.

Arias, who won the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize for the plan, said upon arrival the meeting would "re-establish our credibility with the Central American people and the entire world. . . . Our peoples are tired. Without peace there is no possibility of improving conditions of life for Central Americans. This is a historic responsibility that we the five presidents have."

A decade of civil conflicts and economic depression have transformed the oncepromising region of 25 million inhabitants into one of the world's most turbulent zones.

North's lawyers want case dropped, say Reagan aided Contras

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Former
President Reagan "participated personally and directly" in giving favored treatment to countries that supported the Contras in Nicaragua, lawyers for Oliver North said in a court filing aimed at having charges against their client dropped.

North's attorney Brendan Sullivan, opposing a compromise between the independent counsel and the Justice Department, said in court papers released Monday that that proposed deal on keeping certain secrets out of the trial would prevent him from introducing this evidence which he said was central to North's defense.

He also criticized Attorney General Dick Thornburgh for declining "to take the political heat" and make a separate secrets-protecting move that could lead to charges being thrown out.

Sullivan said, "At the heart of this case are the quid pro quo and other third-country arrangements with which the Reagan administration obtained military support for the resistance during the so-called Boland Amendments, and the policy that those third-country arrangements would not be disclosed outside a limited group of executive branch officials."

The Boland amendments, passed by Congress, restricted and at times prohibited the spending of federal funds in

support of the guerrilla war against the leftist government in Nicaragua.

Former National Security Adviser John Poindexter testified at the congressional Iran-Contra hearings in 1987 that Reagan favored making up for that lack of official U.S. support with money from other nations. But the assertion that Reagan was personally involved in arranging to return the favors is new.

Sullivan's statements were in a written response to U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell, objecting to a new plan for protecting national security secrets at North's trial.

The plan, worked out by independent counsel Lawrence Walsh and the Justice Department, "would gut the defense and guarantee a 'cuckoo-clock' trial," Sullivan said. It would hide "critical information about the Reagan administration's third-country arrangements for military support of the resistance and the official nondisclosure of those arrangements."

Sullivan said that the way the government proposed to present this information to the jury - through a general "admission" with no details allowed - would leave out "that President Reagan and top executive branch officials participated personally and directly in those arrangements."

Notre Dame Honor Code compared to other schools'

By MAURA KRAUSE and KELLEY TUTHILL Staff Reporters

Dissimilarities are apparent when comparing Notre Dame's experimental honor code with that of two other universities.

The first in a three-part series.

The Honor Code

Three differences between Notre Dame's honor code and those of Valparaiso University and the University of Virginia are that VU and UVA's honor codes are entirely student run, while Notre Dame's is not. Notre Dame's honesty committees are also departmental, rather than campus-wide, and Notre Dame professors

remain in the classrooms during exams.

Valparaiso University has had an honor code for 45 years, and the University of Virginia has had one for 147 years, while Notre Dame began its experiment in April of 1987.

The honor codes at the three universities pertain to cheating on all work turned in for academic credit, but UVA goes even further, extending the code to include "all acts of lying, cheating and stealing anywhere in Albemarle County (where the University is located)," said Allen Sierchin, Honor System educator and coordinator at the University of Virginia.

The wording and scope of these honor codes suggest underlying differences in the

Notre Dame's code allows for a professor or teaching assistant to remain in the testing room to answer any necessary questions, but does not allow him to proctor the exam. However, at VU, testing procedures are such that "the Honor System replaced the faculty proctored exams and calls for students to proctor each other," according to Eric Sampson, a two year recording secretary for the VU Honor Committee.

Testing procedures at UVA are much like those at VU. According to Bill Mandel, vice chairman of the Honor Committee, "Professors generally don't stay for the exam; for the most part, they drop off the exams and leave. Students can even leave the room and take the test elsewhere if it may be

more comfortable for them. The honor code represents a strong agreement between the students and professors."

Notre Dame's honor code is also different from that of UVA and VU in that its honesty committee hearings are not campus wide. "Right now, we have departmental honesty committees. I think that when it's kept in the department, it's more familiar," said Dan Gerlach, a senior on the Honor Code Committee.

Each committee usually consists of two professors and one student, however, Gerlach said he "would like to see equal student/faculty representation."

The University has departmental honesty committees "because the honor code is experimental, and

we want as many people involved with the honor code as possible," said Kristen Stamile, chairwoman of the Honor Code Committee.

As the honor code has been implemented fairly recently, the junior and senior classes at Notre Dame are not automatically under the code.

According to Lora Spaulding, assistant registrar at the University, "If the instructor (of an upper-level class) decides before hand that a course will be on the honor code and publishes it as such, then it is (on the) honor code, no matter what. However, if it is not published as (beng on the) honor code, then the students vote on it. A unanimous vote is

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IN BRIEF

Foodshare, a Notre Dame student group, has received an award from the Campus Outreach Opportunity League (COOL). Since last March, Foodshare members have been gathering leftover food from the dining halls and distributing it to homeless and hungry people in the South Bend area. The food, which includes unused portions of the main entree, salads and desserts, is picked up by teams of Notre Dame students and then transported in vans provided by the Center for Social Concerns to food distribution agencies the South Bend. Foodshare received the award in COOL's "exemplary projects" category. - The

OF INTEREST

Overseas Development Network will hold a short meeting to finalize plans for Third World awareness week at the Center for Social Concerns at 8:30 p.m. today. -The

For Seniors Only Series presents Mr. Killilea to talk about purchasing a car Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge at St. Mary's. -The Observer

The ISO needs people who are interested in writing articles for the new international magazine, The Passport. There will be a meeting today at 8:00 p.m. in the ISO Lounge, second floor LaFortune Student Center. For more information call Manuel 1223 or Felix 2465. -The Observer

"Still Killing Us Softly: Images of Women in Advertising" will be shown today at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns. There will be a discussion following the film. Sponsored by Women United for Justice and Peace and gender studies. -The Observer

The Isis Gallery will present an exhibition of clay sculptures by Joan Bontempo from today until March 3. The exhibition will open after a 4:00 p.m. lecture by Bontempo in Room 200 of Riley Hall. The Isis Gallery is located on the third floor of Riley Hall of Art and Design. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. -The Ob-

The Tuskegee Airmen World War II fighter pilots tell their adventure today at 7:00 p.m., at the Montgomery Theatre, La Fortune Student Center. Sponsored by Minority Student Affairs and the Minority Concerns Commission, SGA. -The Observer

The Black Cultural Arts Center will be having a general meeting today at 7:00 p.m. in the BCAC building. -The Observer

The Semester Around the World foreign study program is holding an information meeting in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.-The

Juniors - registration for JPW ends today. Hours are from 2:00-10:00 p.m. in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. You must bring IDs for each person that you register. Registration is mandatory. -The Observer

Peace Corps film seminar presents the film "Let it Begin Here" and a general information session will be presented at the Center for Social Concerns on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. -The Observer

Air Force Col. Richard Mullane will be speaking to ROTC cadets in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Col Mullane was the mission specialist in the space shuttle Atlantis whose mission was successfully completed in November 1988. -The Observer

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INSIDE COLUMN

Dining hall cuisine is food for thought

In honor of Valentines day I have decided to dedicate this column to the true love of my life -- Notre Dame food.

Ever since I came here as a freshman, I have been fascinated by the multitude of culinary choices that Notre Dame Food Services offers. After many years of the Notre Dame experience I have noticed that the "food" (and I use the term loosely) they serve here fits neatly into five different categories.

Category 1: It looks harmless enough.

The dining hall food that best exemplifies this category is the Hungarian noodle bake. When one first sees it in those big metal containers it looks harmless enough, but once you start eating it you realize that it burns your insides out all the way down.

Cheese French toast also fits this category. Although no one I know has ever seen cheese French toast, it didn't seem like a bad idea. Well, despite their no doubt noble intentions the cheese French toast was a dinner failure.

Category 2: I didn't know it was legal to do that to food.

There are so many foods at Notre Dame in this category that I don't know where to start. It seems that every meal in the dining hall has at least one entree that has been processed, boiled, chunked, cured, and formed.

I've always worried about the boneless rib sandwich. How do you make a boneless rib sandwich? It seems like an oxymoron of sorts.

Isn't a rib a bone?

The nomenclature isn't the real issue though. The boneless rib sandwich is the epitome of processed food. All they probably do is process the heck out of some animal and then some huge machine stamps out rib molds. There simply must be better food out there.

The processed food problem doesn't end there. It continues on to include chicken nuggets, chicken patties, minute steak sandwiches and many more of our dining hall favorites. That's the scary thing by the way -- these are the foods we like most. The wonders never do

Category 3: How'd they do that?

How on God's green earth did someone discover the meatless cheeseburger? Not only is the prospect of eating a meatless cheeseburger repulsive but it is also intriguing to contemplate how one makes a meatless cheeseburger. The most appetizing version I can imagine is a bun with a slice of American cheese, but I am confident that our Ivy award-winning staff over at the dining hall came up with a far more creative

Category 4:It can't possibly hurt us 'cause we have it everyday.

Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, double-domer burgers, chili, jello, hamburgers, chili,

Chris **Donnelly** Managing Editor





hamburgers, hamburgers. . .

It seems as though we have these thing every day of the week. It's a cycle that will never end as long as I'm at Notre Dame and will probably continue long after I'm gone.

After all, how can we possibly dislike these foods? We know what they are and over the years we have built up an immunity to them.

If only these foods could go the way of the infamous chicken patty of yesteryear. One year we had it every day, now we never see it. Go figure?

Category 5: Bad food on Fridays because we go to a Catholic school.

As soon as Lent rears its meatless purple head most students on campus realize that they are doomed to a series of meatless Fridays, and the rest thank God that Notre Dame helps them to fast one day a week.

It makes absolutely no sense that we are not given the choice to eat meat on Fridays. On a campus that strives to be culturally diverse we are forcing everyone to accept the Catholic faith regardless of their own religion. It seems hypocritical.

One must also analyze the religious reason behind doing without meat on Fridays. The purpose as I see it is to reinforce our Catholic faith by recalling our religious roots and sacrificing meat for meals on Friday. The problem is that it is not a sacrifice if we have no choice about giving up meat. It is no longer a personal faith statement made of our own accord, but rather one that we have been forced into.

THIS WEEK WED. 15 & THURS 16 Sophomores are selling shot glasses in the dining hall for \$1.

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The results of the quarter-

Fisher (pro) 3 vs. Farley 0 Stanford (pro) 2 vs. Lewis 1 Zahm (pro) 3 vs. Sorin 0

The debate topic was: "That the

Iceberg

final round of the Iceberg Debates Monday night are:

NCAA should adopt Proposition





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Students urged to transcend prejudice dents of African-American

By BRADLEY GALKO Staff Reporter

Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president emeritus, urged students to transcend their cultural prejudices Monday night at a panel discussion entitled "Cultural Diversity at Notre Dame: Past, Present, Future."

The panel consisted of six Notre Dame students and three faculty members, including University President Father Edward Malloy. The panel members were of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

In his opening remarks, Hesburgh, who moderated the discussion, said, "We need a lot of discussions like this because they really clear the air."

Some panelists raised major criticisms with the University's treatment of cultural diversity. "I don't think the university has taken the issue of cultural diversity seriously at all," said Robert Price, the student panelist representing studescent.

Price added, However, 'There are many myths I think these discussion groups will help solve."

In addition to the discussion groups, student panelist Mari Fuentes urged minority students not to criticize, but to get involved in such activities as the Multi-Cultural Council and Admissions Office's minority recruitment process.

"Students have a chance to create their own opportunities," added Luis Fraga, assistant professor of government and international studies. "You have a responsibility to make it better," he said, "to make it more open.'

Mike Miller, the student panelist representing caucasians, said, "I think stereotypes are the problem."

Malloy said one of his objectives is "to create an opportunity (for minorities) that wouldn't exist otherwise." "I'm hopeful," he added, "(and) I'm here to listen."

ND Crimestoppers start campaign awareness

By JIM LANG **News Staff**

The Notre Dame Crimestoppers organization will be mounting a crime education campaign within the next week to inform students of its presence on campus, according to Ann Marie Walker, president of the new organization.

Crimestoppers, in conjunction with Notre Dame Security, plans to place lists of crime prevention tips on tables in the dining halls next week, Walker

The group will be funding its education drive and subsequent publicity drives with an allocation from student government, along with money rec ived in donation boxes placed in LaFortune Student Center and the bookstore, she

"Notre Dame Crimestoppers is an affiliate of South Bend Crimestoppers and therefore part of a national organization to promote community involvement in solving crimes," Walker wrote in a letter to The Observer earlier this year.

Like other Crimestopper groups, the Notre Dame Crimestoppers publicize a "Crime of the Week," printed in The Observer, and encourage callers to volunteer information concerning that crime or any other.

Callers are assigned a number to assure anonymity and receive an award if their tips lead to an arrest, Walker said. Walker said that, because Notre Dame is the first college campus to have a Crimestop-

per program of its own, the group is proceeding through its first year on a "trial and error" basis.

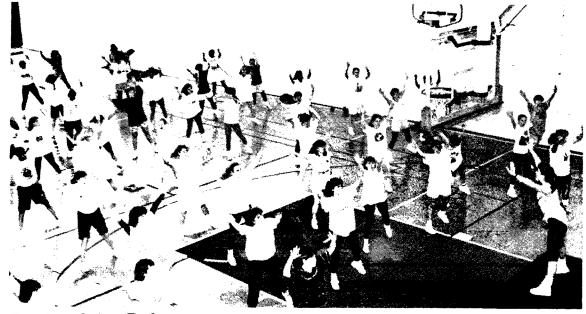
"Our success has been fairly good considering that we're striking out onto some new ground," said Walker.

Corrections

An article in Monday's Observer on student government elections was incorrect. Candidates for student body president and the student senate may begin campaigning Feb. 20 at 12:01 a.m. A mandatory meeting for prospective candidates will be held in LaFortune's Dooley Room Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

A misquote appeared in an article in The Observer Feb. 9 on women in the workplace. Teresa Ghilarducci, assistant professor of economics, said bringing a feminist speaker to campus was difficult because no group in the past was willing to do the difficult work required to obtain such a speaker. The lecture series was organized by more than 10 people, Ghilarducci said.





Battle of the Bulge

A group of Saint Mary's students participate in an afternoon aerobics workout at the Angela Athletic

The Observer / Heleni Korwek

Facility in an attempt to shape up before Spring Break.

SMC Programming Board meets to discuss Winterfest activities

By LAUREL VITALE **News Staff**

The Saint Mary's Programming Board met Monday night to review plans for Winterfest, a week long event of winter activities which will be held the week of Feb. 20-24 on Saint Mary's campus.

Julie Wagner, commissioner of Saint Mary's student activities, says she hopes Winterfest activities will liven up the month and help students fight the "February blues."

Comedian Steve Kimbrough kicks off Winterfest Monday,

Feb. 20 at 9:15 p.m. in Haggar Center College parlor. Regency, a five-person singing and dancing ensemble, will also be performing for free in Carroll Auditorium on Tues-

Regency may not be the only group dancing during the week of Winterfest. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students are invited to an all-campus SYR to be held in Notre Dame's North

for the dance cost \$3.

Saint Mary's will also be presenting the movie "Big," starring Tom Hanks, Wednesday through Friday of that week at 9:00 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium. 'Big" will also be shown on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$1.

Dining Hall on Feb. 24 from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Tickets

District 2 Student Senator resigns post

By FLORENTINE HOELKER Staff Reporter

Student The Senate suspended its normal agenda Monday evening in light of the surprise resignation of student senator Brian McCarthy and the appearance of a guest speaker highlighting the upcharity coming "Christmas in April."

McCarthy, student senator of district two, which includes Breen-Phillips, Cavanaugh, Keenan, Stanford, Zahm and Farley halls, said that he had enjoyed serving as a student senator but had to resign for personal reasons.

Student Body President Tom Doyle said that instead of trying to rush an election to replace McCarthy so late in the year, the senate would assume his duties until the upcoming April elections.

charity event, The "Christmas in April," was described to the senate by Assistant Director of Residence Life Pat Doran. Doran said "Christmas in April" is basically a one day charity project where people will go out to neighborhoods northeast of campus to fix homes for the needy.

On April 8, Doran said, vol- Doyle said.

unteers will work on an assigned 50 homes in great need of repair. Repairs will include painting, plumbing, plastering, roofing and electrical work.

The homes must be owned by the resident, so landlords are not helped in any way. In addition, Doran said only low income, handicapped, or other needy persons will be helped.
"Christmas in April" or-

ganizers hope to attract at least 1000 volunteers, both skilled and unskilled workers, according to Doran.

"If you're willing to help out, that's all that is necessary,' said Doran, emphasizing that all types of volunteers are needed. "All we're asking is for people to try," he said.

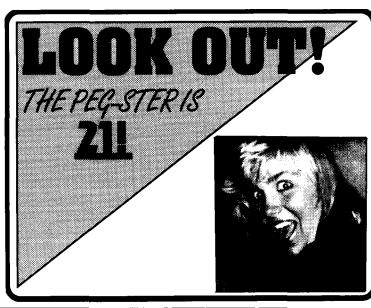
Doran noted the success of identical programs in other parts of the nation, saying that in another program's fourth year, over 400 homes were repaired with a force of over 4000 volunteers.

The charity's motto is "Spread the Joy," which Doran hopes will let people know they can live in a better environment.

Senate plans to help recruit volunteers for the April charity. "Student Senate should take some role in 'Christmas in April' planning,''

SUMMER CAMP POSITIONS

Counselors: 21+, coed, sleepaway camp, Mass. Berkshires. WSI, arts & crafts, tennis, all land and sports. drama, water gymnastics, piano/play for judo, dance, shows, photography, computers, nature, wilderness, model rocketry, guitar, yearbook, woodworking, RN, typist, Write: Camp Emerson, 5 Brassie Rd. Eastcnester, 10707 or 914/779-9406



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Four dorms left in Iceberg Debates

By KATHY RYAN **News Staff**

Fisher, Stanford and Zahm halls advanced to the semi- (session) went marvelously. It finals in last night's round of was good to see people into the the Iceberg Debates. The topic issue," commented Marty of the debates was whether or Tracey, a debater for Lewis not the NCAA should adopt hall. Proposition 42 at its convention in 1990.

a lot of underlying issues. I definitely related to the topic. think they overall did a good When the topic directly affects job," said Professor Ken the students, more students Jameson, one of the three show up to speak their minds," judges at the Stanford-Lewis he said. debate.

debate, while the judges scored munication skills organizathe debate performance in a separate room.

"The question and answer

Matt Thiel, third-time Master of Ceremonies for Stan-"There was good prepara- ford Hall, was pleased with the tion on each side. They got at attendance. "Attendance is

"Judges did an excellent job A question and answer ses- taking into account all aspects followed the formal of the debate: topics, com-

tion, analysis and use of evidence and logic," Thiel "A lot of times, the added. judges vote for the team that advocates a view opposite their own personal beliefs; in fact, in more times than not, the ability of the debaters to debate the opposite side of their personal beliefs is impressive," said Thiel.

Many debate participants said they felt that their Iceberg experience was valuable. Tracey said, "We achieved some authentic dialogue; in fact, we nearly approached a synthesis of perspectives. The judging was fair. The debate was fun."

Honor

continued from page 1 needed to vote in the honor code."

This semester, 17 upper level courses are on the honor code, and all 17 were published as such, said Spaulding.

Because each college has its committee, own honesty "There are different rules for each committees hearings," said Stamile.

According to the 1988-89 Du Lac, the procedure for dealing with academic dishonesty is uniform for each college.

'If an instructor judges that a student has violated academic integrity in an examination or in work submitted, the instructor must submit a report in writing to the Honesty Committee of the department. The committee will then hold a hearing which the instructor and student are invited to attend... the committee will make a ruling. If it rules that a violation has occurred, it will also recommend to the instrucright to appeal...the dean shall consider possible disciplinary action, involving penalties up to dismissal from the Univer-

sity," according to Du Lac. VU's campus-wide honor code consists of one honor council chaired by 20 students who have voting power in trials and five faculty members who do not. After witnessing a violation, students and faculty members have 10 and 15 academic days respectively to turn

After notification of a violation, the Honor Committee assigns an investigator for the case. The investigator then "brings the evidence to the council president who decides if a trial case will be held," said Sampson. A first offense calls for failure of the course, the second offense entails failure of the course and suspension for a semester and the third offense results in expulsion.

"The honor system at UVA is entirely student run-- faculty cannot even accuse a student of an honor violation. Three criteria must be met to be accused of an honor violationthere must be the act, intent and seriousness,'' said Seirchin.

"The student may choose a trial by all honor committee members or by one with committee members and random students," said Seirchin.

"An 80 percent vote is required for a guilty verdict, and dismissal is the only punishment," said Seirchin.

A violation of the code is "looked at as breach of student trust of each other. The honor code is right up there with Jefappropriate ferson as something making up penalty...the student has the this University's tradition, said Seirchin.

> The honor code at Notre Dame is not yet established as a tradition, as this is only its second year. Until this year, incoming freshmen were not notified about the honor code before committing to attend the University, said Kevin Rooney, director of undergraduate admissions.

However, "this year, the honor code is explained in the University Bulletin (and is) available to anyone interested," said Rooney.



How do I know if I have a vocation to the priesthood?

What is the academic and formation program for becoming a priest?

What scholarships and financial aid are available for seminary training?

What are the various

apostolic ministries of the Holy Cross priests?

How do I pray if I'm thinking of a vocation to the priesthood and I'm not sure?

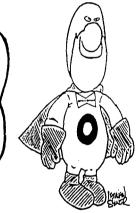




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The Ombudsman Society will hold a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, February 14, at 7:30 at the Sorin Room in

LaFortune(Room 108).

Viewpoint

P.O. Box Q

Students call for help with vandalism

Vandalism and theft have escalated at an intolerable rate in the St. Joseph Hall parking lot. During the past few months, eight of the hall's thirty graduate students who use the parking lot have had their cars forcibly entered, windows shattered and radios stolen. Others have uncovered evidence of tampering, such as bent antennas and obscenities scratched into their cars. The latest of these incidents occurred only a few weeks ago. On Feb. 6 at approximately 10:30 p.m., someone broke into three cars, took out radios and shattered a few windows along the way.

The parking lot, located almost 100 yards from the dormitory, is freely accessible at all times by Douglas Road. The two dimly lit lamps in the lot make detection of vandals extremely difficult. These conditions pose not only a threat to our property, but also to our physical well-being. Incidents of vandalism have often occurred in the early evening. Therefore, it is quite conceivable that a student may return to the parking lot and encounter our frequent, uninvited "guests." An injury from such a confrontation could destroy the resident's professional career. While this scenario may seem extreme, those familiar with the situation contend that it may be inevitable.

Some student residents have already taken self-help measures such as eyeing any non-resident with great suspicion or slowly and surreptitiously trailing the car of a suspected thief in order to gather information. While the hall residents do not intend to form vigilante squads in the parking lot, we alone have few viable means to protect ourselves and our property.

As residents of St. Joseph's Hall, we would like for the University to negate this potentially explosive situation by acting expeditiously to provide us with effective security. The University has the ability and resources to correct the endemic vandalism. It could increase its daily patrols to such an extent that it would discourage theft. Another alternative involves the neighboring Moreau Seminary. Moreover, the University could install better lighting on the premises or even hire a temporary security guard until the problem has abated.

As a result of the vandalism, the hall residents continually utter words of concern over the University's seeming indifference to the problem. We need more than promises or consolation. We now want action and results. The residents of St. Joseph Hall hope that the University will resolve this crisis in the first class manner to which we have become accustomed.

> Karl McDonald Steven Richard St. Joseph Hall Feb. 11, 1989

Dinner shows signs of ignorance

Dear Editor:

I realize that this is the year of cultural diversity. I know that this is the year for which appreciation for the various races is supposed to be shown. The dinner served at the dining halls on Feb. 9, however, was most assuredly not the correct means for accomplishing this task. This "soul food" dinner, so graciously prepared for the students of Notre Dame, proved to be a tremendous slap in the face for the black students of this community.

The effort to relate to the black population of the campus was noble, but quite an embarrassment as well. The menu served Thursday was like something extracted from one of the sitcoms of the 1970s. Neckbones, black-eyed peas, spare ribs, and potato pie were a few of the choice selections placed before the shaking heads of many black students. I must say, at first I was just glad that there were no chicken or pig intestines on the menu. This relief was short-lived, however, for the crowning glory was yet to come. . . watermelon!

I would think that for the most part, people on this campus are intelligent. If this is true, then how could one caucasian see it proper to say to one black woman, "You're eating cereal?" as if she should be eating the meal just because she is black!

This may come as a shock, but black people have varying tastebuds, just as those who are not black. Truly it upsets me to think that people still have not realized that many different races eat the food that was served on Thursday. A meal of ribs, black-eyed peas, and sweet potato pie is not just a "black

If the meal was just served as another meal in the dining hall, or if it was identified for what it really was-- food of the South, then there would not be as much embarrassment. However, by labeling the food "soul food," and by hanging up posters of Gospel singers who happen to be black, the orchestrators of the meal show disrespect to the blacks of the community.

I do not wish to cause any kind of interracial friction, but Thursday, for the first time since my arrival at Notre Dame last August, I felt genuinely uncomfortable around my fellow students. I felt as though I was being segregated from others of the community. I am sure that these feelings were shared by many of the black students on campus. It was evident by the congregation of many of these students in one section of the dining hall, as if on display for a curious audience.

When alumni come to the school and ask every black student they see, "What sport do you play?" we smile and take it with a grain of salt. We take these things as signs of ignorance. Still, this is a new day and age. It is time for the shroud of ignorance to be lifted. I know the people on this campus are intelligent. Please prove this and refrain from displaying such showcases of utter disrespect for your fellow human beings.

> Andre Barrett Grace Hall Feb. 12, 1989

Medjugorje stresses spiritual growth

Dear Editor:

In reading Father Griffin's most recent article regarding Medjugorje, I was motivated to write a reponse which, I hope could add some perspective to this issue. Father Griffin seems disturbed by the whole idea of Medjugorje and Marion apparitions whose purpose are to enjoin humanity to remember the sacrifice of her Son. The fanaticism surrounding Medjogorje is and should be a concern because fanaticism breeds intolerance. Even so, sometimes there is a need to be fanatical until mature understanding develops.

Yes, I went to Medjugorje this summer. My impressions of the place greatly influenced my perception of life and faith in a positive way. I agree with the Pope that "it is a wonderful place to go and pray," especially considering all that I had an opportunity to learn

Father Griffin states that the Church and the world need more love. That is part of the message of Medjugorje, love of God complimented by love of fellow man. As far as Our Lady "interfering" with the Church's role in spreading the Gospel, the idea of Redemption is proposed along with "the Day of the Lord" in the Gospels. Our Lady is important to the Church because she was the first Christian, the first believer, through her Motherhood (this is emphasized in the Papal encyclical of Mar. 25, 1987). She is also the spiritual mother of all Christians; why shouldn't she want to help people in their faith in her Son? One cannot separate Christ from Our • Lady; He is the reason for her importance. She has yet, in her apparitions, to say anything against the Church; in fact there has been a call to "return".

If Our Lady is reminding people of the importance of God, what is "wrong" with that? Medjugorje is a reminder of God's love and justice. If there is a "Day of the Lord," that isn't what is important (in fact Marija and Viscka were quick to state that the "judgment" wasn't what mattered), what is important is prayer and a true relationship with God within one's faith, be it Roman Catholic, Protestant, Buddhist, or Islam.

Dawn Marie Murdy Lewis Hall Feb. 10, 1989

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Gary Trudeau

Quote of the Day

"We always believe our first love is our last, and our last love is our first."

George J. Whyte-Melville (1821 - 1878)

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How to succeed



IAN MITCHELL

accent writer

t's Valentine's Day, and we all know what that means; buying a card for that special someone. But sometimes it's hard to find a card that expresses exactly what you want to say. For your benefit-- and at no additional cost to you-- here are a few ideas for cards that voice just the right thought:

Subtle Hint cards:

Outside: "Will you be my valentine

Inside: ". . . after you drop a few pounds?"

Honest cards:

"I was going to send you candy and flowers, valentine . . .

. . . but I guess I'm just too cheap!" Persuasive cards:

"Will you be my valentine . . ." "... or do I have to slaughter your entire family first?"

Low esteem cards: "Will you be my valentine. . ."

"... or am I just a pathetic piece of slime, unworthy and undeserving of any real human affection?"

And finally, creepy cards: "You don't know who I am, valen-

"... but I've been watching you and I know where you live and when you're alone."

Now, I know what you're saying-sure, I'd love to give one of those great cards and go out with a fabulous babe/gorgeous hunk, but I don't know the right person and I don't have any money for a date. Well, now your problems are over, because here-- in a nutshell-- is Dr. Valentine's prescription for love-- how to meet members of the opposite sex and how to have a great date for

Phase 1: How to meet women/men If no one you know will go out with

in love... Dr. Valentine's prescription



you, how do you get dates? The answer is simple: call up people you don't know, introduce yourself and use your best line. A good line should always tell something positive about yourself. Here's one of my own never-fail examples: "Hi, my name is Ian Mitchell and my computer has twenty megabytes of hard drive storage." (It's a little-known fact, but women go gaga over mass storage devices.) Once you've got a date, you can save a few bucks in:

Phase 2: Cheap Dating Tips Take your date out to dinner- at the dining hall. If she asks questions, explain that you really enjoy the food there. If you're lucky, it'll be a theme night, giving you all the atmosphere of an exotic restaurant with none of the price.

To really impress her, you may want to hand the card scanner an extra five along with your I.D. card and ask for "the best table in the house." Gaze into each others' eyes as you both share a single "tuna muffin." Take a quiet stroll around the salad bar and use mustard to write your initials in the vat o' ketchup. What could be more roman-

Dinner's over, and you can't even spring for a movie? No problem, just head over to the wide-screen TV at LaFortune. If you're lucky, maybe you can catch an episode of "The Hogan Family" and share a laugh over the trials and tribulations of Sandy Duncan and Jason Bateman as they deal with their wacky family and zany neighbors!

Since nothing tops a really good sitcom, you'll probably want to end the evening right here. Of course, it would be inexcusably rude to leave your date to find their way back to their dorm in the dark- so give 'em a campus map. All in all, it'll be a Valentine's Day they'll never forget. No matter how hard they try.

...And War Dangerous Liasons

DOUG RADTKE

accent writer

n layman's terms, "Dangerous Liaisons" is an accomplishment. The movie balances a plot revolving with a subtle statement about the true value of love and the beauty and importance of femininity. This is all accomplished without a dependence upon sentimentality or gaudy romantic language.

The backdrop for the movie is aristocratic France shortly before the French Revolution. Both the Marquise de Merteuil, played by Glenn Close, and the Vicomte de Valmont. brought to life by John Malkovich, want to taint someone's name. The Marquise desires to disgrace a former lover, and the Vicomte seeks to bring a beautiful, married woman's (Michelle Pfeiffer) downfall by seducing her. The plot is made especially interesting as the Marquise and the Vicomte attempt this while at the same time trying to hurt one another because of their former intimacy.

The storyline possesses

enough surprising twists and turns to maintain the audience's captivation for the two and a half hour screen time. To my liking, the director avoided commonplace techniques for pleasing the around the power of seduction viewer. The scenes containing nudity were necessary, brief, and avoided the degradation so often used by Hollywood. In fact, the lighthearted attitude toward sexuality proved humorous and a pleasant escape from the tense repression of these thoughts found in American society.

"Dangerous Liaisons" is different from anything which has come out for a long time. The excellent script was enhanced by the perfect characterization by the actors. Stephen Frears, the director, gave minor emphasis to the camera angles and scenery and concetrated on facial shots to set the proper tone.

The movie will earn the awards which it deserves: I do foresee Best Picture as one where it will be a contender. My final advice is to see "Dangerous Liaisons" with a friend. The intricacies can be overwhelming if a detail or two escapes you.

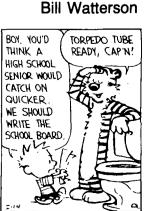


The scheming Marquise de Merteuil (Glenn Close), the aristocratic rogue Vicomte de Valmont (John Malkovich), and the beautiful and virtuous Madame de Tourvel (Michelle Pfeiffer) in the delightfully decadent "Dangerous Liasons."

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A toast to us--may our colors always live together. Happy Valentine's Day! All my Love, Catherine

LEANNE & SHEILA

GREETINGS FROM L.A.

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ATTENTION ALL CRAZED CUPIDS!! Mary Mahoney could be your dream Valentine date. If you see her on campus today, give her what you know she wants....MONEY!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY MARY AND REMEMBER RE GOOD AND IS YOU CAN'T BE GOOD BE CAREFUL!

Love ya

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JFD, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! XOXO, KJT

Loverboy,

we do the goofiest people immitation today? Love, Marilyn

THE TOP TEN VINNIE QUOTES vou don't understand, 9. I want 7. Steve, can I borrow you

negatives?
6. In high school, I was top of my class.

5. I'm not clueless!!! 4. Good, I still look great 3. Steve, I need your negatives.
2. I really want a solo!!!!!!! 1. I was so respected in high

Jim: I didn't expect to be where I am, but I'm glad I'm here. Thanks for being you, and have a Happy Valentine's Dayl

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KELLY.

Thanks for Friday night. FITZ

To all who attended the Howard 4N Halis of Hedonism party on Sat., we apologize for anything we may have said or done that offended you. -The Hostesses

(but we hope you had a good time!)

To my roomates: It has been a great year so far, I love you guys. Happy Valentines

your Honorary Junior

HAPPY BELATED TIM You're legal in Canada, PARTY! your library "fans

Have to be here for Break? Make \$s! Matt King, a blind student, needs readers both now and over break. Call 1681.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL LOVE, AMY (COPY CENTER)

"BELLS WILL BE RINGING..." CON-GRATS SANDY!! WE KNOW WE'LL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT NOW!!
QUESTION: WHO IS HEARING THOSE
BELLS IN OUR ROOM NEXT?!? the saga of LeMans 434 continues

SANDY CERIMELE CORRIGANII HAS A NICE "RING" TO IT, DOESN'T IT CON-GRATULATIONS SANDY AND DENNIS Dear Stephanie,

This 14TH day of February is the first day that we have spent together twice. Thank GOD I asked you to play tennis. One year together is just the beginning. I pray that you can PATIENTLY wait for me. As each day ends, it means that it's getting closer unti reveal my wish at the fountain in Chicago. Happy Valentines Day. Happy Anniversary. Good luck on Comps. I'm looking forward to seeing you tonight!

Love, Michael

E L E N A: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!! From, A Secret Admirerer

JB 613 Flanner: Hope your day is fantastic. From, an admirer

BEING WYOU IS BETTER THAN CHOCOLATE!

-BE

TO MY BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS: THANK YOU FOR TWO WONDERFUL YEARS, I LOVE YOU. FOREVER YOURS,

CHRISTIAN MEKO, HAPPY VALEN TINES DAY, YOUR VALENTINES MES-SAGE IS ON PAGE 99 IN THE BOOK. LOVE YOU!!

REGINAMCCANDLESS FORMAL!! DID YOU BY CHANCE TAKE HOME THE WRONG COAT?? POSSIBLY A CAS-SIDY BLACK AND WHITE ONE, size 6/8 petit petite?? PLEASE CALL 284-5178

HELP!! WE NEED A RIDE TO N.Y. PLEASE CALL MISSY AND SUE 284

THOUGH I'VE DONE SOME SLEUTH ING, I HAVEN'T A CLUE: WHO PUT IN THE AD ABOUT NANCY DREW?

DAVIDI! LOOK HERE!! YOU DON'T GO TO ND, BUT YOU GOT A PERSONAL!! THAT ALONE MUST MEAN SOMETH-ING... THE WEEKEND LOOKS PROMISING AND WILL "BE WORTH THE TIME." LOVE ALWAYS, ROSE

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY NANBO I LOVE YOU! CLUE # 1: CHECK YOUR DOOR. LOVE, MICKEY.

M.A.-To the best 2 and a half year M.A.-10 the Dest 2 and a half your girlfriend that I've ever had. Happy Valentines Day! Lets hope we share many more! Luv B

Hey Kerstin:

Laura Gonzalez Happy Valentine's Day from your not-so-secret admirer!

A.LOUIS.VILLAFRANCA HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY LEYA

KEVIN O'BRIEN Shamrocks are green; You're the cutest guy We've ever seen Happy Valentines Day!

KELLY O' Roses are red Rainbows are bright; As a daughte You're outs sight! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Mike-It seems Density has drawn me back to the personals. These past five got love of the lasting kind, so "all I am and all I'm not, I give it all to you". Happy Valentine's Day, Mickey. I'll always love vou...lots.-Amv

> Dear San You'll always be my Valentine I love you Dennis p.s. so, will you .

Jackie, Happy Valentine's Day sw I'm so lucky to have you. And even though you're miles and miles away, you're always in my heart.

X X X I Love You, O O O Paulie

GIPPER!!! You Need A Shoe Phone, You're Never Home !!! I'll still take lunch And a twister lesson Gimme a call Your fellow Zebra

Dearest Merritt The past 11 months have been

the happiest of my life. No more "selective amnesia", I promise. I love you.

To the men of the ND Glee Club because 1) who else can sing so well? 2) you guys look smashing in tuxes. 3) you party like no one else. 4) you are the best buds a girl could ask for!! Happy Valentine's Day, Clubbers! Luv---DM

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> ESPERANZA LOPEZ HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY p.s. only 3 more months left!!

SEAN. TO THE MOST WONDERFUL PERSON IN THE WORLD.THANKX SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING THIS YEAR.YOU ARE A DOLLII HOPE OUR RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW STRONGER EVERY DAY. I LOVE YOU VERY VERY MUCH! HAPPY VALENTINES DAY! LOVE & KISSES,

CHRIS MCCARTHY SO WE'RE NOT SOPHOMORES. SO WE'RE NOT IN SPANISH. IS THERE STILL HOPE?

FANDANGO a.k.a. (you know who you are) HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

house of INIQUITY, den of SIN, remember: a healthy house is a happy house. happy v-day! your torturer.

j-how can i fall? EASILY! ilu. happy v-day.

VIOLETS ARE BLUE-ROSES ARE RED WE WANT \$20 OR SLUGGO IS DEAD!!!!

To Paul Kane, Tom Varnum, and Chris Barnabo--my Senior Bar Buddies! I love you guys! You are the best!

YOU MAKE MY HEART FLUTTER AND LIVER QUIVER EVERY TIME I WALK INTO THE OBSERVER OFFICE Happy Valentine's Day Janeti! CFS: Can you dance? I think you, being

a Hawkeye, need to prove yourself. Happy Valentine's Day! -The COMPETITION

Happy Valentine's Day! You were probably expecting this! Ha!
Love you lots! Susie

Mike Jennings:
If the word 4 the day is quality... does this make you the man of the year?
CURIOUS RAHO, Happy Valentine's Day. All we

want is a night at Briget's with you. Signed, "RAHO's WOMEN" Dear Blond Guy wglasses, Will you be our valentine? Love, Éleanor, Lizzie, Marilyn

SMACKIN'---CAN'T IMAGINE A VALENTINES DAY WITHOUT AT LEAST ONE PERSONAL VOWING LOVE TO YOU

SMACKIN---WE LOVE YOU!! Hey tiger, Have a Happy V-day! Love you, Your 4th roomie.

Michael: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Looking forward to a great break! Bear with me. I love you! Love, S.

> I think you're cool. Love, Dave

Little D.(ok winner) I'm so glad you're my GP,MM, Golden Boy, and main man pro bowler. Happy Valentine's Day!! Love ya,

Miss WYO. Sue Lippa--Even though you are now a freshman goddess--you are still our

goddess too--we love you!! HEY DORK! (Doug Green)Congrats!

This is one year today. Happy Valentine's Day! Kara says "HI!" I love you! Love always, Deanna.

Happy Valentine's Day! You're always on my mind. Thanks for being there when I need you. ANDREW

KELLEY TUTHILL-Thanks to you, the MAWITW, I've been the HGITW since Aug 27! You are the HWE, SWITW and the BGE which makes me THE LUCK-IEST GUY IN THE WORLD! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY and I LOVE YOU!! JOE ("JAMES")

Just remember that my love for you will never fade. Independence and a relationship can indeed go together, but to find out, we have to try. I promise you, you won't regret sharing your life with me. I LOVE YOU!!! Snugglebunny

KATHY: Will you be my valentine?

(I know this isn't very original but it is

Bob, The "rush" is on in my heart always! Valentine's Day! I love you. Ri

R.M. and Nancy, Have a wonderful Valentine's Day. Love, Terri

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO: Mailory, Patty, Irene, Lisa, Jen, Ann,Kim,Trish,Sara,Patty,Kathy, ry,Colleen,Gretchen,Coyote,Roden Karen, Wendy, Patty, Nancy, Kerri, Margo, Lips, Blondi, Jennifer, Sue, Barb, Red, Amy, Sharon, Tracy, Amy, Wendy, Mora, Janet, Atilla, Brenda, X. Sue, Kattrina, Lisa, Nancy. WE SALUTE

YOU! Love, The 733 St. Louis st. Guys

You know how blunt I like to be, but there are times when I am at a loss for words. Quite simply, thanks for giving me a reason to smile again. Love, Deb

HAPPY VALENTINES!!

I LOVE YOU FOREVER! Juanqui Happy Valentine's Day Maggie-

Wish I was there to spend

it with you. I love you!

Kim O Happy V Day. Thanks for being a great friend. Love Always D.B.

Happy Valentine's Day, Brian!! Thanks for all of the love and happiness that you have brought to my life I LOVE YOU!!!!

Kev-The Hot Man, Surprise! Happy Valentine's Day to my blind date from "The Summer." I love you! The Crazy CO Broad-Gina

Love, C

Dear Jim. Happy Valentine's Day to the

Laura Happy Valentine's Day, Pete

You are not only my love, but you are also my best freind. I love you.

eetest guy that anyone could ask for.

get you a present but you can borrow my car. I love you. Kelly

men in Farley Hall.

I love you l love you l love you

Kate, Malini, Sandy and Alison, Happy Valentine's Day to the most playful wo-

But not necessarily in that order, HAPPY

VALENTINE'S DAY

Hey Baby, Happy Valentine's Day to my one and only. DON'T LAUGH! I'm never going to forget four months ago today under the Dome. It still hasn't become boring and neither have you. Here's to even more and better times together. I

Thanks for the best year and a half of my life! Considering you're a FO and not a GID, anything you WANT, you got it.... LOVE,

Yukon (Jack) Cornelius Bellino mio..

> D BEATON Happy Valentine's Day Next time I'll try your black-eyed peas. 1279

amo sempre!

Con un abbraccio forte e amore.

JENNY KRAFT

Happy Birthday to my Wisconsin Valentine!! LOVE your sister at ND tyler- Happy Valentine's Day thanks for

-a good friend

SARAH THANKS FOR 2 GREAT YEARS. I LOVE YOU.

DANNY

Dear Trish the Dish, You think all I think about is beer but this is to let you know I do think of other things and now I'm thhinking of you. I'm wondering if you'll be my valentine but I'm not sure because of your under the table flirting. I pray you change your ways. Be Mine. Love, Van

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SPORTS BRIEFS

The Cheerleading Team will have an informational meeting Monday, Feb. 20, for anyone interested in trying out for the 1989-90 Cheerleading Team (either as a cheerleader or the leprechaun). The meeting will take place at 8 p.m. in the football auditorium of the Joyce ACC. -The Observer

The ND Squash Club is seeking students to help organize the club for the upcoming year. Please call Bill Murray at x3211 for information. -The Observer

Kathryn Benz at 284-5482. -The Observer

The ND-SMC women's lacrosse team will hold its first practice Monday, Feb. 20, at the Angela Athletic Facility. Please be there by 6:45 p.m. and remember to bring \$5 for club dues and sticks if you have them. -The Observer

Asquashfilm dealing with the fundamentals of the game will be shown Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the football auditorium of the Joyce ACC. For more information, please call Bill Murray at x3211. -The Observer

Sports Briefs are accepted in writing Sunday The SMC-ND women's lacrosse club through Friday in The Observer offices on the is looking for a volunteer coach. Anyone inter- third floor of LaFortune Student Center before ested or wanting more information should call 3 p.m. on the day prior to publication. -The

ND men's tennis to battle Illinois

By CHRIS COONEY Sports Writer

The match-ups will be about as even as they can get today at 3 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion when the Notre Dame men's tennis team (5-2) hosts regional rival Illinois.

Although the two teams have not had a dual meet in recent years, the players are by no means unfamiliar with one another. Bayliss pointed out that in tournaments this fall many members of the Irish squad battled the Illini (2-0).

'Their best player, Hector

Ortiz, played our number-one, Dave DiLucia, and beat him 6-4 in the third set," noted Bayliss. "He's got a big forehand and he's good off the ground."

Bayliss also mentioned the Illini's Mark Krajewski and Neal Brown, who pulled out close, three-set victories over Ryan Wenger and Walter Dolhare of the Irish, respectively, earlier in the season.

Although the Irish have come out second in those meetings, Bayliss thinks they have a good chance to win.

"Those matches that are decided in the third set can al-

HEY MATH GEEKSI THANKS FOR BEING SUCH GREAT FRIENDS(EVEN YOU JEFF) HAPPY VALENTINES DAY AND ALL THAT GUSHI

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!

Love, CALVIN

You have stolen my heart away

Will you be my Valentine?

Bowser (aka Danny): HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Camille, Lilia, Dave, Doug, Chelsea Barb, Amy, Jennie, Marcie, Frank, Pat, Jon, Kerry, Adrienne, Kim, <u>Yvette, Suzanne, Monica, Steve, and An</u>

nmarie: HAPPY VALENTINES DAY! (Yes, I'm too

cheap to send an ad to each of you.) Love from your favorite "has-been": the ex-Miss Berrien Springs

...you're someone so wonderful... ..without a doubt it's never cold out

all the time before was driftin' away.

I can promise you that I'll be

I LOVE YOU!!!!

...stay with me forever

Dear FIAFIA

Dearest Patty

ways go either way," explained Bayliss. "It's like overtime in basketball. I expect that every match will be close."

Bayliss thinks the meet will be decided in the doubles competition. At No. 3 doubles the Irish again lost in the third set 6-4 to the Illini at a tournament at Navy earlier this year. However, DiLucia combined with Paul Odland at numberone doubles to come away with a victory.

"This is the kind of meet we are going to have to win if we're going to have a successful season. We have to win these close matches at home.'

TO MY BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS: THANK YOU FOR TWO WONDERFUL YEARS. I LOVE YOU.

FOREVER YOURS,

YOUR SWEETHEART

SMR

I hope my liver endures this relationship. You really know how to hang-out. HAPPY V-DAY

PUD: I've decided that you're not so bad after all... Happy Valentine's Day!!

SIMON HERBERT, THANK YOU FOR A WONDER-FUL 2 YEARS!! I'LL LOVE YOU FOREVER!! LOVE, YOUR LITTLE PRINCESS.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY SMOOCHIE-MAGOOCHIE!! I WUV YOU VERY MUCH! LOVE, PAC B. (ps. slurp, i need a scooby-snack)

DAVE, A DANCE ONLY LASTS A NIGHT, BUT A MEMORY LASTS FOREVER. THANKS FOR ALL OF THEM, MOLLY

T-T FITZ: GET YOUR happy that we gave it another shot girl HERE! ms. kate

MIKE TRI-MIL WAS GREAT SO WAS KEENAN REVIEW. HERE'S TO TALL SNOWMEN AND DIN-NER ON YOU!! CALVIN

ODE TO A LEMON: I SING OF THEE A LEMON SO SWEET I SMILE ON THEE THE LEMON SQUEEZE. LOVE, A LEMON

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Happy V-Day to Betsy (Betty) & Pat and Jeanna (Beaner) & Kevin, who prove that love CAN exist at ND... Love, T and Kathy (Katie)

ROO- Since our night of Kensington crime I've hoped we'll be friends for all

TI AMO, Roberto! -Pamela

Kristi- Happy Valentine's Day. I Love You. -Danny

To the girl who is in my heart not only on this day, but every day: Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Panda Bear

> Hello Cutest Date This is for you, have fun:

Merci pour les sourires, le bonheur, et la couleur que tu m'a donne. Tu es Saint Valentin!

De tout mon coeur.

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The Observer

Volleyball, track clubs impressive

The Women's Track Club competed in the Red Simmons Invitational track meet at the University of Michigan last weekend. Two outstanding performances were the highlight for the Irish. The two mile relay team grabbed second place with an impressive time of 10:01 and Therese Lemanski finished third in the mile behind two very strong runners. Another exceptional performance was turned in by Amy Blaising, who achieved her personal record in the 3000 meters.

Two weekends ago, the club traveled out of the country to Ontario, Canada for the Can-Am Track Classic. There,

Greg Scheckenbach Club Corner



Theresa Rice placed 3rd in the competitive 1500 meters and Sheila Stewart tossed her way to an 8th place finish in the shot put. Therese Lemanski, again, performed outstandingly with a 10th-place finish in the 3000 meters. Cathleen Rice, Diana Bradley, and Cris Norton all placed in their individual heats put failed to place in the finals. The meet was quite a success for the club considering that most of the teams were at the varsity level.

This weekend, a few of the members will participate in the Indiana Intercollegiate track meet. Two weeks from now, the Irish will host a meet at the Loftus center in

which four or five teams will participate.

Men's Volleyball Club played three times this past weekend, winning twice. Friday night, Notre Dame was taken to five games by the University of Toledo before winning 10-15, 16-14, 15-13, 3-15, 15-2. Jim Sullivan recorded four service aces in the win, while Andrew Sullivan tallied 23 kills. Pat Burke led the team with 17 digs along with numerous kills at the net. The streaky Irish had trouble putting away a definitely overmatched Toledo squad that would not give up until the final game.

Saturday night, the Irish played a powerful team from Canada's Guelph University. The scene was not pretty as Notre Dame lost in three, 8-15, 6-15, 13-15. The final game was the only bright spot for the Irish as they nearly

grabbed a victory.

Sunday, the Irish bounced back with a five-game win against Midwest rival Michigan State. The scores were 15-12, 15-9, 13-15, 4-15, 16-14. Tom Martin snuffed five blocks for Notre Dame as he rebounded after a lackluster performance against Guelph University. Andrew Sullivan and Mike Sheedy led the Irish with 17 and 15 kills, respectively. Sullivan had an incredible 43 kills in the three games over the weekend.

Notre Dame will take on Toledo University this Wednesday at 7:30 in the Joyce ACC Pit.

A BIG THANKS

to the two students who helped me up from the ice and gave their time so graciously - wished I could have caught your names.

And to the security guards who rushed me to St. Joseph's Hospital

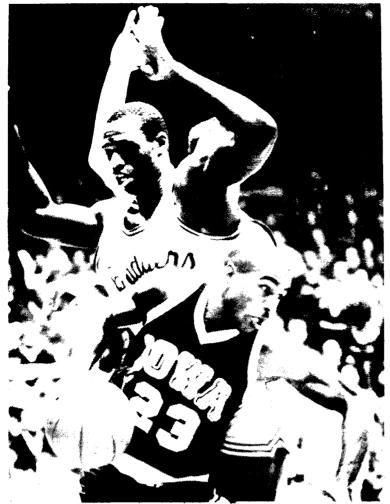
- Sister Matilda

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

to Tom and Erin Stewart



Love, Mom and Dad



Roy Marble (23) of the Iowa Hawkeyes drives the lane in a game earlier this week against Wisconsin. Iowa beat Ohio State 83-75 last night, breaking the Hawkeyes' two-game Big Ten Iosing streak. The AP Top Twenty and a college basketball roundup can be found at right.

Fencing

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0) and freshman Mike Trisko (6-0) were all undefeated. Colin Gumbs finished at 6-2 for the day while Chris Nee went 3-3.

For the epee team, senior captain Ted Fay had a perfect day at 11-0 as did newcomer Paul Vogt (6-0). Senior Todd Griffee and freshman David Calderhead had matching records at 10-1. Junior Mark Gugel had a 4-2 mark for the day.

Although the sabre team had a composite 37-8 record for the weekend, five of those losses came in the loss to Ohio State. Sophomore sabremen Leszek Nowosielski went 10-0 to accumulate his season record to a perfect 18-0. Senior Geoff Rossi was 7-2 and sophomore David Kirby had but a single loss (6-1). The freshman combo of Ed Baguer (9-3) and Henry Chou (5-2) had respectable days.

The women's squad experienced a similar scenario, with an overall 64-16 mark but nine of those losses to Ohio State

Senior captain Janice Hynes set the pace with a 15-3 mark, while classmate Stephanie McNeill had an execllent day at 11-1. Freshman Heidi Piper (14-3), sophomore Lynn Kadri (9-3), and seniors Kristin Kralicek (9-3) and Brenda Leiser (6-3) all contributed to the Irish cause with fine finishes.

Sooners back in the saddle

Oklahoma regains top spot in AP poll, Georgetown wins

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla.-Oklahoma Coach Billy Tubbs is happy to be No. 1 in the nation--again.

"We'd like to stay there," Tubbs said Monday after learning his Sooners had taken over the top spot in The Associated Press college basketball poll again. "But we're not going to get into the hype of the thing. We've experienced it before, so now maybe we can do better."

Oklahoma was ranked No. 1 two weeks ago for the first time in the school's history. But the Sooners lost to intrastate rival Oklahoma State and fell to fifth in last week's poll.

Oklahoma moved back to No. 1 this week after defeating No. 3 Missouri and Arizona, last week's No. 1 team.

Tubbs noted after Sunday's 82-80 victory over Arizona that the No. 1 team has had to immediately go out and play tough road games. The Sooners are no different.

"This week we've got Kansas

and Colorado on the road," Tubbs said. "I think there should be some kind of clause that if you get to be No. 1, you can change your schedule so you don't have to play on the road for at least two weeks," he joked.

Arizona, Missouri, Georgetown, Illinois, Syracuse, Florida State, North Carolina, Indiana and Louisville rounded out the Top Ten.

Duke, 17-4, led the Second Ten with 641 points that included the final first-place vote. The Blue Devils were followed by Seton Hall, Michigan, West Virginia, Iowa, Ohio State, Stanford, Nevada-Las Vegas, North Carolina State and Louisiana State.

Louisiana State, 17-6, is the only new member of the poll as the Tigers replaced No. 20 Georgia Tech.

Georgetown 61, Syracuse 54

LANDOVER, Md.--Charles

Smith scored 16 points and keyed a second-half surge that enabled fourth-ranked Georgetown to solidify its hold on first place in the Big East Conference Monday night with a 61-54 victory over No. 6 Syracuse.

Smith scored five points in a 13-3 run at the start of the second half that gave the Hoyas a 41-33 lead. Syracuse, which had a seven-game winning streak snapped, never got closer than four the rest of the way. The Orangemen are 0-9 at the Capital Centre.

After a layup by Syracuse guard Sherman Douglas cut the lead to 53-49, Smith made a 17-foot jumper to make it 55-49. Moments later he hit a breakaway layup to give Georgetown a 58-50 lead with 1:21 left.

The victory enabled the Hoyas, 19-3 overall and 9-2 in the conference, to move two games in front of second-place Seton Hall in the Big East. Syracuse, 21-5 and 7-5, fell into third place.



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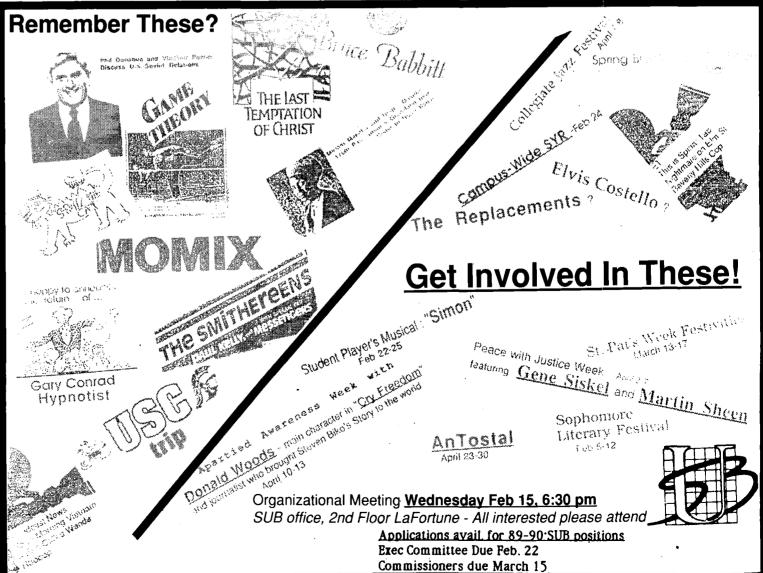
the ball, penetrate and play hard man-to-man. The other players complement him."

Other probable Boston College starters include sophomore Doug Able (7.9 points per game, 5.1 rebounds per game), sophomore center Corey Beasley (6.9, 4.4) and freshman guard Bryan Edwards (5.8, 1.8)

Dobbs thinks much of Boston College's problems have come from an inability to match up with teams inside. He knows that might cause problems against Notre Dame (14-4), which leads the country in rebound margin.

"The thing I'm most impressed about is the way (Notre Dame) rebounds, their tenacity on the glass," said Dobbs. "They play very hard, and if there are any mistakes, they make up for them with their rebounding."

IRISH ITEMS— Jamere Jackson, who missed the USC game with back spasms, is on day-to-day status. Tim Singleton has a thigh contusion and did not practice Monday.



CAMPUS

3:00 p.m. Tennis vs. Illinois, Eck Tennis Pavilion.

3:30 p.m. Chemical Engineering seminar "Nanophase Materials: A New Frontier 'for Chemical Engineering,' by Ronald Andres, Purdue University, Room 356 Fitzpatrick.

4:00 p.m. Peace Institute lecture "The New Soviet Thinking on Foreign Policy," by Matthew Evangelista, University of Michigan, Room 101 Law School.

4:30 p.m. Biology seminar "Habitat Structure and Food Web Interactions in Aquatic Communities," by Mathew Liebold, Duke University, Galvin Life Science Auditorium.

p.m. SMC Diversity films "Managing Differences Diversity at Work Communicating Across Cultures,' Carroll Auditorium.

7:00 p.m. Film "Chronicle of Anna Magdalena Bach," Annenberg Auditorium.

8:00 p.m. Basketball vs. Boston College, Joyce ACC.

8:00 p.m. Theology lecture "Religion and Politics in Post Colonial Africa," by Achille Mbembe, Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

9:00 p.m. Film "Earth," Annenberg Auditorium.

DINNER MENUS

Notre Dame

Thin Steak Sandwich Veal Parmesan **Roast Turkey** Broccoli Caserole

Saint Mary's

Valentine's Dinner: **Roast Beef** Chicken Breast **Baked Cod**

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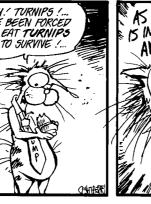
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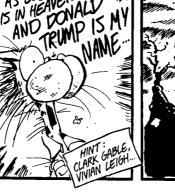
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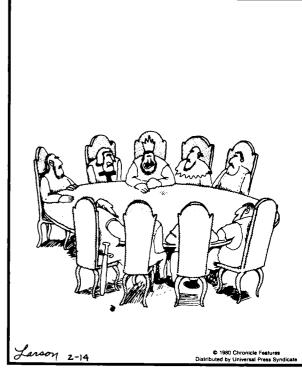
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"And that goes for Lancelot, Galahad and the rest of you guys. ... No more stickin' your gum under the table."

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Sports



Joe Fredrick (3) hangs in the lane amidst three Duke defenders earlier this season. Fredrick and

the Irish battle Boston College tonight at the JACC. Steve Megargee has a preview at right.

Flightless Eagles look to upset Irish

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Assistant Sports Editor

Southern California came into the Joyce ACC on an 11-game losing skid and left Notre Dame with an 83-74 defeat and its streak intact.

Boston College, which faces the Irish 8 tonight at the JACC, is not in quite as desperate a situation as USC. But it's pretty darned close.

The Eagles have lost eight games in a row, with all those losses coming to Big East competition. The slide has given Boston College (1-9 in the Big East, 8-12 overall) residency in the conference cellar.

While the Eagles haven't exactly flown atop the conference standings this year, Notre Dame coach Digger Phelps remains cautious.

"You can't take them lightly," said Phelps. "They have good personnel who can get things going. They're one of those teams that can catch you."

Phelps need only point out BC's 95-83 upset victory over Pitt last month as an example of the Eagles "catching" a team off-stride.

Senior Dana Barros led the Eagles to that victory with a career-high 43 points. The 5-11 point guard leads Boston College with a 22.7 scoring average and is shooting 77-of-181 (43 percent) from three-point range.

"Barros is as good as any guard in the country," said Phelps. "He's got the size and quickness of (former SMU guard Kato) Armstrong and the scoring ability of (Temple's Mark) Macon.

"You can't let him dominate a game."

Barros is one of only two Eagles scoring in double figures this season. The other is senior Steve Benton, a 6-5 forward who averages 14.5 points per game.

"Dana Barros means everything to our team," said Frank Dobbs, an assistant on Boston College coach Jim O'Brien's staff. "He does a little bit of everything.

"We ask him to score, pass

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Both ND fencing teams take surprising weekend losses

By CHRIS FILLIO Sports Writer

As with just about any kind of model, sometimes the model breaks down.

This past weekend the Notre Dame fencing teams' models of consistency broke down--to an extent--as both the women and the men's sabre team suffered losses at the hands of Ohio State.

"Obviously, I think that the disappointments of the weekend were the men's sabre versus Ohio State and the women's loss as well," said Irish head coach Michael DeCicco. "Ohio State won those bouts because they wanted it more than we did."

However, not all news is bad news.

The Irish handily destroyed teams from Case Western Reserve, Northwestern, Cal-State Long Beach, and the women's squad from Vanderbilt.

In addition, the St. Mary's team under coach Mike Marx improved further on last week's finish, beating Vanderbilt (9-7) and Case Western Reserve (12-4). The Belles went 2-1 on the day with a loss

to a strong Cal-State Long Beach team. They were led by senior captain Lisa LaVelle, along with junior Bryn Haugh. Freshmen Laura Curtin, Leigh Voyt and Laura Kouri continued to show improvement in their first year of competition.

"Their level of fencing has doubled each meet," said Marx. "I'm really impressed. It's exciting to see that they understand how to compete against much stronger teams. This weekend they really turned it around in beating Vanderbilt and CWU."

Irish coach DeCicco also had

his share of pleasant surprises.

"One surprise this weekend was that NU was not the team that I expected," said DeCicco. "They did not fence as competitively as I thought they would against our team. And since they just missed beating Illinois earlier this year, that means that Illinois is well within our reach."

All the same, losing is a rather obscure phenomenon for these Irish fencers. The losses marked the first such setbacks since last season.

"The loss in sabre had nothing to do with the personnel,"

said DeCicco. "The coaches lost that meet, not the fencers. It isn't fair for the team to have a stigma that we lost when they shouldn't have."

Nevertheless, the weekend on the whole must be looked at in a positive light. Leading the way once again for the men's foil machine was Derek A (Skitz) Holeman. Skitz cleaned up on all comers as he upped his record to 19-0 on the season. All-American Yehuda Kovacs (9-0), junior captain Joel Clark (6-0), sophomore Phil Leary (4-

see FENCING, page 10

Once a Cub Fan, always a Cub Fan -- but why?

Hi, my name is Jeff and I'm a. . . (Pause)

I'm a.

I'm a Cub Fan.

The preceding is a typical scene at Underachievers Anonymous, the organization that helps Cub Fans admit they have a problem. Face it: Cub Fans, and I count myself among the multitudes, have a problem.

Can somebody give a logical reason as to why anyone would continue to support a team to within an inch of his or her life, even though they haven't been in the World Series since 1945?

But as any Cub Fan will tell you, that doesn't matter. Nor does the fact that they haven't won the Fall Classic since 1908.

No, what matters is finishing ahead of the St. Louis Birds. You have to admit, the most exciting race in the National League last season was for fourth place in the East, which was not decided until the Cubs won and the Cardinals lost on the last day of the season.

The sad, sad truth is that Cub Fans accept this as one of the more successful seasons in the recent

past. This is a problem.

Now is the happiest time of year for Cub Fans. In fact, this should be the only time of year the faithful can be happy. The season hasn't started yet, spring training hasn't started yet, and, at least in February, no one can turn on the TV and see the Cubs lose. Again. And again.

But the Cubs management hasn't let the fans for-

get their misery. In the offseason, they make trades.

The Cubs organization is continuing its reputation as a team to look to when you want to make a trade. The Cubs will give you their starting outfield and a promising young pitcher in return for two 28-year old minor league middle-relief specialists (a.k.a. can't start, can't finish) and the always hot-hitting player to be named later.

The Cubs traded former catcher-rightfielder-first baseman-clutch hitter Keith Moreland for former good reliever Goose Gossage. Then they traded bullpen ace Lee Smith, who had earned at least 20

Theresa Kelly

Assistant Sports Editor



saves for the Cubs every year throughout the 1980s, for Calvin Schiraldi and Al Nipper.

They also sent off Dennis Eckersley, who as a starter was over-the-hill in Cubdom but as a reliever led Oakland to the World Series.

Anyway, Schiraldi's job was to help Gossage in late relief. So the Cubs were set in late relief with the Goose and Schiraldi, right?

Wrong. This offseason the Cubs sent young, .300-plus hitting leftfielder Rafael Palmiero to Texas for another short reliever. Does anybody remember the Lou Brock-for-Ernie Broglio deal?

The current rumors have the ever wheeling-anddealing management getting rid of aging, unproductive players like All-Star, Golden Glove, MVP winning second baseman Ryne Sandberg and All-Star, Cy Young Award winner Rick Sutcliffe. If you had to name any players on the team that were good, you'd pick those two. So trade them.

The Cubs weren't even fun to watch last season. In the game I made it to, the Atlanta Braves (another team headed for the top) scored on a sacrifice fly in the first inning and won the game 1-0. Somehow, though, each team used four pitchers and the game took three hours.

My companions were more interested in the man a few rows in front of us whose pants were too loose and kept sliding down whenever he stood up, cracking everyone up.

But Cub Fans come back to Wrigley Field. They'll cheer whoever happens to put on the pinstripes. It doesn't matter if they've traded away an All-Star team full of talent and can't get out of the second division. Cub fans watch every game on WGN, remembering back to the recent glories of the Cubs-1969 (but look what happened) and 1984 (at least until the last three games of the League Championship Series).

But for Cub Fans, next year is this year, at least until July or August. For us, the team looks better than ever, and is a sure shot to finish on top this year. For us, hope springs and early summers eternal.

You have to wonder why.