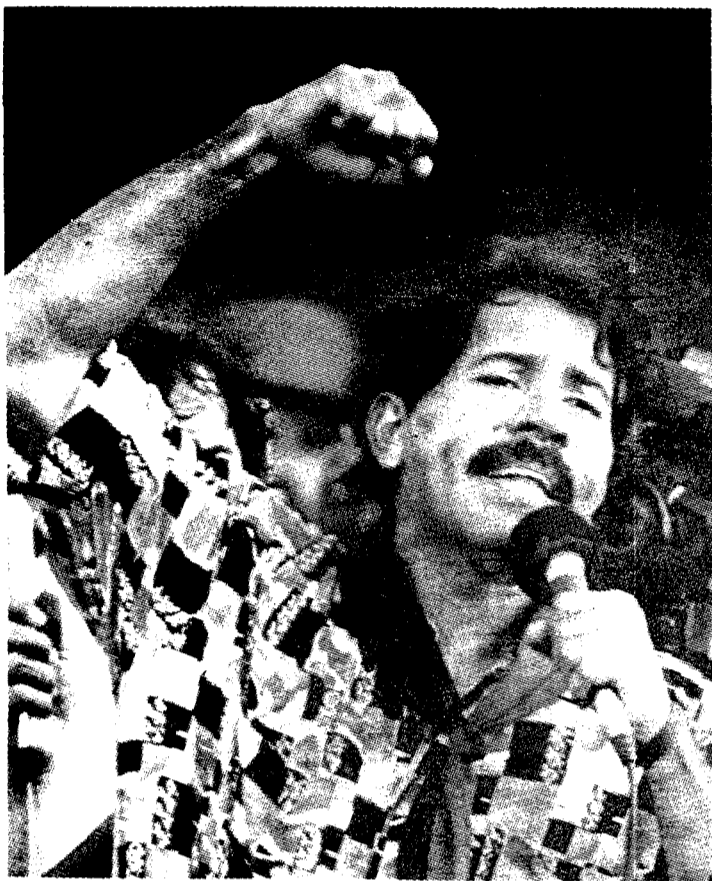


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He's no "Buster" Douglas

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Soon-to-be-former Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, sporting the latest styles, addresses supporters in Managua Tuesday before his defeat in Wednesday's election.

Soviets enact land reform

MOSCOW (AP) — Legislators overwhelmingly approved a bill Wednesday that allows Soviets to acquire land and bequeath it to their children, a major modification of decades of state control of land.

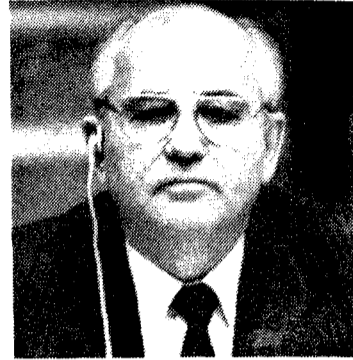
The law, however, stops short of legalizing full private ownership of property by strictly forbidding the sale of land. Under the new law, plots only can be leased, and the lease prices will be set by the state.

The measure was part of a comprehensive package designed to give the force of law to the economic and social reforms championed by President Mikhail Gorbachev. The official news agency Tass called it "a major legal document of Soviet economic reform."

The law is to serve as the basis for further legislation by each republic to regulate land distribution.

State ownership of land, inscribed in the Soviet Constitution, has been a cornerstone of communism since the 1917 revolution. But reformers and economists repeatedly have called for allowing private ownership as a way of spurring growth in the troubled economy.

In a commentary in Wednes-



Mikhail Gorbachev

day's edition of the newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda, economist Pavel Voshchanov welcomed the reform as a first step to reversing a situation in which the Soviet Union, with some of the richest farmland on Earth, has become a net importer of food.

The Soviet Constitution says "the land, its minerals, waters and forests are the exclusive property of the state." The Congress of People's Deputies, the Supreme Soviet's parent body, will be asked to change the Constitution when it meets March 12.

By altering the Constitution and allowing the roughly 23 million people employed on the 26,000 collective and 23,000 state farms to acquire plots,

the Kremlin leadership hopes to raise farm productivity, which is notoriously low on those farms.

Rural families already produce one-fourth of the country's gross agricultural production, including nearly 30 percent of the meat, milk and eggs on individual plots they are allowed to exploit.

In a poll published Wednesday in the newspaper Izvestia, 40 percent of those queried said they were eager to become individual farmers.

The Supreme Soviet legislature first voted separately on each chapter of the 52-article measure, then approved the entire law 349-7 with 12 abstentions. The full Congress of People's Deputies must now approve it.

Wednesday's four-hour session was the third time the Supreme Soviet considered the proposed so-called Law on Land. During earlier debate, about 150 proposals and criticisms of the bill were made.

Alexander Nikonov, the president of the Soviet Agricultural Academy who submitted the bill, said about 40 percent of the original draft had been revised to accommodate the proposed changes.

Computer program root of minority housing controversy

By JOE MOODY
AND KELLEY TUTHILL
News Writers

After a controversy arose questioning just how "random" the freshman housing assignments were, the Administration agreed with the Student Government Legal Department to modify the computer program to ensure that disproportionate placement would not occur in the future.

The Legal Department became concerned that the housing office perhaps had a policy

to steer minority students into the same rooms when assigning the incoming freshmen.

Sigi Loya, student senator, said that he noticed that a large number of minority students were housed together in certain dorms and in certain sections. "We [Loya and other student leaders] tried to find out what was going on," he said.

He said that the Student Government Legal Department was called in to investigate the issue.

The new computerized housing program was supposed to be primarily random, with no concessions made except for extreme cases.

However, through cooperation with the housing office, the legal department compiled a list of 56 cases where at least 2, 3, or 4 minority students were placed together in the same room, according to a report compiled by Greg Volan, research department commissioner of the Legal Department.

Megan Hines, executive coordinator of the Legal

Department, Volan, and Loya, met with Evelyn Reinebold, director of student residences, John Goldrick, associate vice president for Resident Life, and the computer programmer, to ask for an explanation of why the housing assignments did not appear to be random.

They asked the representatives of Residences to "alleviate the discrepancy between reality and what they claim to be" random, said Hines.

At the Campus Life Council meeting, Goldrick admitted that there was a problem and that

something should be done about it, according to Hines.

Goldrick was contacted for comment but he referred The Observer to Reinebold.

The explanation given by the Administration for the disproportionate assignments was that the computer read names in order of confirmation to the University and assigned them in groups to fill rooms in the dorms.

Minority students tended to confirm late because many

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Carter asks Contras to 'lay down their arms' and leave

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter, who played honest broker in the Nicaraguan elections, called on the Contra rebels Wednesday to lay down their arms and remove "a military force threatening the country."

Carter commented after a 45-minute meeting with Secretary of State James Baker, who told a Senate committee earlier that blending the rebels into the Central American country's political life was a delicate problem but one that would be resolved.

The former president said what happens to the Contras was "the key unresolved factor" in Nicaragua now that President-elect Violeta Chamorro has defeated Sandinista President Daniel Ortega in an election Carter helped monitor after extensive discussions with both sides.

"If you have an army on the edge of your country or in your country that still threatens

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military action, that's obviously a very destabilizing factor," Carter said. "I don't think there is going to be a guarantee of an orderly transition as long as the Contras are a military force threatening the country."

He commented in a curbside news conference outside the State Department.

On Capitol Hill, Baker declared that "the war is over" in Nicaragua despite lingering mistrust by longtime foes.

He noted that a bipartisan policy agreement between the administration and Congress last year called for "voluntary reintegration" of the rebels under safe and democratic conditions.

With Sunday's election victory by Chamorro and a request by

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Former President Jimmy Carter calls on a reporter during a post-election news conference Monday in Managua together with Joao Baena Soares of Brazil, left, Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, and Elliot Richardson, personal representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

INSIDE COLUMN

Conservatives look ahead to 1990s

Conservatism is dead.

So says David Dinkins, New York's Democratic mayor. As communism begins to crumble, says Dinkins, the right wing will be without an enemy, and "without an enemy, they have no energy."



Dave Bruner
Viewpoint Editor

The eighties have ended. The decade of yuppies, materialism, Ronald Reagan, BMWs, tax cuts and Perrier is gone forever. The nineties will bring a kinder, gentler world: communism is crumbling; the cold war is dead; defense contractors are folding and Nicaragua has ousted the Sandinistas.

Being a conservative just isn't fun anymore. "Republican" is a dirty word; "Conservative" is even worse. According to NOW and the ABA, at least 110 percent of the country is pro-choice (though the Notre Dame Law School might disagree). The Contras are disbanding, and to top it all off, it's hard to find any good junk bonds.

But conservatism isn't all washed up just yet. The Sandinistas may not give up power peacefully, and hope persists for a capital gains tax cut. Mario Cuomo still thinks he's a good Catholic, and the same Ted Kennedy who voted against John Tower seems to have his own problem keeping the cork in the bottle.

Any conservative will tell you that not only is conservatism still alive, it is expanding into the youth of America. Traditional values are making a comeback, a direct result of the Reagan era and Bush's emphasis on the family. Conservatives can remind themselves that many of the great achievements of the past decade are a direct result of conservative vision and policies. Conservatives who have fought for freedom and democracy are at last seeing freedom taking hold throughout the world.

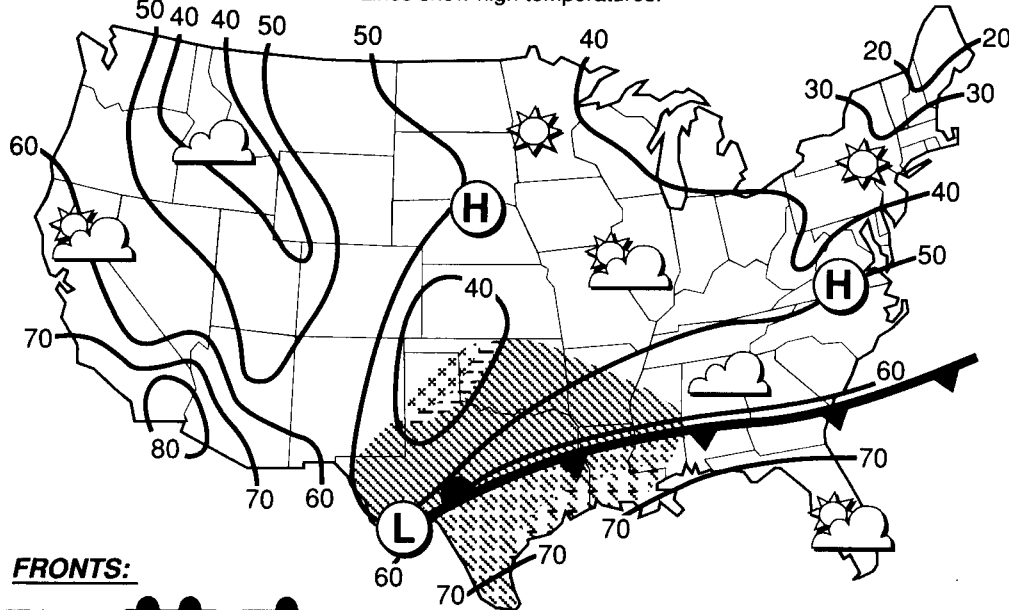
True conservatives are ready to build on their past successes, not rest on their laurels. The conservative of the nineties will be different than conservatives of the eighties. The conservative movement will be younger and more active. More college age freshmen are calling themselves conservative than ever before. This young and active element will energize the conservative movement in the nineties and push for social change.

The new right is not reactionary but visionary: enterprise zones for inner city economic development. Reducing America's health care costs by providing tax breaks directly to workers, not to businesses. Economic incentives for a clean environment. A "family tax cut" instead of state-sponsored day care.

Each day that passes brings news of another political upheaval in the world. The decline of the Warsaw Pact and the loss of global hegemonic stability places an even greater responsibility on the U.S. and the free nations of the world to maintain order. At the same time, we must ensure that the domestic economic recovery of the eighties expands to include everyone here at home. Young, activist conservatives are ready to make a positive change.

WEATHER

Forecast for noon, Thursday, Mar. 1.
Lines show high temperatures.



FRONTS:



Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

Yesterday's high: 32
Yesterday's low: 17
Nation's high: 89
(Borrego Springs, Calif.)
Nation's low: -9
(Houghton Lake, Mich.)

Forecast:
Sunny Today. Highs in the upper 30s. Fair tonight. Lows in the middle 20s. Partly sunny and a little warmer Friday. Highs 40 to 45.

OF INTEREST

East European Week is having its final panel-lead discussion on "What the issues of Eastern Europe mean for us as members of the ND community and as citizens of a nation," this Thursday, March 1st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Main Purpose Room of the Center for Social Concerns. The panelists will be reporters from The Observer, Common Sense, Dialogue and Scholastic, who covered the week's events.

Teaching English in Japan (Good Shepherd Movement) will have a representative at the Center for Social Concerns on March 1 - Thursday at 12 p.m. Stop by for more information.

Joseph Coulson, novelist, essayist, poet, will informally meet with faculty and students in Grace Hall's Coffeehouse from 10:30 p.m. to 12 a.m..

Charity Ball is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join the 1990 committee. All those interested should come to the meeting today in the Sorin Room at LaFortune at 7 p.m. or call Shannon McAuliffe at 283-4230.

Women United for Justice and Peace invites all to attend a talk and slide presentation by Cathy Schmidt, a representative of Call to Action and Quest for Peace. She will share experiences of her work in Nicaragua, focusing on the recent elections as well as women's role in the struggle for social justice. We will meet at 8 p.m. tonight in the Foster Room, third floor of LaFortune.

Business Sophomores interested in becoming involved in Student Government should apply at the Student Body Treasurer's Office at LaFortune. Applications are being taken for the 1990-91 Assistant Treasurer. Applications are due March 9, 1990.

Anti-War/Pro-life Activist Juli Loesch Wiley will speak in "Divine Obedience/Civil Disobedience," at 12:15 today in the Law School Courtroom. She will also speak on "Pro-Life Feminism" at 7:30 p.m. this evening in LaFortune's Montgomery Theater.

Mark Perlman will give a painting slide and lecture show at 12 p.m. in Room 200 Riley Hall.

WORLD

Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu

of Japan, a "clean" but junior member who led his governing party to a crucial election victory, is showing new assertiveness at home. With powerful party elders watching him for any misstep, he also is looking to a successful summit with President Bush this weekend to further strengthen his position. "I think Japan-U.S. relations are extremely important and I will work to keep them from worsening economically," said Kaifu.



A Shanghai court Wednesday convicted five men of spying for the rival Nationalist government on Taiwan and sentenced them to prison terms of five years to life. They were among more than a dozen mainland Chinese accused of acting as agents of Taiwan during last year's massive pro-democracy protests.

NATIONAL

A court-backed agreement on safety measures for all-terrain vehicles has failed to result in the expected sharp decline in injuries and deaths, the chairman of a House panel said Wednesday. They said that there are some 2.5 million of the existing three-wheeled models and the newer four-wheel versions, many of them ridden primarily by children. They said an agreement by manufacturers not to sell adult-sized vehicles for use by children under 16 is being ignored.

Mayor Marion Barry, back in the capital for the first time in more than a month, pleaded innocent Wednesday to cocaine possession and perjury charges filed after an investigation into his ties to a convicted drug dealer. "We will not plea bargain, and the mayor is not considering resigning," Barry's attorney, R. Kenneth Mundy, said after the nine-minute court proceeding. "The mayor is confident he will be vindicated at trial." Barry is enrolled in a substance abuse Mundy said the mayor's treatment for alcoholism was "going well" and Barry was in "good spirits."

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INDIANA

A five-month-old infant may have suffocated early Wednesday when it fell from a bed into a partially filled plastic bag, investigators said. Gala Rollins, 22, awoke and went to her sister's bedroom and found the infant partially covered by the plastic clothes bag about 2:30 a.m., detectives said. She was pronounced dead at 3:25 a.m..

A compromise proposal to reduce motor vehicle excise taxes should provide average Hoosiers relief from a tax they love to hate, lawmakers said Wednesday. The Indiana House approved late Tuesday a plan calling for a \$79 million annual reduction in the amount of excise taxes Hoosiers pay on their cars, motorcycles and small trucks.

ALMANAC

- On March 1:**
- In 1781: The Articles of Confederation were adopted by the Continental Congress.
 - In 1810: Composer Frederic Chopin was born.
 - In 1864: Nebraska became a state.
 - In 1927: The Bank of Italy became a National Bank.
 - In 1954: Five congressmen were shot by Puerto Rican nationalists in the House.
 - In 1956: The University of Alabama ousts Autherine Lucy, a Black, saying she made libelous accusations.



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Reader's Digest

Strong earthquake rocks L.A., Southern California

UPLAND, Calif. (AP) — A strong earthquake rocked a 200-mile swath of Southern California on Wednesday, triggering rock slides onto highways, breaking windows, toppling at least one wall and causing widespread minor damage.

There were no immediate reports of serious injuries from the quake, which was felt from San Diego to Santa Barbara and swayed high-rise buildings in Las Vegas, 230 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

It measured 5.5 on the Richter scale, and was centered three miles northwest of Upland, a city about 40 miles east of Los Angeles, said Hall Daily of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

The U.S. Geological Survey gave the same magnitude, but a preliminary reading by University of California Seismographic Stations at Berkeley put the magnitude at 6.0. Such measuring differences are common. A quake of magnitude 5.5 is capable of causing considerable damage.

Scattered damage was reported in the region east of Los Angeles.

At Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, about five miles from the epicenter, the quake broke a window and toppled wall-mounted bookcases in the president's office, said Burt Tashman, at the school.

"I'm on the second story and boy, I tell you, things started

shaking," Tashman said. "Glass fell from the wall of the president's office and fell all over the place. Pictures fell. The pane broke. That sort of thing."

The side of a one-story auto parts building collapsed in La Verne, 10 miles from the epicenter, said Mayor Jon Blickenstaff, adding that nobody was hurt. The wall as measured 20 feet by 80 feet and was made of unreinforced concrete, at least 80 years old.

At Ontario International Airport, a few miles from the epicenter, ceiling panels and signs fell, and windows cracked in the operations tower, said manager Michael DiGirolamo.

A small rock slide on Interstate 10 in Pomona, not far from the epicenter, startled motorists, causing minor accidents, the Highway Patrol said. Another small rockslide closed the road through Soledad Canyon, 35 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

A boulder twice the size of a car fell onto Angeles Crest Highway in the San Gabriel Mountains, blocking half of the two-lane rural road.

It was the strongest earthquake in California since a 7.1-magnitude quake struck the San Francisco Bay region Oct. 17, reawakening fears throughout the state of a massive quake scientists predict in coming years.



40 days of fasting begins

The Observer / Marguerite Schropp

Shannon Ryan (left) receives ashes yesterday for Ash Wednesday in the Regina Chapel at Saint Mary's. Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of fasting before Easter Sunday in Christian tradition.

High Court limits 4th Amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. agents do not need warrants for searches in other countries, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday in a decision seen as bolstering the fight against drug smugglers and terrorists — and perhaps aiding the prosecution of ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega.

By a 6-3 vote, the justices upheld the warrantless search of the home of a suspected Mexican drug smuggler.

Foreigners living abroad do not have the same rights as U.S. citizens or aliens living here, the court said.

In another decision, the court gave police broad new authority to conduct sweeping searches in this country after making arrests in private homes.

Voting 7-2, the justices said police may use the evidence

seized when they arrested a Riverdale, Md., man accused of armed robbery. The ruling reinstated his conviction and 35-year prison sentence.

The court said police may search throughout a house when they have a reasonable suspicion there is a hidden danger to the arresting officers — even if authorities lack a search warrant or probable cause to believe there is a danger.

In a third ruling, the court said states may make the death penalty the only punishment for some murderers without violating the Constitution's ban on mandatory death sentences. The court, by a 5-4 vote, upheld a Pennsylvania law.

In the drug-smuggling case, the court narrowed the Fourth Amendment's protection

against unreasonable searches and seizures.

Aliens are entitled to such constitutional safeguards only "when they have come within the territory of the United States and developed substantial connections with this country," Chief Justice William Rehnquist said.

Without mentioning the Noriega case, Rehnquist said, "Situations threatening important American interests may arise halfway around the globe ... (that) require an American response with armed force."

He added: "If there are to be restrictions on searches and seizures which occur incident to such American action, they must be imposed by the political branches through diplomatic understanding, treaty or legislation."

The ruling could help the government's prosecution of Noriega on drug-trafficking and money-laundering charges from a 12-count indictment handed down in February 1988.

After U.S. troops invaded Panama in December to capture Noriega, he surrendered and was brought to the United States to stand trial in Florida.

There has been speculation Noriega's lawyers might argue U.S. armed forces illegally seized evidence in the invasion.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said the high court's ruling "recognizes the right and need of law enforcement officers to have lawful, practical means of dealing with international drug trafficking operations."

"Drug traffickers and terrorists will take no cheer from the court's opinion," Thornburgh said.

The U.S. military is seeking to become more involved in fighting drug smuggling by using spy satellites and other surveillance techniques to track suspects in foreign countries.

Wednesday's decision was denounced by the court's dissenters. Justice William Brennan said the decision lets authorities indiscriminately "break down doors ... when the door being broken belongs to a foreigner."

"If we expect aliens to obey our laws, aliens should be able to expect that we will obey our Constitution when we investigate, prosecute and punish them. Lawlessness breeds lawlessness," Brennan said.

Justices Thurgood Marshall and Harry Blackmun also dissented.

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Barbara Bush takes a stab at pool as she teaches elementary students in Southwest Washington the essentials of being a good hustler Tuesday.

Dorms

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were waiting to receive their financial aid packages, explained Hines. These groups of minority freshmen were subsequently listed together on housing lists. These students were then matched with rooms together, Hines said she learned while in meetings with Goldrick and Reinebold.

Another reason for late confirmation is that many minority students attend Minority Student Weekend in the spring, said Loya. He explained that many students send confirmations after this weekend.

The Administration has agreed to modify the system for the 1990-91 academic year for all incoming freshmen. The computer will now place students one by one, dorm by dorm, as opposed to room by room, according to Reinebold.

"This is a case where students come up with an issue, presented it to the Administration, and the Administration resolved it to the best of everyone's interests," said Hines.

Student Body President Matt Breslin said his initial reaction when he received the report from the Legal Department was to discuss the issue with minority club presidents on campus. Loya reported to Breslin that the minority leaders said that

all housing procedures should be random, said Breslin. Student Government then worked together to find out why the discrepancies occurred.

At a fall Campus Life Council meeting "it was evident that the computer program was not sufficient," said Breslin. He said that he was told the program would be changed.

Breslin said that he was pleased with the response to the problem. He said he was pleased with the way the Student Senate and the Legal Department worked together to solve this discrepancy.

Joe Watson, president of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), said that he noticed that many minorities were housed together in the same dorms and the same sections when he distributed club flyers.

He said that if two or more students chose to live together, for instance during Minority Weekend, it should be permissible. However, Watson said "otherwise it should be random."

"I don't why Notre Dame doesn't have a housing questionnaire," said Watson. He said that a questionnaire would facilitate better housing situations on campus.

He believes that students should have the experience of living with different types of people. "It's a great experi-

ence," said Watson. "You need to learn to live outside of what you're used to...you learn how to get along (with others)... I, personally, think that everyone should have that experience."

In regards to the Administration's response to the problem, Loya said, "I was really pleased." He said that he will be following up on this issue next year.

Loya said that he tried to pass a resolution in Student Senate to prohibit special housing requests. He said that the proposal did not receive favorable response and was not passed by senate. According to Loya some senators did not like the wording of the resolutions, he said he might re-present the proposal.

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her and Ortega for the rebels to disband, Baker said, "those conditions are now rapidly being created."

However, he added that years of distrust had produced "legitimate fears on both sides that should be addressed."

Baker said he hoped Roman Catholic Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo in Managua "would be able to play a role in resolving this issue," along with the United Nations and the Organization of American States.

Carter seemed optimistic, as well. Having spoken with most of the Sandinista leaders, including Defense Minister Humberto Ortega, the former U.S. president said the Chamorro-led National Opposition Union and the Sandinistas were working harmoniously on a transition of power.

Carter said the Sandinistas acknowledged the results of the election as well as the right of Chamorro to choose her own ministers of defense and interior, which control the army and security forces.

Still, he said the Contras, who fought with American weapons and money to bring down the Sandinistas, had "legitimate concerns that must be met."

Carter said ways must be found to permit the rebels, many of whom fought from se-

cure bases outside Nicaragua, to return home "in a peaceful way, without their arms."

Baker told senators, "We want to avoid a standoff with each side demanding that the other go first."

In Nicaragua a day earlier, Rafael Solis, a high-ranking military commander, said the Sandinistas would not give up control of the police or Central America's largest army until the Contras disband.

Meanwhile, Contra leader Israel Galeano said from Honduras, where thousands of the rebels are based across the border, that they would not disband until after Chamorro is inaugurated April 25.

Baker said he hoped Congress, for which Nicaragua has been the most divisive foreign policy issue of the past decade, would not start a political debate about demobilization of the rebels.

"It would be unfortunate ... if we now divided on this very complex and sensitive and delicate issue by drawing lines in the sand about who ought to go first," Baker said.

Asked whether the administration has contingency plans in case the Sandinistas seek to retain power over the nation's military and security apparatus, Baker said: "That's a contingency that isn't likely. Frankly, it just isn't going to happen. That's all going to work out."

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Don't come back here Yankee

The Saint Mary's International Club presented "Images of an Ugly American," discussing how Americans are treated while abroad. Standing at right is Tim Dimerais, sales-manager for United Export. Sitting left is John Derda, president of Derdo Inc.. Both are Notre Dame graduates.

SMC announces waste recycling

By COLLEEN TRAVERS
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Waste Recycling Program is scheduled to begin on March 19th and will continue until finals week, according to Board of Student Affairs member Ann Clark, who made this announcement at Wednesday's student government meeting.

There will be boxes on every floor of all the residence halls and the money that this project generates will go to the Hope Rescue Mission, a homeless shelter in South Bend.

Clark emphasized that the project will "need volunteers

and will be dependant on student input for its success."

The possibility of forming a Recycling club or an Ecology club was also discussed. These students would probably be responsible for taking over and organizing the recycling program, as well as other future projects.

There was also a presentation by Kasey Smith, the Midwest Regional Director of the "Best Buddies" organization. The purpose of this organization is to match college students with a mentally challenged friend to give them a relationship with people outside of their families and special ed-

ucation classes.

Smith is currently looking for a Chapter Director for Saint Mary's. This director will be responsible for the leadership and management of the program. Applications are available in the Student Activities office and a decision will be made by mid-April.

There will be a Health Break taking place on Wednesday, March 7, from noon to 3 p.m. in front of Haggar College Center. Healthy foods, including various fruits, will be passed out and announcements concerning health matters will be distributed.

Minn. debates tough abortion law

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Hundreds of abortion-rights activists on Wednesday exchanged taunts with a small group of anti-abortionists outside the Capitol amid intense lobbying over a bill that would ban most abortions in the state.

The bill, which would prohibit abortions for "birth-control reasons," was drafted as model legislation by the National Right-To-Life Committee in the wake of last summer's U.S. Supreme Court decision that gave states more leeway to restrict abortions.

Although Minnesota was long associated in national politics with the liberalism espoused by former Vice President Walter Mondale, an abortion rights supporter, it has been a stronghold of anti-abortion sentiment.

Proponents say the legislation would be the toughest enforceable anti-abortion measure in the nation, prohibiting an estimated 93 percent of the abortions performed in the state.

The measure would allow abortions only in these cases:

- rape reported to police within 48 hours of the attack;
- incest reported to authorities before the abortion;
- pregnancy that threatens the woman's life or endangers her health;
- pregnancy that would result in a child born with "profound and irremediable physical or mental disabilities incompatible with sustained survival."

Nearly 2,000 pro-choice demonstrators rallied Wednesday morning. Their chants of "Choice" were met by shouts of "Life" by a small group of

abortion foes. No arrests were made.

Mickelmann spoke a few hours before the bill was taken up by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, a 16-member panel that reflects how split the Legislature is on abortion.

Also Wednesday, lawmakers in Annapolis, Md., conducted a hearing on four abortion restriction bills and one anti-abortion bill. The hearing attracted an overflow crowd that left about 150 people, mostly abortion opponents, standing with protest signs outside a legislative building.

In Minnesota, the bill's sponsor, Democratic Sen. Gene Waldorf, tried unsuccessfully to have the measure taken up in the House first.

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President Bush, seen here gesturing toward Sen. Bob Dole, discussed the political shakeup in Nicaragua as well as German reunification with Soviet leader Gorbachev during a telephone conversation Wednesday.

Bush phones Gorbachev on Nicaragua and Germany

NEW YORK (AP) — President Bush telephoned Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev Wednesday for a "very constructive" and frank discussion on the political shakeup in Nicaragua, where the Kremlin is credited with helping promote an honest election.

In what was believed to be only their third telephone conversation, the two leaders also discussed issues of European security, including German reunification, and preparations for a superpower summit this summer, according to U.S. accounts and the Soviet news agency Tass.

Bush called the Soviet president before setting out on a cross-country campaign trip, with stops at New York's Staten Island and San Francisco, and a weekend meeting in Palm Springs, Calif., with Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu.

"From Moscow to Managua, change is in the air," Bush said in remarks prepared for a speech in San Francisco at a fund-raiser for Republican Sen.

Pete Wilson, running for governor.

Bush said, "The world has undergone another upheaval, but this time there is no war and there are fewer tyrants in the world than before." He called Gorbachev a bold leader who was undertaking daring reforms.

"In the Revolution of '89, an idea overcame armies and tanks, and that idea is democracy," Bush said.

"This has been true in the East. Now it is becoming true throughout the Western Hemisphere, first in Panama after Operation Just Cause (the U.S. invasion to topple Manuel Antonio Noriega) and now, at long last, for the brave people of Nicaragua," Bush said.

"Could we have asked for more?"

Bush discussed his conversation with Gorbachev as he flew to New York to campaign for Republican Susan Molinari, who is hoping to succeed her father, former Rep. Guy Molinari, in Congress.

Ortega halts attacks on Contras

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — President Daniel Ortega declared a halt to attacks on the Contras Wednesday and called again on the United States to help dismantle the rebel force.

President-elect Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, who joined Ortega on Tuesday in asking the U.S.-backed Contras to put down their arms, praised his move as a step forward.

"The causes of civil war in Nicaragua have disappeared," Mrs. Chamorro told a news conference. "There is no reason for war."

She said the Contras, most of them based in neighboring Honduras, "must lay down their weapons and come home to work for the reconstruction of Nicaragua."

Ortega said in a statement that he ordered all offensive military operations against the Contras to halt. He said the United States should help pay for demobilizing and relocating the rebels.

Chamorro upset Ortega in an election on Sunday that he agreed to as part of a Central American plan for ending the war and which he clearly expected to win.

Demobilizing the Contras is the trickiest issue in transition talks that began Tuesday between Chamorro's 14-party

coalition, the United National Opposition, and the stunned Sandinistas, who have been in power for 10 1/2 years.

Sandinista officials say they cannot give up control of the armed forces and police, both party organs, as long as the 10,000-man Contra army is intact.

Chamorro made it clear she expects Ortega to keep his promise to turn over power and that her government plans to run the army and security forces.

"I'm the one who is going to give orders," said the silver-haired widow, who was chosen to run against Ortega because of her powerful symbolic value.

The 1978 death of her husband, opposition publisher Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, touched off the revolution that overthrew dictator Anastasio Somoza and put the Sandinistas in power.

She said the Sandinistas "have to turn over everything," including the armed forces — the traditional source of real power in Latin America.

"The minister of defense will be a civilian," she declared.

The current minister, Gen. Humberto Ortega, the president's brother, leads the Sandinista transition team. Chamorro's son-in-law and

campaign manager, Antonio Lacayo, heads the United National Opposition team.

The transition talks are expected to be complex.

Ortega laid out tough Sandinista positions on Tuesday before thousands of cheering party members.

He demanded demobilization of the Contras and said the party would "defend the integrity and the professionalism of the army and the police forces."

Mrs. Chamorro campaigned on a platform that promised an end to the draft and drastic cuts in the armed forces, which Soviet aid has built into the most powerful military machine in the region.

The statement from the Sandinista leadership also challenged privatization, a major plank in the UNO platform.



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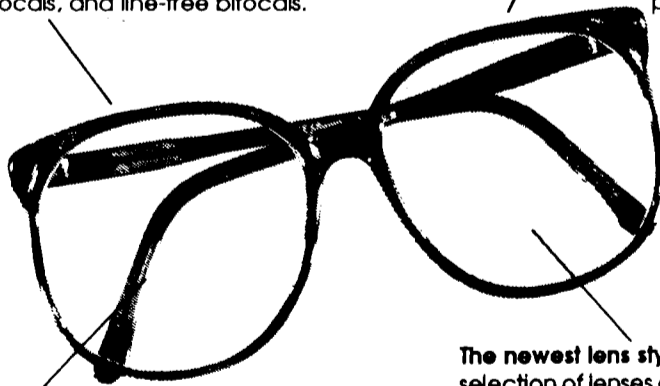
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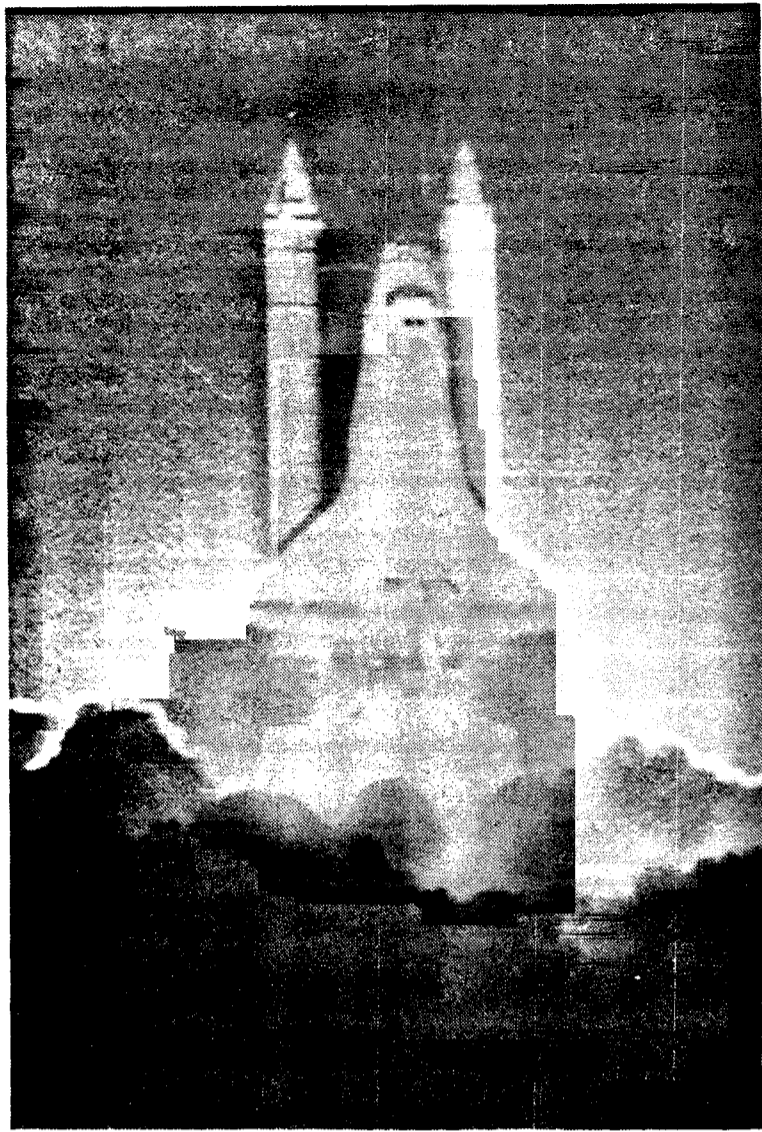
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Space Shuttle Atlantis soars into the heavens behind a cloud of steam as it lifts off Wednesday. The classified mission was hampered by bad weather which helped cause five delays in the launch time.

Atlantis lifts off with military cargo

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis, aloft at last on a secret military mission after five launch delays, orbited the globe Wednesday in a public silence that NASA officials said meant all was well.

Atlantis blasted off with five military astronauts and a cargo believed to be a \$500 million spy satellite at 2:51 a.m., its 700-foot column of fire visible for hundreds of miles. It was NASA's sixth attempt at launching the 100-ton spaceship for the mission, one short a record for the most shuttle postponements.

"Thank goodness we can finally stop meeting like this," NASA administrator Richard Truly told the launch team after Atlantis rocketed into orbit. "It was a tough one to get off, but a great job."

Nothing was heard from Atlantis' all-military crew, and launch director Bob Sieck said, "the crew was pretty quiet and very patient."

"The fact that we haven't heard anything indicates that all is going according to plan," added Bruce Buckingham, a spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Because of the classified nature of the Defense Department mission, NASA quickly blacked out public release of communications from the shuttle for the entire trip.

Liftoff, originally set for Feb. 15, almost was delayed a sixth time because of bad weather at Kennedy Space Center and at emergency abort sites.

The first scheduled liftoff was halted when the crew's commander was stricken with a cold. His illness, combined with uncertain weather, prompted NASA to scrub the second launch.

The others were blocked twice by bad weather and once by a malfunctioning computer.

With rain and clouds threatening to postpone once more,

NASA halted Wednesday's countdown for about two hours. The clock was restarted at nine minutes, paused briefly for a final weather check, then ticked to liftoff.

"The weather finally cooperated. We had a good, smooth count," said Forrest McCortney, director of Kennedy Space Center. "The team exercised good patience."

As the rocket ignited, light burst from the launch pad and leaped from cloud to cloud across the nighttime horizon.

People as far north as Washington, D.C., reported seeing the blue, white and red light of Atlantis' rockets as the spaceship streaked up the East Coast on the highest inclination orbit ever traveled by a shuttle. For many, it resembled a brilliant falling star.

"It only lasted about seven to 10 seconds. But it beat the hell out of a fireworks show," said Mike Albertson, an editor at the Savannah (Ga.) Evening Press.

Illinois, Indiana argue over airport

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gov. James Thompson warned Wednesday that bickering between politicians in Chicago and Indiana could imperil construction of a new airport in one of the states.

"It is the job of experts, not politicians, to assess those advantages and disadvantages of each site," Thompson said.

"It's tough enough to build a multibillion-dollar airport these days," he said. "You don't need the added burden of people raising the objections that the site selection is not fair."

Thompson's comments came a day after Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Ind., accused Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner of favoring Chicago's bid to put a

third regional airport on the city's southeast side.

Also Tuesday, Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., and Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., met with Skinner and urged him to reject Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's request that the government help pay for a study of the site.

Other sites under consideration are the Gary (Ind.) Regional Airport, which would require expansion; a site straddling the Illinois-Indiana border east of Beecher, Ill.; a site between Beecher and Peotone; and a site northeast of Kankakee.

"I haven't foreclosed anything," Skinner said after the meeting. "All I've agreed to do

is not eliminate any choices."

Thompson acknowledged that Daley may have irritated Indiana, especially since a commission has already been looking at other sites in northeast Illinois and northwest Indiana.

"My hope is that Mayor Daley, me, Secretary Skinner and (Indiana) Gov. (Evan) Bayh can work together to find a process that will fairly consider all of the sites, including Chicago," Thompson said.

"If we don't get going on a third major airport our economy will lose out," he said. "All of these sentiments have been conveyed to Secretary Skinner by me."

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Slow economic growth prompts fear of recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew at its slowest pace in more than three years in 1989, the government said Wednesday. Analysts welcomed a slight upward revision in fourth-quarter activity, but many remain anxious over prospects this year.

The Commerce Department revised the fourth quarter gross national product upwards from 0.5 percent to 0.9 percent, which in turn boosted overall 1989 economic growth to 3.0 percent from last month's 2.9 percent.

Despite the improvement, it was the slowest yearly growth since a 2.7 percent gain in 1986 and the lowest quarterly advance since the economy grew 0.8 percent in the third quarter of that year. The GNP rose 4.4 in 1988.

"The bottom line is, the economy is likely to stay out of a recession, but just barely," said David Jones, an economist with Aubrey G. Lanston & Co., a New York government securities dealer.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said the report offered further evidence

that the downward slide of the economy had come to an end although the threat of a recession still existed.

"Whenever you have economic growth as low as this, you are vulnerable," he told members of the House Budget Committee. But he said that the greatest danger point for a recession had passed in the fall and early winter and that chances for a downturn were now lower.

Samuel Kahan, chief financial economist for Fuji Securities Inc., in Chicago, also said the danger of recession is minimal. But he contended "the outlook over the next two quarters is more of the same — that is, more positive growth, but really sluggish growth of 1 percent or thereabouts."

The GNP represents the total U.S. output of goods and services and is the broadest measure of the nation's economic health.

An inflation index tied to the GNP was revised downward from a 3.8 percent annual rate to 3.6 percent, but that was not enough to change the 4.5 percent rate for the year. It was the fastest increase since a 6.2 percent jump in 1982.

Home sales to rise in the spring

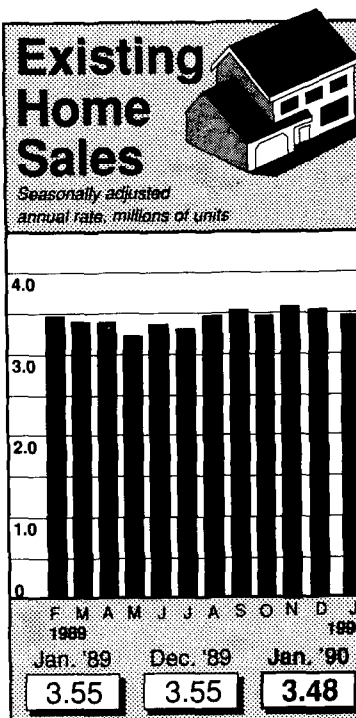
WASHINGTON (AP) — Existing home sales declined 2.2 percent in January as rising mortgage interest rates combined with the usual winter lull to brake sales to their slowest pace since last summer, a real estate trade group said Wednesday.

The National Association of Realtors said resales of single-family homes totaled a seasonally adjusted 3.48 million units in January, compared to 3.56 million one month earlier. It was the slowest pace since last August's 3.44 million rate.

John Tuccillo, the Realtors' chief economist, said he did not see a big increase in existing home sales in the near future, but added that "as rates taper off in the spring, we expect sales to pick up."

Surveys by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. show that fixed-rate, 30-year mortgages rose from 9.83 percent to 10.05 percent during January.

"The rate rise in January made a dent, in high-end and less-expensive markets," said Realtors' President Norman Flynn, who also noted that the



Source: National Association of Realtors AP

start of a new year is a slow home-sales period.

The housing market has been hurt by the Federal Reserve's high interest policies designed to stem inflation by slowing the

economy. Existing home sales dropped to a 3.25 million rate last May when mortgage rates were still near their peak.

The Commerce Department is scheduled to release on Friday its report on new home sales in January.

The Realtors' survey found the median price of an existing home to be \$96,200, up 4 percent from December and 7.1 percent from January 1989. The median means half of the homes cost more, half less.

The only increase in resales occurred in the South where 1.40 million units were sold on an annual rate, up 0.7 percent from December. The median price there was \$86,300.

Sales in the West, where the median price was \$144,000, suffered the biggest decline, down 11.5 percent to 540,000 million units.

The Northeast posted a 3.4 percent drop to 560,000 units. The median price there was \$147,100.

The Midwest experienced a decline of 2 percent to 960,000 units. It had a median price of \$74,600.

IRS promises tax refunds in record time

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service is processing tax returns at a near record pace and promising refunds in about four weeks.

During the first half of the filing season, 31.9 million returns were received by the IRS, about 30 percent of the total expected this year.

Receipts through Feb. 23 were 3.6 percent higher than a year ago.

The agency said Wednesday that it has processed 19.4 percent more returns than at this time last year, 18.1 million compared with 15.1 million. More than half the processed returns, 9.9 million, have produced refunds, up 20.3

percent from last year.

This year's refunds are averaging \$868, compared with \$825 during the same period last year. Refunds have totaled \$8.6 billion, up 26.5 percent. "Those who file returns before the last-minute rush can expect refunds in about four weeks," the IRS said.

More than 2.5 million taxpayers have opted for refunds within about two weeks by filing their returns electronically through companies authorized by the IRS. By comparison, about 645,000 electronic returns were received during the same period last year.

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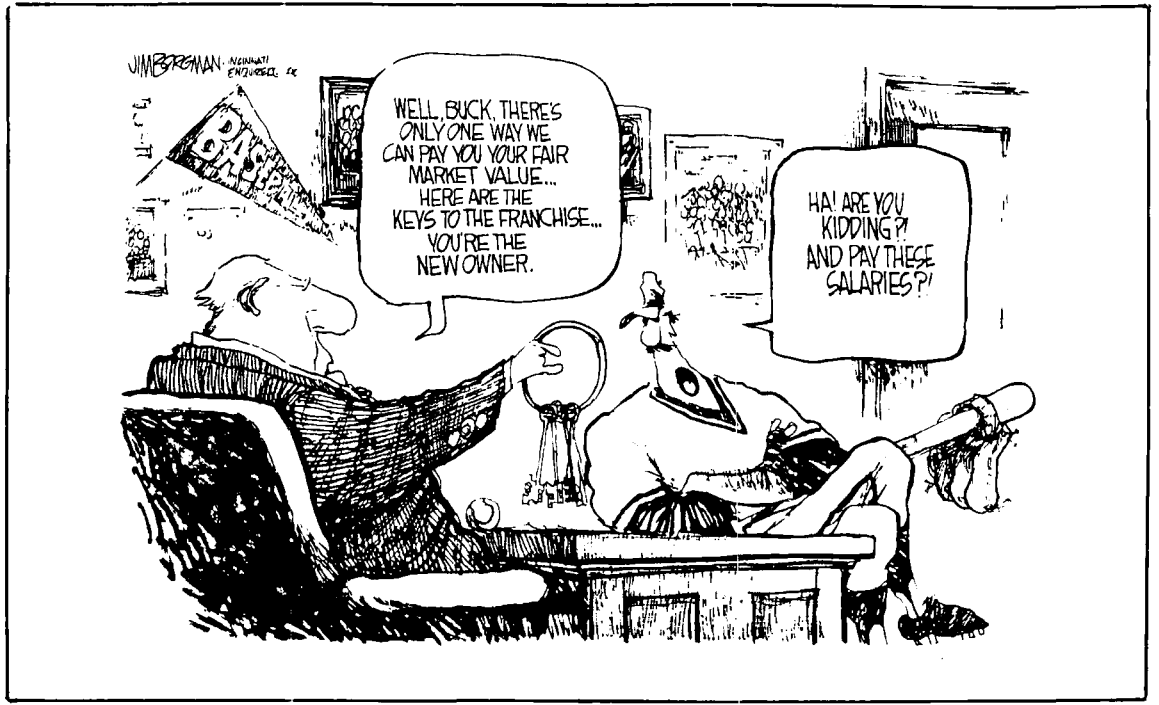
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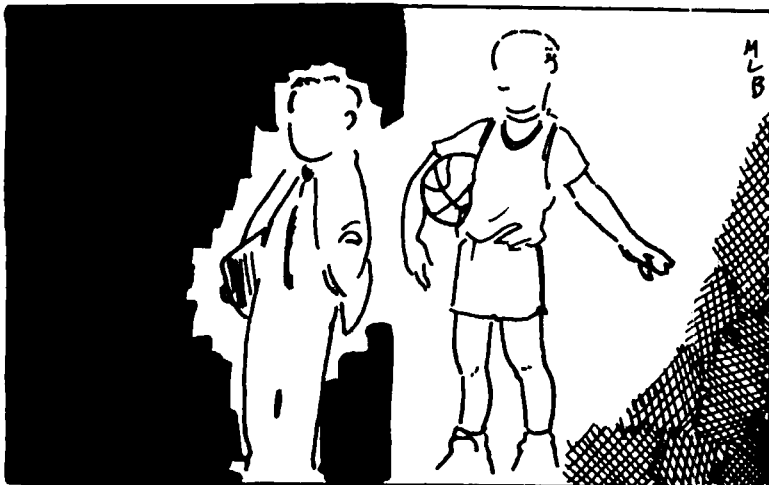
Coach finds talent but fails to use it

Dear Editor:

This is a response to the letters about how the student body has been had-mouthing and booing Digger Phelps. I have decided to take the time and help people see the light. Digger Phelps is far from a great coach. Furthermore, he's barely a good one.

First of all, take a look at the last three games we have played. In all three we had substantial leads in the first half, only to come out in the second half and somehow lose. Against Syracuse, it was 14, against DePaul, it was 18, and this weekend against Georgia Tech, it was 14. Now how can a team play like a top contender in the first half and come out in the second half and play totally opposite? My answer is the coach.

Secondly, look at the talent we have. In comparison to other schools, we have probably one of the best talented teams in the nation. But somehow these players' talents are not utilized correctly, thus causing our team to be only mediocre. Look at the players that have



been under Digger and are now in the NBA: Adrian Dantley, Kelly Tripucka, Orlando Woolridge, John Paxson, Bill Laimbeer, and now David Rivers. There are more, but I think I have proved my point. The talent is there, but it is not used as it should be. The reason again is the coach.

Finally, take a look at the number of years that Digger has been coaching, and in comparison, look at how many times he has been to the final four: once. Therefore, this does not make him a great coach. Maybe a fair one at that. As for

other universities wanting him, only those with terrible or fair programs would hire him.

To the student body, I am in support with all of you. It is time for serious change which needs to happen soon. Those who support Digger are the people who do not know about the game of basketball. I can handle losing, but only when its justified.

Patrick Vargo
Holy Cross Hall
Feb. 26, 1990

Politics prevent women from gaining input and voice in today's Church

Dear Editor:

There were many crucial issues which were very badly misrepresented in Father Robert Griffin's column (The Observer, Feb.23) that a single letter could not do justice to any one of them. Allow me, therefore, to point out as succinctly as possible what I see as dangerous distortions.

First of all, Griffin has engaged in the worst kind of stereotyping: women are "the gentler sex," sometimes "reasonable" but also "shrill, unreasonable and accusatory." The "denominational" churches are "comfortless," with "empty sanctuaries" which lack the "Real Presence" of Christ; the eucharist itself has "lost its magic as a religious symbol," and priests are "that old gang of (his)."

In talking about the debate concerning the ordination of women in the Roman Catholic church, Griffin, consciously or not, makes one very pertinent observation: women have "set their hearts on gaining access to our religion's all-powerful symbol." How hypocritical and misleading, then, to question whether the motive behind the debate is political. Control over access to our religion's all-powerful symbol by an exclusively male clergy is the ultimate politicization of the eucharist.

Perhaps the most damaging and hurtful distortion is Griffin's total lack of understanding of, or appreciation for, the doctrine of the eucharist in the Christian

churches, Roman and non-Roman. "Real Presence" does not equal transubstantiation. Christian churches with a liturgical tradition share a belief in the real presence of Christ in the eucharist; it is the "How?" that yields varying answers. Perhaps we should look to the early Christians, not asking how this can happen, but simply giving thanks that it does.

There are also less glaring but equally misleading assumptions: that all "Protestants" are alike; that "homemade altar bread" (the only eucharist bread for a long time in the early church when people truly presented their gifts) is somehow less good than "hosts prepared in a convent"; that Notre Dame is the "City of the Blessed Sacrament."

This column is offensive, erroneous, and detrimental to solid theology, true ecumenism and healthy inclusiveness. Even the headline of the column ("Women in the pastures of the good shepherd"), implies that women should be grateful even to be allowed to graze with the men. Griffin, who claims to be respectful of women, describes in the first paragraph his faith in "the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the leadership of Jesus." He characterizes those in favor of women's ordination as "madcap Catholics."

Marie Conn, IHM
Graduate Student
Theology Dept.
Feb. 23, 1990

Fencing aptly suits the definition of 'sport'

Dear Editor:

In response to Mr. Guffey's commentary on sports (Observer, Feb.22), we find his remarks uneducated, ignorant, and insulting. We are senior fencers on Notre Dame's team and we extend an open invitation to Mr. Guffey to attend the NCAA Championship Fencing Tournament (which takes place at Notre Dame this spring), one of our home meets, or any of our practices.

Mr. Guffey claims to not understand the sport of fencing and does not believe that it should be "classified as a sport." We feel that for him to

make a valid assumption about anything, he should witness it for himself.

Webster's Dictionary defines sport as "an activity, especially when competitive, requiring more or less vigorous bodily exertion, and carried on, sometimes as a profession, according to some traditional form or set of rules." Fencing combines intelligence, dexterity, speed, endurance, hard work, self-discipline, individual courage, and extensive training.

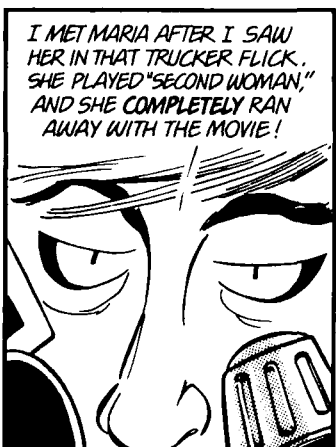
Presently, Michael DeCicco, Notre Dame's head fencing coach, has a record of 547-41

and the highest winning percentage (.930) of any tenured coach here. Both the women's and men's teams are undefeated this year (14-0 and 18-0 respectively).

Quite frankly, all of the Notre Dame fencers have taken great offense to Mr. Guffey's comments. We represent Notre Dame with pride and dignity, and we cannot believe that one of our own sports editors could be so insensitive and ignorant in his remarks.

Dan Yu
Joel Clark
Off-Campus
Feb. 23, 1990

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

'What we anticipate seldom occurs; what we least expected generally happens.'

Benjamin Disraeli

Liberals betray human rights in abortion stand

The abortion issue is currently near, if not at, the head of the list of feminist and leftist concerns, yet the pro-choice position seems incompatible with both the traditional stance of the left, as well as a truly consistent feminism.

Feminist Mary Meehan, who boasts that she's never voted for a Republican for president, writes: "People turn to the Left because they are deeply concerned with helping the powerless—the poor, unorganized workers, illegal immigrants, the homeless, people exploited by multinational corporations. But who is more helpless and more in need of being saved from extinction than the fetus who is being marked for abortion? In that respect those involved in the Pro-Life Action League are much farther to the left than those who pride themselves on how compassionate they are."

Certainly, feminists are right to complain about a lot of things—sexual exploitation, double standards, economic discrimination among them, etc.—but they fail to address the contradictory implications of the huge injustice that is furthered when they support abortion.

Kate Michelman, head of the National Abortion Rights Action League, says "If (a woman) makes a decision (to have an abortion) then she's made the right decision. To even raise the question of when it's im-

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moral is to say that women can't make moral decisions." This statement is ridiculous. Michelman totally denies the human fallibility of each of the 1.6 million women choosing abortion each year and assumes that questioning them must have some sexist basis.

Little attention has been paid to the stance of a group of women called Feminists for Life of America (FFL). They "offer a way out of Falwell versus Steinem", but are, consequently, in the painful position of being across the battle lines from their feminist colleagues and comrades.

The FFL position rests on two fundamental beliefs: equal rights for all women and the right of every baby to be born. They support what they call an Inclusive Equal Rights Amendment—a combination of the ERA and the Human Life Amendment that would forbid a denial of rights to any person based on biological factors. Many members of FFL were once pro-choice.

Sharon Lond, FFL's national secretary, changed her position after years of working in the poorest section of Albany. She writes, "Drugs and crime are in large part due to the economic structures of the ghetto, not to teen pregnancy. And women in these communities generally don't want abortions ... If an



individual has to kill her child to get ahead, what does 'getting ahead' mean?"

In 1970 Juli Loesch left the Catholic church and immersed herself in feminism and the push for legal abortion. In reconsidering her protests against the Vietnam War she found herself "inconsistent to the point of incoherence. We were saying that killing was not an acceptable solution to conflict situations, yet when we had our own conflict situation, we were willing to go straight to killing as a technical fix." The feminist idea that a woman has an inherent inalienable worth loses meaning if a woman claims that another type of human life has value only if she bestows it.

Society has a significant responsibility to support women dealing with problem pregnancies. Efforts must continue to be made in providing physical support (food, money, clothing, shelter) as well as emotional and psychological support to these women, both during their pregnancy and after the birth of the child.

Perhaps most importantly, efforts must be made to change negative attitudes toward children and all vulnerable human life. People who claim to be "pro-life" must be consistent in their defense of life. Those who place themselves on the "Left" because of their concern for justice, must realize their moral obligation to protect the unborn.

As writer Jason DeParle says: "One of the animating spirits of liberalism and other factions on the Left, and proudly so, is the concern for the most vulnerable. But who could be more vulnerable than the unborn? And how can liberalism hope to regain the glory of standing for humanity and morality while finding nothing inhumane or immoral in the extermination of so much life?"

Juli Loesch, of Feminists for Life, will be speaking at Notre Dame on March 1.

Maria Rhomberg is a junior majoring in the Program of Liberal Studies and Vice-President of ND/SMC Right to Life. This column is sponsored by the Coalition on Human Rights.

S. Africa needs quick reform to avoid violence

The release of Nelson Mandela and the legalization of the African National Congress has fueled a belief that South Africa may actually be in peaceful transition from white rule to majority rule. Encouraging signs abound. One senior government official, Minister for Constitutional Affairs Gerrit Viljoen, has asserted that white supremacy could end within the decade. Other reformers within President F.W. de Klerk's National Party are even said to support a comprehensive bill to end apartheid.

Nonetheless, the fact remains that the pace of South African reform must quicken before black patience abruptly ends. Reforms must take place on three different levels—legal, political, and economic—or the black majority will be forced to violently take what is rightfully theirs. Such violence would help no one in South Africa, especially an intransigent white majority.

To prevent violence, legal reforms are what must take place first and these must include the complete dismantling of the apartheid system. First, the Population Registration Act must be repealed. This act requires all South Africans to register their race with the government so the government can use that fact against people of color. Second, the Group Areas Act must go. This act segregates South Africans into different areas on the basis of race.

With a repeal of the Population Registration Act and Group Areas Act, Pass laws which control the movement of black South Africans would be unenforceable and purposeless. Finally, the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act must be

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repealed to end the outrages of so-called "petty" apartheid in parks and hospitals.

After dismantling of the apartheid system, political reform must be undertaken. Political reform would involve the acceptance by the white minority of the concept of "one man, one vote." This would not mean "one man, one vote" only within one's own group whether that means white, black or Asian. For too long white South Africans have attempted to offer blacks and others a "freedom" that involves self-rule in one's particular group but not real control of South Africa's destiny. Hence, all "homelands" must be abolished, as should single-race legislatures.

At its most basic level, South African political reform begins at a polling booth where South Africans can vote from one common ballot for their own representatives to one national legislature. If the results of such elections lead to the election of Marxists, so be it. All South Africans must be able to support the party of their choice. Perhaps the legislature could be bicameral with an upper house giving whites a set number of seats for a select number of years. However, such an arrangement would only be transitory like the Lancaster House agreements that ended minority rule in Zimbabwe.

The final element of the new South Africa involves economic reform. Reform of the economy must begin from the premise that blacks own virtually nothing of their own land. The facts speak for themselves. Whites who account for 14 percent of

the general population own 87 percent of the land, leaving 13 percent of that land to the 75 percent black majority.

Moreover, whites control 60 percent of South Africa's wealth while blacks receive only 29 percent of that wealth. Anyone who thinks economic inequality does not have vicious effects on black living standards should examine the health and education statistics—average white life expectancy is 66 years, for blacks 44 years. Meanwhile, 98 percent of whites are literate but only 53 percent of blacks are.

How can a person advance if he or she cannot read and is malnourished? Nelson Mandela and the ANC assert that as long as economic inequality persists blacks will never benefit from South Africa's great wealth since it will always be blacks who will be poor. Mandela has spoken of the future nationalization of mines and other industries. Who can blame him? The present system benefits only the few who are whites.

Surely, economic reform is necessary and must entail worker participation in management decisions and at least preliminary public control of certain enterprises. Perhaps later these industries can be sold to private black investors. Regardless, Mandela is correct when he says that all South Africans must be free of want and hunger before they are truly free.

Overall, President de Klerk has moved South Africa at least partially towards a multi-racial state, but there is a long way to go, and many things could go wrong. For example, a white backlash could occur leading to the installation of the

apartheid-supporting Conservative Party. However, this is unlikely. The immediate future of South Africa will probably be one of negotiations between the government and the ANC.

Thus, de Klerk will have to speak to Nelson Mandela and Oliver Tambo. Certainly, the subject of such negotiations

will be the legal, political, and economic reforms that will have to be made in South Africa before the struggle for freedom is accomplished. Clearly, South Africa is still very much a nation in transition.

Joseph L. Novak is a third year law student and is a regular Viewpoint columnist.

LETTERS

Pop tune corrupts 'virgin ears'

Dear Editor:

For a change, I am writing not in response to some obscure column or letter to the editor, but rather to voice my objection to a pop tune played over the audio system in North Dining Hall on the eve of Feb. 19. The song in question, George Michael's "I Want Your Sex," may have some artistic merit in its own right, but it is most certainly inappropriate fare for this campus.

I find it disgraceful and unpardonable that the administration, while finding it within its jurisdiction to censure nearly every other medium of expression on this campus, irresponsibly neglects our inalienable right to the protection of our virgin ears from such monstrously offensive lyrics as "Sex is natural, sex is good/Not everybody does it, but everybody should."

While I will be the first to admit that George Michael is entirely free to believe what he likes, I must protest the laxity in editorial attentiveness that permitted this particular song (and I'm sure, many like it) to slip past those responsible for censoring such things.

That this song was aired is morally reprehensible; such

things have no place intruding themselves into the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community. I am disgusted and outraged that our infinitely benevolent administration permits such blatantly hedonistic material to appear in any form at Notre Dame, much less passively allowing it to waft over nearly half the student body in the midst of dinner, traditionally an intimate meal shared by family.

In a community such as ours, steeped in Catholic tradition and moral values, I find it truly despicable that the administration should sit passively by while we are bombarded by obscene, licentious smut that stands diametrically opposed to the message of chastity and moral rectitude that permeates this sacred university.

I can only hope that our graciously paternal administration will take this letter to heart and implement the necessary steps to rectify this repugnant and loathsome situation. It is offensive to the student body and detrimental to the image of the University.

Matt Farina
Cavanaugh Hall
Feb. 19, 1990

'The Importance of Being Earnest' Wilde's satire of Victorian society

JASON WINSLADE
accent writer

Oscar Wilde would certainly enjoy satirizing and criticizing today's society, as much as he does the British Victorian era in his classic show, "The Importance of Being Earnest," presented by the Notre Dame Communication/Theatre department this Wednesday through Sunday at Washington Hall. Like today, Wilde's world of irony consists of "style not sincerity," and is, as described by one of the character's, "an age of surfaces."

The show tells the story of two socially mobile, upper class dandies, Jack Worthing (Matt Nash) and Algernon "Algy" Montcrieff (Timothy Deenihan). These two characters experiment with "Bunburying", a practice of creating fictitious relationships as an excuse to avoid engagements. The confusion begins when Jack tells Algy he takes on the name Ernest in town, while keeping the name Jack in the country. When Algy takes on the persona of Jack's fabricated brother, Ernest, the action and the confusion continue with both friends using the name of Ernest at different times.

Mistaken identities and false shows of sincerity bring the characters to confusion and the audience to laughter. Jack must

deal with Algy's pompous aunt, Lady Bracknell, played wonderfully by visiting professional Kate Burke, before he can marry his love, Gwendolyn Fairfax (Robin Dvorak), Lady Bracknell's daughter. Algy also falls in love with Jack's young ward, Cecily Cardew (Tasha Gutting).

The two couples are in trouble, however, because both Gwendolyn and Cecily think that they are engaged to someone named Ernest. The main reason the two girls offer their love is due to Jack and Algy having the name Ernest. This emphasis on the shallow basis for their love becomes an ongoing theme in Wilde's play, showing the characters of Cecily and Gwendolyn as empty-headed society girls, and the two young men as manipulative playboys.

Extra humorous touches are offered by the idiosyncratic performances of Helene Mengert as Miss Prism, Cecily's tutor, and Gerald Welch as Dr. Chasuble, the parish rector. Finally, the robotic servant class is represented by Algy's butler, Lane (Mario Borelli) and Cecily's elderly butler, Merriman (David Foster).

The staging of the show is quite intricate, with an overall magenta color scheme for Algy's house in Act I, and a lighter, green and white atmosphere for the garden scenes. The sets are realistic while still



lending a touch of symbolism dealing with hypocritical upper class ideals.

This symbolism is also present in how the actors are directed. Very seldom does a character look directly at another character when speaking. Instead, they always gaze slightly to the side of the other character or directly at the audience. This practice is often performed by Jack, the character most concerned with proper social etiquette and impressions. These indirect stares are awkward and unsettling at first, but they become finely integrated into the whole scheme of upper class manners and rituals, in which serving cake instead of bread and butter is the ultimate insult.

The audience member can see that these characters are the mouthpieces for Wilde's witticisms and ironies. They represent Wilde speaking directly to the audience, making society aware of its silly rules and customs of what "one" should or shouldn't do. This illusion is produced by each of the actors' characteristic and proper stares. The modern-day viewer cannot help but feel directly addressed by Wilde's perceptions of society as portrayed by the Victorian characters.

The dialogue is quick and witty, and attention must be paid to every word. Fortunately, the upper-class British accents do not hinder the speech or lessen the jokes. Although the play is a full three hours, Wilde and the actors set a consistently quick pace and do not let up. The play is filled with quick witted epigrams, constantly displaying the superficiality and hypocrisy in which the characters revel.



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Gwendolyn Fairfax (Robin Dvorak), Lady Bracknell's daughter, is the object of Jack Worthing's love in "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Nash and Deenihan provide an excellent contrast in displaying their characters' polar attitudes towards manners. However, the actors also effectively emphasize the character's similarities as scheming society men. The same can be said of Dvorak and Gutting. Although the innocent Cecily is of the country and the worldly Gwendolyn is of the city, the two are both shallow and nar-

cissistic women obsessed with appearances.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" is a classic comedy of manners, enjoyable and engaging. It will be presented Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:10 p.m. and Sunday at 3:10 p.m. Tickets are available at the door and in advance at the LaFortune Student Center Information Desk.



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Algernon (left) shows reluctance in returning a cigarette case to Jack. This cigarette case leads to Algernon finding out about Jack's alias.



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Lady Bracknell (Kate Burke) glances away as Algernon Montcrieff (Timothy Deenihan) tries to speak to her.

Poets Coulson and Stanton featured tonight at Festival



Joseph Coulson

JULIE HAURYKIEWICZ
accent writer

Continuing the week of Sophomore Literary Festival readings, poets Joseph Coulson and Maura Stanton will speak tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Coulson will speak first, followed by Stanton. Both poets will host a forum tomorrow, March 2, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the library auditorium.

Coulson is the author of "A Measured Silence" and "The Letting Go." His newest work, "Graph and Other Poems," was



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published this month, and he expects another book to be released this fall.

Originally a native of Detroit, Coulson pursued graduate work with such mentor-poets as Robert Creeley and John Logan at the State University of New York at Buffalo. There, he received his M.A. in Creative Writing and a Ph.D. in American Literature. Since

1985, he has taught at both the Marlborough School in Los Angeles and UCLA.

A poet and professor at Indiana University, Maura Stanton has served as the Director of the Indiana University Writers' Conference. She has twice been the recipient of both the National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and the PEN Syndicated Fiction Award.

Stanton has also been a judge for numerous literary contests. Her works include "Cries of Swimmers," "Snow on Snow," and "Molly Companion."



Maura Stanton

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Syracuse tops Seton Hall; Hawkeyes stun Boilermakers

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Derrick Coleman tipped in Billy Owens' missed shot at the buzzer Wednesday night as No. 10 Syracuse continued its domination of Seton Hall, defeating the Pirates for the 20th straight time, 71-69 in the Big East.

The victory was the third straight for the Orangemen (21-5, 11-4) and it handed Seton Hall (11-15, 4-11) its eighth loss in nine games.

Seton Hall had rallied from a 69-63 deficit in the final 2:14 and tied the game when Oliver Taylor drove the lane and scooped in a layup with 9.2 seconds to play.

After a Syracuse timeout,

Owens took the inbounds pass, dribbled the length of the court and tossed up an off-balance shot driving the lane. The ball bounced off the rim, but Coleman grabbed it in midair and pushed it off the backboard and in for his only basket of the half.

Syracuse had led the entire second half, thanks in large part to Owens, who scored 15 of his 21 points and four times thwarted Seton Hall rallies with baskets. His two free throws with 2:14 to play had given the Orangemen the 69-63 lead.

Coleman finished with 15 points, Michael Edwards added 14 points and Stephen Thompson had 11.

No. 3 Missouri 65, Kansas St. 60

Third-ranked Missouri locked up its seventh Big Eight basketball championship Wednesday night, riding 28 points and 17 rebounds by Doug Smith to a 65-60 victory over Kansas State.

Missouri goes into its regular-season finale at Notre Dame Saturday with a 26-3 record and one of the nation's hottest players in the 6-foot-10 Smith, who has averaged almost 28 points in his last six games.

The Tigers, 12-2 in the Big Eight with road losses to Oklahoma and Kansas State, also got a boost from point guard

Lee Coward. He came off the bench in the first half after missing several games with an injury.

Kansas State (16-13, 6-7) scored the first five points of the game, but Smith's two free throws with 7:51 left in the half gave the Tigers their first lead, 17-15. Kansas State never went ahead again.

Iowa 64, No. 9 Purdue 63

Matt Bullard, playing his last game at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, scored 15 points and hit the winning shot Wednesday night to lead Iowa to a 64-63 victory over No. 9 Purdue,

knocking the Boilermakers out of the Big Ten lead.

Iowa snapped its six-game losing streak to improve to 12-14 overall and 4-12 in the league. Purdue, which whipped Iowa 80-59 earlier this season, fell to 20-6, 12-4. Michigan State is 11-3 in the conference.

Bullard's short turnaround jumper on the left side came with eight seconds left. Purdue's Tony Jones dribbled the length of the court with the inbounds pass but missed a jumper from the left side. Jimmy Oliver's shot from deep in the right corner swished in, but officials ruled time had expired.

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repeatedly to win the round convincingly, and then knocked Elevado to the canvas in the third round to win easily.

Bartlett will have his hands full on Friday, however, as he will face sophomore John Manfredy, who methodically destroyed Bill Wheeler in the other 134-pound fight.

In the 144-pound division, two-time champion Doug Biolchini came out with gauze taped to a cut on his chin which required 10 stitches after his

quarterfinal fight on Tuesday. Biolchini had a difficult time with Matt Potts, the crowd favorite who was less skilled but just as determined as Biolchini.

Biolchini finally was able to solve Potts in the third round, however, and knocked him down in that final stanza before scoring a unanimous decision. Lee Whitman defeated Bobby Burke in the other 144-pound match.

Junior Norm Conley displayed the night's most impressive variation of punches in his 162-pound bout with Ed Schmitt. Conley made consistently used body blows to set up his oppo-

nent for uppercuts to the face. The judges seemed to be unimpressed with Conley's obvious skill, though, and Conley had to sweat out the victory announcement in a split decision.

Junior Jim Hawkins scored a split decision victory in the other 162-pound fight, using a strong second round to impress the judges.

The referee stopped a 185-pound fight between John Carney and defending champion Ricky Purcell at 1:11 of the third round as Purcell recorded the win. Purcell had trouble in the second round after a strong

start, but managed to recover in the third round.

Robert Urban used his hands of stone to pound his way to victory as the referee stopped his fight against Steve Vanatsky 1:16 into the second round of the other 185-pound fight.

Also, in the 127-pound division, Timothy Phelan beat Trent Haywood and Brian Stokes defeated Drew Dougherty; Mick Meyer and Erik Milito advanced in the 138-pound division with wins over Mike Jennings and Ernie Tacogue respectively; and Kurt Lauber won unanimously over

Michael Butler and Shane Hitzeman advanced by walkover in the 150-pound division.

In addition, John Sordi and two-time defending champ Vance Becklund defeated Tim Tyvand and Dave Tyndall respectively in the 158-pound division; Chuck Moser and Kerry Wate were impressive in 160-pound wins over Ken Hamer and Steve Kubicki; Patrick Fay beat Davey Jones and Kevin Max punished Mark Ross in the 174-pound division; and Chris Kiley and Mike Bumer scored victories over Kurt Heil and Michael Ryan in the 180-pound

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need this win to get the number four spot in the tournament."

Pacing Dayton (5-7 in the MCC) will be Annette Melvin and Kaihra Goodman. Melvin leads the team in steals, with 33, and field goal shooting percentage, at 47.1 percent. Goodman ranks fourth in the MCC in rebounding with a 7.5 average and was named Player of the Week recently.

"Goodman has really been starting to score lately," explained McGraw. "They hadn't been good off the block, so she's been helping their inside game."

Taking Liebscher's place in the Irish starting line-up will be senior Lisa Kuhns, who is averaging 8.4 ppg and 3.0 rpg. Besides compensating for the low number of players, McGraw claimed Notre Dame will not have to change its game-plan much by subbing for Liebscher, who is questionable for next Tuesday's game against Detroit as well.

"Offensively, things won't be any different," said McGraw. "I think Lisa will do a fine job."

Adding to the Irish pressures is the looming 1000th point for

Robinson. The junior guard, who leads Notre Dame with 14.4 ppg, needs only twenty more to become the seventh Irish player to achieve that mark.

"I think it's really playing on her mind and I wish people would stop talking about it," commented McGraw. "With four games remaining, she only needs to get five points in each game. She'll have no problem reaching it before the season ends."

More importantly for the team right now is attaining an

invitation to the NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame received six votes in last week's poll, but McGraw insists that the two "have nothing to do with each other."

McGraw says the Irish chances of receiving the invitation are pretty good, but ultimately the decision is out of Notre Dame's control.

"We're not in the driver's seat on this one," McGraw explained, "but we should know more after this weekend. There are a lot of conference tournaments that should determine

our chances."

Although the Irish have earned a 19-6 record this year and are undefeated (14-0) in their conference, McGraw said that major upsets this weekend could influence the tournament committee to give the Irish bid to one of the victorious teams.

The invitations will not be given out until March 11, after the MCC championships.

"Our record speaks for itself," said McGraw, "but if teams score major upsets, they may get the at-large bids instead of us. We don't want any upsets."

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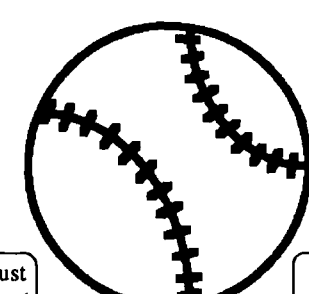
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SPORTS BRIEFS

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Women's Bookstore Basketball sign-ups will be on March 26.

In the South Bend sectional Wednesday night, Clay High School edged Mishawaka 80-76 to advance to the semifinals. The winning Colonials will face Riley, a victor over St. Joe Wednesday, in Friday night's semifinal.

Cross country ski rentals will be Thursday-Sunday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the golf shop as weather permits.

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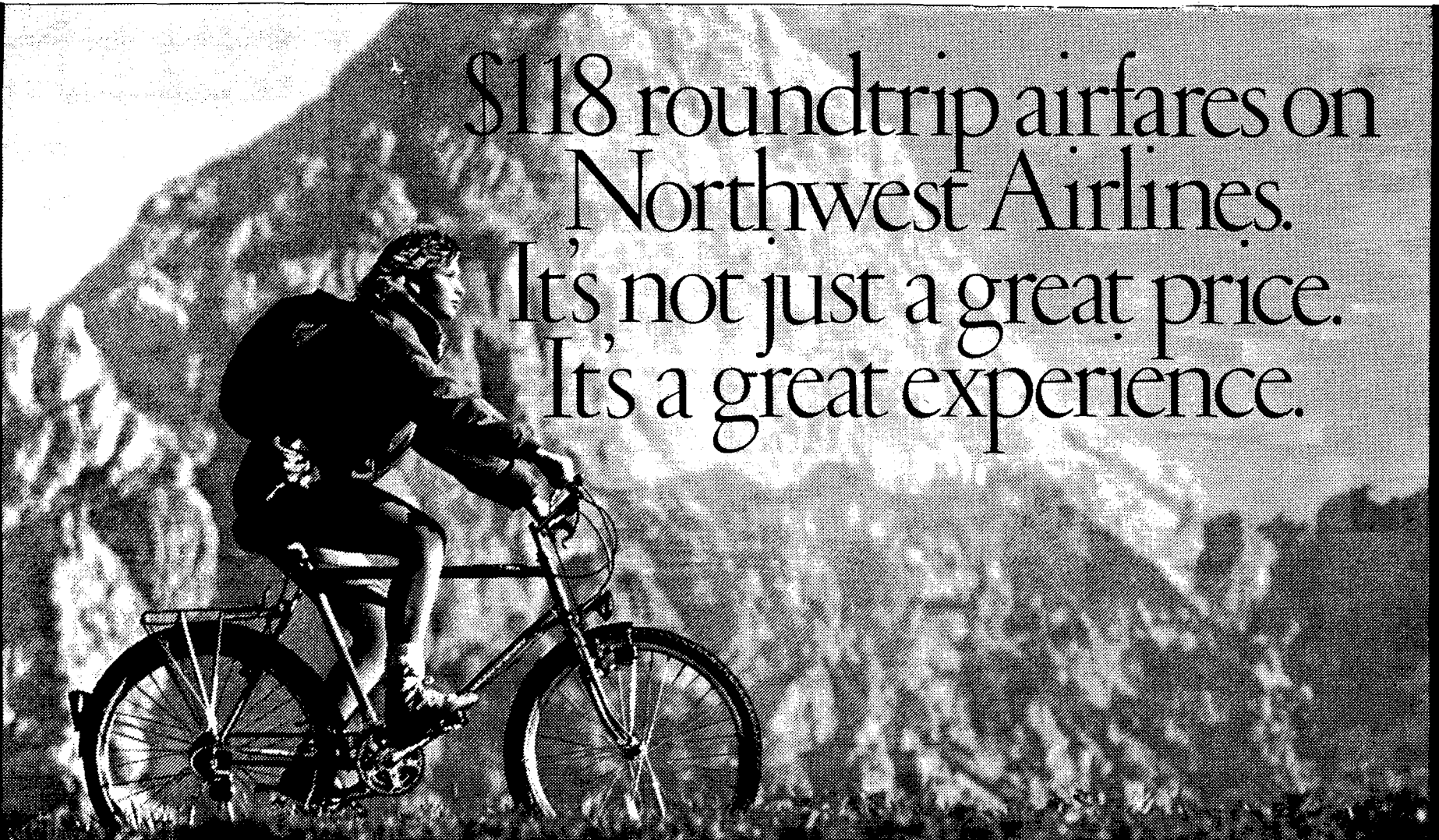
Troy Mallette scored the tie-breaking goal 49 seconds into the third period as the New York Rangers, buttressed by their special teams, beat the Washington Capitals 3-2 on Wednesday night. In other NHL action, the Penguins beat the Devils 2-1, Detroit topped the Islanders 4-3, and the Whalers defeated the Canadiens 3-1. —The Associated Press

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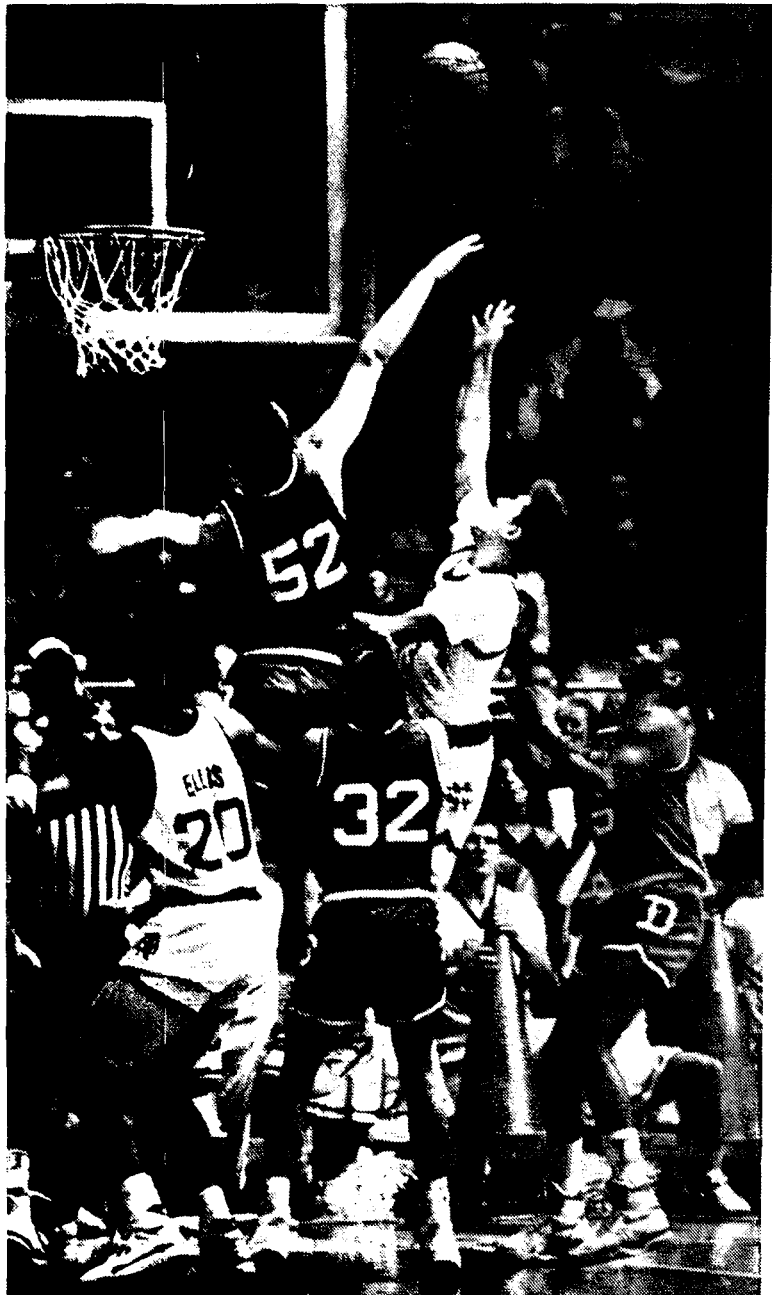
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The Dayton Flyers, shown here in their last trip to Notre Dame, climbed all over Notre Dame Wednesday, dominating the second half to beat the Irish for the first time since 1976.

Garden unfriendly to Mavericks

BOSTON (AP) — Larry Bird scored 31 points, and a 14-2 third-quarter surge led the Celtics to a 111-98 victory Wednesday night that kept the Dallas Mavericks winless at Boston Garden in their 10-year history.

The Mavericks, 0-10 in Boston, were led by Derek Harper with 30 points and Rolando Blackman with 18. They have won seven of their last 10 games but have been held under 100 points in five of their last six.

Boston, returning home after going 4-4 on a 13-day road trip, won its third straight game. It got 21 points from Michael Smith and 16 from Reggie Lewis.

Hawks 102, Pacers 99

Kevin Willis scored 19 points and grabbed 18 rebounds as

Atlanta survived a late flurry of 3-point shots.

It was the fourth victory in a row for the Hawks, who snapped Indiana's two-game winning streak and beat the Pacers for the first time in four meetings this season. Indiana had won seven of its previous 10 games.

Dominique Wilkins also had 19 points for Atlanta and Moses Malone added 17 points and 12 rebounds. Reggie Miller led Indiana with 24 points, including three 3-point baskets. Detlef Schrempf added 22 points and 11 rebounds and Chuck Person 19 points.

The Hawks never trailed after Kenny Smith's short basket in the lane broke an 82-82 tie with 8:48 to play. But the Hawks had to hold on right to the final buzzer, at which Miller missed a 3-point attempt from the

right corner.

Heat 113, Kings 92

Kevin Edwards scored 16 first-quarter points, only two fewer than the Sacramento team, as Miami opened a big early lead and never trailed.

Edwards, who finished with 32 points and sat out the final 15 minutes, hit 13 of 17 shots and six of six free throws. The victory was only the third in 19 games for the Heat.

The Kings played without leading scorer Wayman Tisdale, who missed his second consecutive game with the flu. Sacramento has lost four in a row and 13 of its last 15 games. The Kings are winless (0-9) on the road since Jan. 27, and 3-23 as a visitor this season.

Fields lay dormant as talks continue

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — The freshly painted seats sparkle in the sun.

The grass in the infield and outfield is finely manicured, as green as a four-leaf clover.

The seats, though, are empty. There are no spike marks in the grass.

There are no ballplayers on the fields. No crack of the bat meeting a ball. The silence is eerie, like that in an old graveyard.

Like the mighty Casey, major league baseball has struck out.

For the second time in 15 years, spring training has been put on hold by a labor dispute between club owners and the

players' union.

Normally, March 1 marks the opening of the exhibition season. Players are anxious to get going. Snowbirds from the north get baseball fever only games will temper.

This year ballparks housing 18 major league teams in Florida and eight in Arizona are off limits to players. The owners have imposed a lockout until a new collective bargaining agreement is reached.

With no settlement in sight, clubs are cancelling games at least through March 10.

The exhibition season had been scheduled to begin on

Athletics host to the San Francisco Giants in Phoenix at night in a rematch of the 1989 World Series opponents for the benefit of earthquake victims.

In Florida, three scheduled openers were cancelled. They were the Baltimore Orioles and the Chicago White Sox in Sarasota, the University of Georgia and the Atlanta Braves at West Palm Beach, and Edison College versus the Texas Rangers at Fort Myers.

Other major league clubs had planned to swing into the exhibition season on Friday.

Flyers

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with 10. Ellis pulled down a game-high 16 rebounds.

The Irish outrebounded the Flyers 41-23, but it was seven offensive boards by Dayton in the second half that may have sealed Notre Dame's fate. Four of those came in an early second-half spurt when Dayton pulled away.

"That's just lack of concentration and blockouts," Phelps said. "That led to points and that put us in a negative. We never recovered from that."

Notre Dame overcame a nine-point deficit to lead 42-40 at the half, but Dayton took over in the second stanza.

The Flyers scored the first eight points of the second half on a tip-in by Wes Coffee and three-pointers from Knight and Springer. The Irish pulled within six at 50-44 on a baseline jumper by Robinson and then trailed 58-50 with 13:57 left on another Robinson basket.

Then Dayton turned it up a notch. The Flyers scored 13 of the next 15 points to push the margin to 71-52 with 8:50 remaining.

They increased the lead to 78-56 on a Corbitt jumper with just 4:47 left. The closest Notre Dame could get was 89-75 when Williams hit a three-pointer from the right side with 1:48 left.

Dayton had seven steals and forced 11 Notre Dame turnovers in the first half, but Robinson and Ellis helped the Irish with a strong inside game.

With the score tied at 10, Dayton ran off 13 of the next 15 points for a 23-12 advantage. The Flyers led 27-19 with 9:06 left on a Coffee layup, but Notre Dame scored seven straight points - five from Ellis and two from Kevin Ellery - to

pull within one at 27-26.

Ahead 34-33, the Irish built their biggest lead at 40-35 on four points from Robinson and two from Daimon Sweet.

Robinson finished the half with 18 points on 7-of-10

shooting, while Ellis added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Notre Dame outrebounded Dayton 23-9 in the first half and connected on 59 percent of their first-half field goals.

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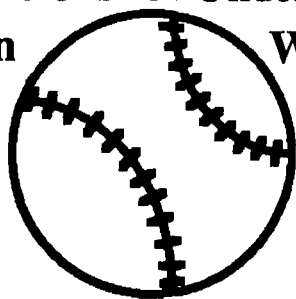
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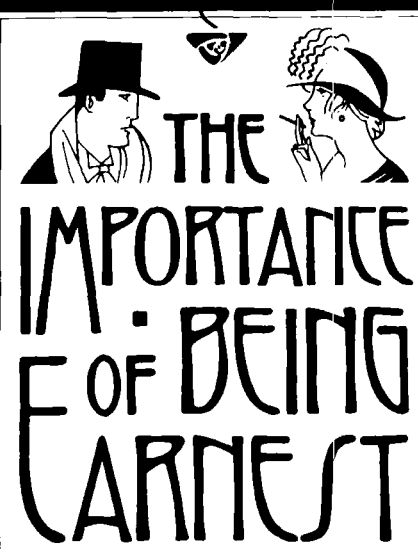
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ND men's swim team travels to Eastern ICs

By JANICE ARCHER
Sports Writer

After a long break between competitions and three weeks of intense training, the Notre Dame men's swim team travels to Cleveland State to take part in this weekend's Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Championships.

The field for the men will be slightly bigger than last week's field for the women's team, which returned to campus with the championship. Twelve teams begin the three-day competition today, including some that will present competitive challenges to the Irish.

Southern Illinois will be racing in the Easterns for the first time, but are the favorite going in. Throughout the year, SIU has been ranked in the top 20 nationally.

Western Kentucky is another strong team in the meet. Three years ago, when Notre Dame hosted the Midwestern Independent Championships, Western Kentucky took the title.

Other talented teams include West Virginia, last year's Eastern champions, and Notre Dame's perennial rival, St. Bonaventure, will also be competing in the meet they won in 1988.

"We are headed for a very competitive field," acknowledged Irish head coach Tim Welsh. "Our challenge is to put forth the fastest times we can at the right time, and the right time is now."

Welsh brings a 19-member squad to Cleveland, one in which he has great confidence.

"Our record and times over

the season support that this squad is the strongest men's team we have put together in my five years at Notre Dame," Welsh said.

The Irish will attempt to move up in the standings from last year's sixth place finish in the competition.

"We have three goals in this championship," said Welsh. "We want to swim lifetime best times, set new university records, and advance our team position."

The squad will not be looking to a select few to lead them to victory. The depth the team has shown throughout the season has been the key to their much-improved 16-2 record.

"How we do as a team depends on how all 19 men do," noted Welsh.

The men's dramatic improvement this season allowed them to profit from surprising their opponents. They were not expected to win the National Catholic Championships in December, as they did, but now that the dual meet season has ended, opponents have become wary.

"The element of surprise is over," Welsh said. "Other teams have recognized our good season."

After the success they have enjoyed this year, and the women's recent victory in the Easterns in Baltimore, the men have the benefits of all these past contests.

"Each meet has made us more confident, from our dual meets to the championships," Welsh said. "Our confidence and hopes are high, and we are excited to go to Cleveland and compete."



The Observer / David Lee

The Notre Dame men's swim team travels to the Eastern Intercollegiate Championships this weekend, looking to improve on last year's sixth place finish.

Valvano, players deny allegations

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina State coach Jim Valvano and two former players denied allegations Wednesday of point-shaving in a basketball game against Tampa, a smaller, unranked school, in 1986.

The Greensboro News & Record, quoting unnamed sources, reported that a State Bureau of Investigation probe centered on a Dec. 27, 1986, game between then 12th-ranked N.C. State and the Division II school. The Wolfpack lost, 67-62.

William Dowdy, the SBI's chief investigator, acknowledged that the agency was investigating the N.C. State basketball program — already on two years' probation for NCAA violations — and that part of the probe would include the point-shaving allegations.

However, he added, "There was no information to lead me to believe there was any point-shaving."

That's what Valvano and some former players are saying, too.

"I was never aware of anything going on with point-shaving," Vinny Del Negro, now a guard with the Sacramento Kings, said in a telephone interview from Miami. "I just think we had a bad game."

"I don't know anything," said Bennie Bolton, another member of the '86 team, reached at his home in Washington.

"I heard about it, yeah," said Bolton, who has been playing in Australia. "It was just a case of coming in against a hungry team and we didn't play up to our capabilities."

Valvano, who missed the game at Tampa due to illness,

said he never suspected anyone of trying to throw the game.

"If I had, I would have reported it," he said. "But I never reported it because I never had a reason to."

"I don't know what to make of it," said Tampa coach Richard Schmidt, whose 1986-87 team finished 26-6. "If there was point-shaving going on, why would it be against us? There wasn't even a line on the game, at least not to my knowledge."

Tampa guard Johnny Jones, who scored a game-high 30 points that night, also doesn't believe point-shaving figured in the game's final outcome.

"I don't buy it, any of it," said Jones, now living in Sarasota, Fla. "It just makes me mad. Why won't they admit that we just played a better game and leave it at that? It's not fair to the school or to the community that was there that night and shared the moment with us. It's just a bunch of excuses."

In his book "Personal Fouls," about N.C. State basketball, author Peter Golenbock had a different explanation for the loss to Tampa.

He said the team was demoralized by Valvano's absence — his first in 20 years of coaching — and upset at having no Christmas break. He also said the players were dismayed by conflicting instructions from two assistant coaches.

But Del Negro said that, too, was untrue.

"Coach Valvano had a bad case of the flu," he said. "They (Tampa) were very emotional and we just didn't perform the way that we should have."

And Bolton said: "I don't now how you can substantiate that as true. I know when I go out to play, I play to win. I can attribute that to the other players as well."

Del Negro said he was sorry to hear that former Wolfpack player Charles Shackelford admitted accepting \$65,000 from two men while he played for the school.

"Coach Valvano couldn't be a babysitter 24 hours a day," he said. "It's unfortunate that the school is getting a bad reputation because of some incidents with some players."

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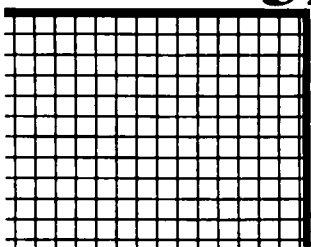
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ND wrestlers top Illini; up dual record to 7-8

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The Notre Dame wrestling team defeated Illinois 20-16 on the road Wednesday to close out its regular season with a dual match record of 7-8.

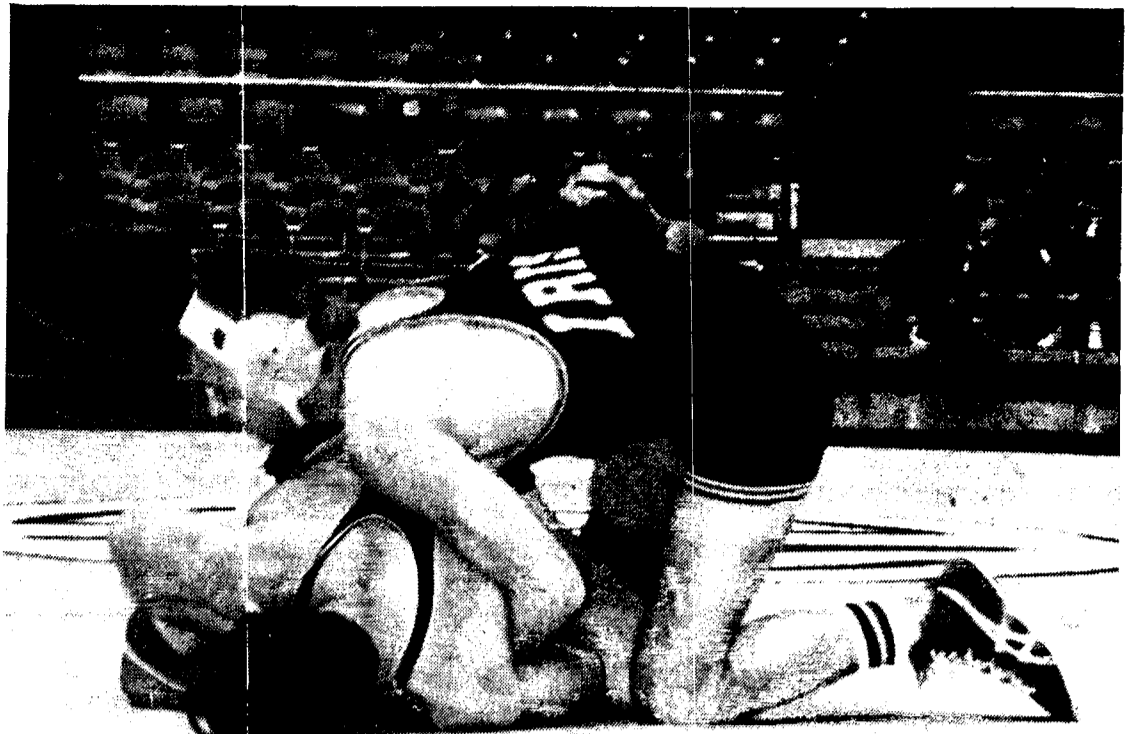
Freshman Steve King pinned his opponent 1:28 into the 190-pound match to lead the Irish. Sophomore 126-pounder Marcus Gowens recorded a technical fall 6:13 into his match, leading 22-7 before the 15-point margin automatically stopped the contest.

Senior Andy Radenbaugh won the 118-pound match by a score of 10-3, junior 158-pounder Todd Tomazic won 9-3 and junior 167-pounder Mark

Gerardi won 10-8 in his bracket.

Illinois (3-9) was the sixth school from the Big Ten, generally considered the top wrestling conference in the nation, to face the Irish this season. In dual meets with Big Ten teams, Notre Dame defeated Ohio State and Illinois, but lost to Michigan State, Indiana, Purdue and Iowa.

Notre Dame next competes in the NCAA Western Regionals at Charleston, Ill., on March 10. Those individuals who qualify at Regionals will advance to the NCAA Championships, scheduled for March 22-24 at College Park, Md.



The Notre Dame wrestling team looked to improve its dual-meet record as it wrapped up the regular season Wednesday against the Fighting Illini of Illinois. The Observer / Tami Lowery

Oklahoma doing its part to keep No.1 in the Big Eight

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma, it seems, is trying to make sure the nation's No. 1 team remains in the Big Eight Conference.

Last week, Missouri of the Big Eight held the top spot. But Oklahoma beat the Tigers on Sunday, knocking them to No. 3 and allowing conference rival Kansas to become No. 1 for the third time this season.

That victory also bumped the Sooners from 10th into a tie for fifth, giving the Big Eight three of the nation's top five teams. On Tuesday, Oklahoma pounded the nation's new No. 1 team, 100-78, ending its home schedule at 16-0 and increasing its winning streak at Lloyd No-

ble Arena to 45 games.

A victory Saturday at Oklahoma State could propel the Sooners to the top of the poll heading into next week's conference tournament. The ramifications of a big showing in this big stretch were clear to the Sooners.

"We were really fired up playing the number ones because we were number five, and we could get to be one of the top four teams and than a number-one seed," William Davis, who scored 22 points against Kansas, said.

Oklahoma coach Billy Tubbs said his team's strong performances were due more to the fact they were important con-

ference games.

"There's no mystique with playing No. 1 when it's Missouri or Kansas because we play 'em all the time," he said. "That's the most important thing. The rivalry and the inter-conference thing hits you more than No. 1, but this made it special, I'd have to say that."

In the Kansas game, the Sooners went to the press from the outset — something they haven't done of late — and Kansas wound up committing a season-high 26 turnovers.

During one stretch in the first half, when Oklahoma widened

its lead from 18-13 to 25-15, Kansas turned the ball over on 10 of 12 possessions. The Sooners eventually opened a 41-17 lead before tiring in the final five minutes of the half.

"We couldn't get shots we needed and they forced us into turnovers," Kansas guard Kevin Pritchard said. "When you do that, your offense comes off your defense, and that's a big part of their game."

Kansas coach Roy Williams saw it this way:

"I think they just got after us a little harder than we were ready to be gotten after," he said. "They just got after our

tails and we didn't do a good job of taking care of the basketball."

"The last home game for seniors is usually a very emotional time," Williams said. "But they played very well. It wasn't just emotion out there. They executed, did the things they wanted to do and made us look a little silly at times."

Oklahoma is 22-4 overall and 10-3 in the Big Eight, while Kansas is 27-3 and 10-3 after losing to someone other than Missouri. Each of those Missouri losses knocked the Jayhawks from the No. 1 spot.

MCC places two on probation

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A woman's basketball player from Evansville and another from Loyola of Illinois have been placed on probation for the remainder of the 1989-90 season, the Midwestern Collegiate Conference announced Wednesday.

The players were placed on probation for an incident that occurred during a game, between the two schools on Feb. 24. Both players were ejected from the game for fighting, MCC Commissioner Tucker DiEdwardo said.

Any further incidents involving the two players may result in a suspension of one or more games, he said.

DiEdwardo said the players' names would not be released.

Fencers

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well be a rematch of the upcoming NCAA finals. I'd have to say that both teams are equal in strength."

The same squad, including Lynn Kadri and Tara Kelly, will travel with the men's fencing team this weekend to the Great Lakes Championships in Appleton, WI.

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7:30 p.m. Panel Discussion/Follow Up: "What do the issues in Eastern Europe mean to students as members of the ND community, and as citizens of a nation?" Main Purpose Room, Center for Social Concerns.

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Noon Humanities Colloquium: "Cicero on the Tasks and Modes of Philosophy," Walter Nicgorski, Program of Liberal Studies. Room 131 Decio. Sponsored by Committee on Critical and Continental Thought.

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Friday

Noon Lecture: "Europe: A Continent in Turmoil," Hon. Shirley Williams, Harvard University. Annenberg Auditorium. Sponsored by Kellogg Institute and Committee for European Studies.

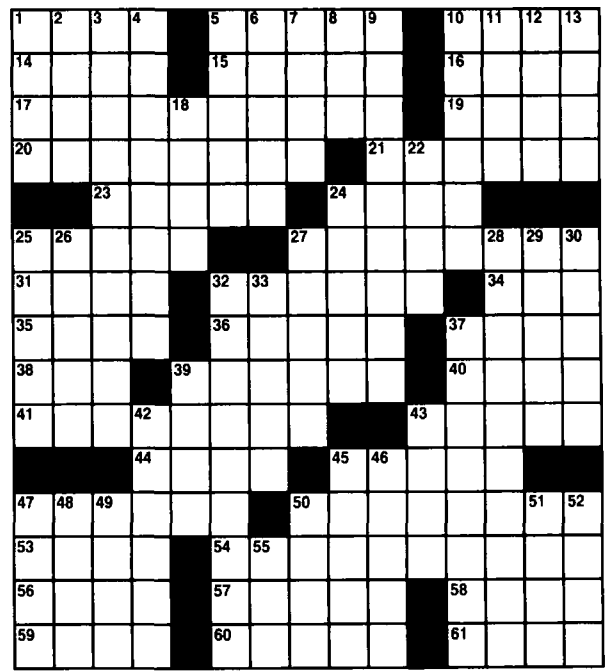
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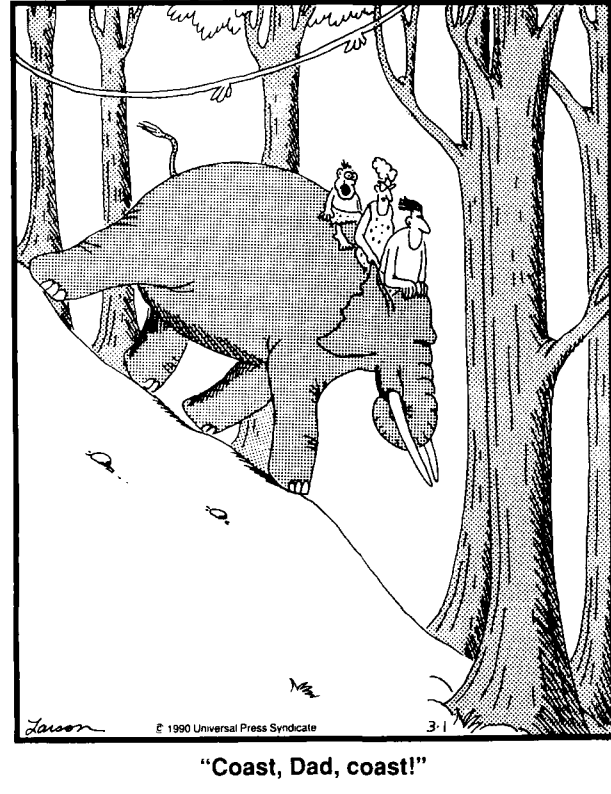
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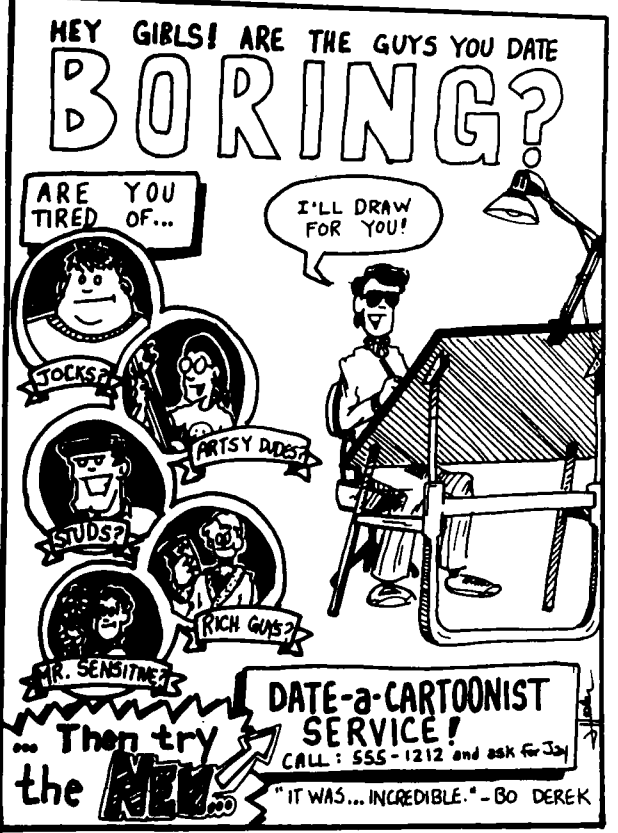
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Dayton flies by Irish 97-79

Second-half domination propels Flyers to win

By GREG GUFFEY
Assistant Sports Editor

DAYTON - The Notre Dame men's basketball team has suffered setbacks on the road all season, but Wednesday's loss at Dayton may have been the biggest and the toughest.

The Flyers upset the Irish 97-79 Wednesday night before a sold-out UD Arena crowd of 13,511. That was the identical score Notre Dame beat the Flyers by in late January at the Joyce ACC.

"Personally to come here and get blown out in your backyard hurts," said Cincinnati native and Irish co-captain Joe Fredrick, who was held to six points on 3-of-10 shooting. "More importantly for the team we needed to get our 15th win and we didn't get it."

Said Irish center Keith Robin-

son, "We needed to come out with confidence and we didn't. This is the first time the seniors have lost to Dayton. The crowd was a big factor as far as helping them when they were pressing us."

The Flyers used a full-court press, pressure defense and blistering shooting in winning their first game against the Irish in their last nine tries.

If Notre Dame wasn't on the NCAA Tournament fence before Wednesday's game with Dayton, it was straddling, holding and clinging to it afterward.

Now Notre Dame will need to win at least two—and maybe all three—of its remaining games to gain an invitation to the tourney. The first test will come against Missouri Saturday in the JACC.

"All you have to do is get a win against a team like Mis-

souri and that puts you back in the hunt," Notre Dame coach Digger Phelps said. "That's the thing about our schedule this year. It's goofy enough where you're never out of it."

It was the biggest margin of victory in the series for Dayton, which improved to 17-9 and greatly increased its post-season chances.

Senior point guard Negele Knight led the Flyers with a game-high 28 points and 10 assists. Forward Anthony Corbitt added 15 points, guard Ray Springer 13 and Norm Grevey 11.

Keith Robinson tied a career-high with 26 points for the Irish. He was joined in double figures by LaPhonso Ellis with 17 points and Monty Williams

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The Observer / John Cluver
LaPhonso Ellis held his own, but the Notre Dame men's basketball team didn't, as the Flyers beat the Irish Wednesday in Dayton.

Armetta upsets Cane in Bengals

By KEN TYSIAC
Sports Writer

The semifinal round of the 60th Bengal Bouts turned sour for defending 154-pound champion David "Sugar" Cane last night at the Joyce ACC as he was upset in a split decision by sophomore Jody Armetta.

"It was most surprising," said boxing coach Sean McCormick. "You've got to give Jody credit. David is as good a fighter as we've ever had here, and Jody gave David a good fight."

It was a bout that any boxing purist would love. Armetta and Cane boxed carefully and skillfully throughout a very even match. When the scorecards were collected, Armetta was ahead by a smidgeon over the hometown hero Cane, who was

clearly the crowd favorite.

"It was 100 percent mental preparation," said Armetta. "(Cane) is a great fighter. Knowing that he's a lefty and he likes to come with the one-two jab, I cut the ring off from him and tried to stay away from his tremendous speed and power."

Sophomore Colin Mullaney beat John Bastian in a unanimous decision in the other 154-pound bout and will face Armetta in the finals Friday night.

Cane's fellow co-captain Chris Balint fared much better in his 167-pound fight against Brendan Teehan. He finished the shortest fight of the night when the referee figured Teehan had taken enough abuse at the 1:07 mark of the first round.

Balint simply came out of his

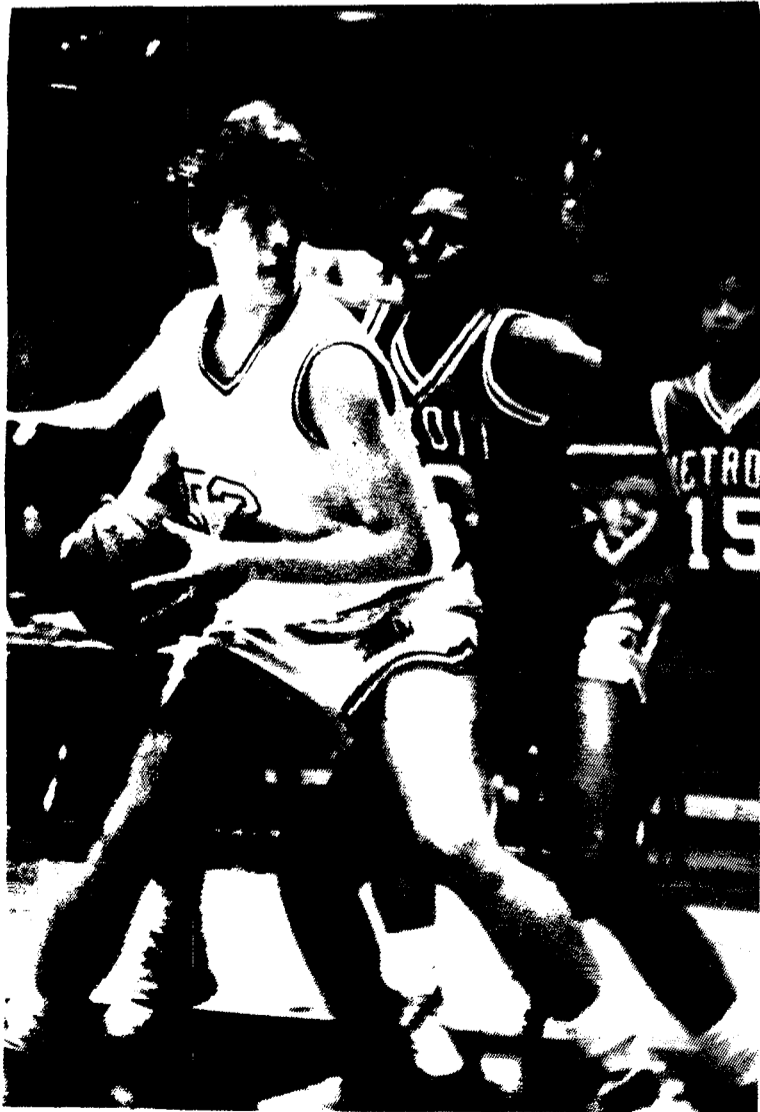
corner swinging and, after driving Teehan against the ropes to force a standing eight count, Balint corraled him into the gold corner for the final blows.

Balint will have his hands full in the finals, however, as he will face Mike Trainor, who scored a unanimous decision over Garth Behrje by scoring repeated rights to Behrje's face.

A 134-pound fight between sophomore Derek Bartlett and freshman Mo Elevado was the highlight of the lighter weight divisions. At the end of a rather nondescript first round Elevado started showing off by dancing around in front of Bartlett.

Bartlett apparently was not amused. He came out swinging in the second round, scoring

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The Observer / David Lee
Margaret Nowlin is one of seven players left on the Notre Dame women's basketball team who will face Dayton tonight at the Joyce ACC.

ND women's hoops down to seven

By CHRIS COONEY
Sports Writer

Head coach Muffet McGraw will be going for her third-straight 20-win season, and Karen Robinson has a chance of scoring her 1000th career point, but the Notre Dame women's basketball team faces more pressing concerns when they host tonight's 7:30 game against Dayton.

With the roster reduced to seven healthy players, the Irish will confront an inspired Flyer squad that needs this victory to earn a berth in the MCC Tournament.

Fencers tip Wayne St. on touches

By CHRIS FILLIO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's fencing squad took care of some unfinished business yesterday afternoon as they closed out the regular season with a narrow come-from-behind victory over midwestern rival Wayne State.

The 16-match dual meet ended with the score knotted at 8-8 after the Irish women won four of the last six bouts. In the final tally, the Irish emerged victorious based on their 64-54 margin in total touches.

"I'm really worried about this game," said McGraw, even though Notre Dame decisively won the last matchup, 85-60 on Jan. 23. "With Sara gone, all we need is someone to get into foul trouble."

McGraw is referring to injured guard Sara Liebscher, who hurt her ankle in Monday's contest against Xavier. The Irish will miss Liebscher's 9.6 points and 5.6 rebounds per game. In addition, with only seven people, Notre Dame may have to adjust its game in order to conserve its players.

"We'll probably play a little more conservatively," predicted

McGraw. "We played a lot of zone last time, and we'll have to do that again to stay out of foul trouble."

While it may appear that the Irish should have no problem soundly defeating the 9-14 Flyers, McGraw explained that Dayton has been surging recently and is seeking a bid to the MCC Tournament with a vengeance.

"Last time we played them, we scored the first eight points and really got out of the block well," McGraw said. "They've played very well since then and

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battle against the Tartars. And although sophomore Rachel Haugh finished the day 1-3, her victory was an inspiring and critical one in which she battled back from a 4-1 deficit to win by a 5-4 count.

Senior Kristin Kralicek used a defensive approach to split her four bouts on the day, while sophomore Heidi Piper had the best record for the Irish women on the day, going 3-1 in employing an aggressive style.

"That was probably the finest competition we've seen all year," said Wayne State head coach Gil Pezza. "It could very

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