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■ NEWS ANALYSIS

Assisted-suicide debate continues

By LAURA PETELLE
News Writer

"[T]he World Government was making a two-pronged attack on overpopulation. One pronging was the encouragement of ethical suicide, which consisted of going to the nearest Suicide Parlor and asking a Hostess to kill you painlessly while you lay on a Barcalounger," wrote Kurt Vonnegut in "Welcome to the Mankey House."

While this may be an absurd extrapolation of current legislation, it is one of many issues under consideration in the Supreme Court's deliberations on assisted suicide: how big a step is it from



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Professor Douglas Kmiec



allowing a patient to seek death to encouraging a patient to seek death?

"If life and death were not enough for one case, democracy is also in

the balance," said Douglas Kmiec, professor of constitutional law. The issue of physician-assisted suicide is a very complex one that walks a fine line between refusing medical care, which is legal, and euthanasia, which is not. Assisted suicide occurs when the physician provides the patient a prescription for a lethal drug — or the drug itself — that the patient takes. The issue is currently being argued in the Supreme Court as a combination of two cases from U.S. Appellate Court: Washington vs. Glucksberg from the 9th U.S. Circuit

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Event Schedule for Martin Luther King Day

Prayer Service *Martin: The Prophet's Legacy and Challenge*

Wednesday, January 15. 7:30 p.m.

Debate *A Failed Dream: Myth or Reality*

Thursday, January 16. 7:30 p.m.

Rally *Let Freedom Ring*

Monday, January 20. 7:30 p.m.

Talk *Common Ground - Asian Spin: The New Race Politics, Not Just Black and White*

Wednesday, January 29. 7:30 p.m.

Play *The Meeting*

Sunday, February 2. 2:00 p.m.

The Observer / Jon King

Tickets increase for alumni

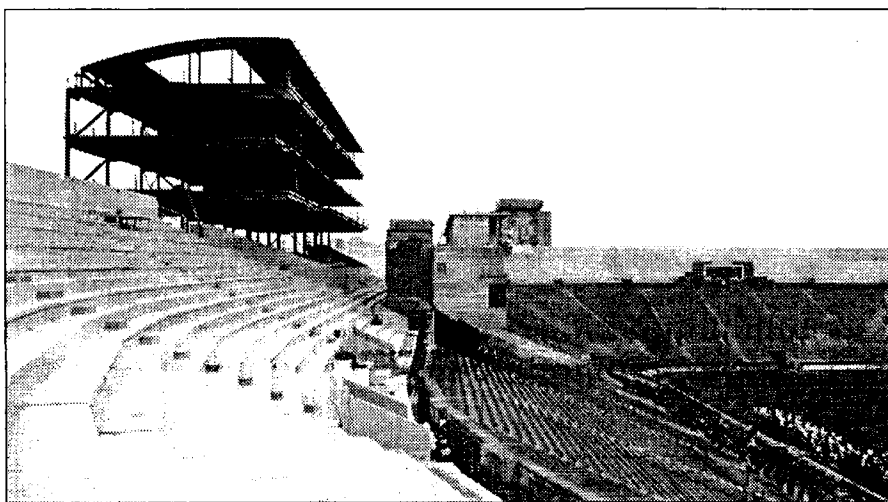
By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

Twice as many Notre Dame graduates will get to see the Fighting Irish take the field next football season thanks to recent decisions regarding the allocation of the 21,000 new stadium seats.

According to Father William Beauchamp, the University's executive vice president, the additional seats will approximately double, from 16,000 to 32,000, the number of tickets in the alumni lottery, which serves contributing alumni of the University.

Presently, alumni can only expect to buy a pair of tickets for one or two home games. With the new seating, more people will be able to see more of each season's games.

"The initiation for expansion in the first place was started by the alumni board



The Observer / Mike Ruma

Stadium expansion has created more opportunities for people to attend Notre Dame football games. The renovated stadium will be ready for the 1997 season.

because coming back to the stadium for the alumni is not just about the game. It's about a linkage to the University, a return to a very important time in their lives," Beauchamp said. "And before we weren't meeting half that demand."

"We feel very comfortable and are very happy with the reallocation of the seating," said Charles Lennon, executive director of the alumni association. "It's not so much about the game as it is about the whole weekend that we like to make available to the alumni that support this University. I can give you about sixty reasons why they want to come back. It's a combination of mental, spiritual, social, and recreational reasons that

bring people back here."

The increased alumni allotment will also allow for more alumni club and class reunions, as well as opening up the possibility for alumni family games, for which more than two tickets may be purchased by an individual.

Beauchamp also said that University benefactors and employees will benefit from the increased seating. "Full-time support staff now will enjoy the same access to tickets as faculty and administrators," a Jan. 9 press release said. The increase will put faculty/staff seating at 7,000.

Student seating will remain

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Groups remember Martin Luther King, his hope and vision

By CHRIS SHIPLEY
News Writer

To celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Notre Dame campus organizations are planning numerous events which will praise King and discuss his ideas.

The festivities will commence tonight at 7:30 p.m. with a prayer service titled "Martin: The Prophet's Legacy and Challenge" at the Chapel of the Holy Cross in the foyer of Keenan and Stanford. Morehouse College Professor Giles Conwill will talk about King's attempts to bring about social revolution in a non-violent manner and speak on whether indifference and tolerance are still viable solutions to the problem of racism in America. He will be joined by the Faith Christian Center Church Children's Choir of South Bend, El Coro Primavera de Nuestra Senora, and the Voices of Faith Gospel Ensemble.

On Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune, a general debate titled "A Failed Dream: Myth or Reality" will be held for all who wish to discuss the philosophies and works of King. The debate will focus on the reality of King's "dream" 30 years after his participation in the civil rights movement.

The "Let Freedom Ring" rally will be in The Huddle in LaFortune on Monday at 7:30 p.m. The student leaders of the rally — Jimmy Friday, Molly Gavin, Orlando Gonzalez, Seth Miller, and Megan Murray — can be contacted for more information.

New shuttle available for weekend transportation SMC dining hall gets facelift

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

Student Government will be implementing a new program, Saferide, which will provide free weekend transportation for students in order to cut down on campus drunk driving. Staffed by volunteers driving CSC vans, Saferide will ferry students from any local spot back to their apartments or residence halls.

"We're approaching it from a standpoint of reducing drunk driving," executive coordinator of student life Molly Detgen explained. "All we need now is student support. We think this is a fantastic service, that it's

something the University can really do for students."

The program is pending final Student Affairs approval and should debut in two weeks, on Jan. 24 and 25.

While providing a similar service as the now defunct Weekend Wheels, Saferide has subtle differences. Rather than following a set route, drivers will answer calls to pick up students at locations anywhere in Michiana, not just bars; the service can help students stuck without transportation as well as intoxicated students. In any case, the final destination should be the rider's residence.

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The Observer / Kimm Michalik

A Saint Mary's student awaits service in the newly renovated dining hall.

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's students returning from Christmas break were pleasantly surprised to find dozens of changes in their dining hall this week. Following complaints regarding the long lines and usual offerings, the dining hall is now equipped with four different serving lines and a more appealing eating environment.

The women of Saint Mary's now have the option of choosing their meals from the pasta bar, the home-cooking bar, the ethnic cuisine bar, and the grill bar. In addition to these changes, there is also a new milk machine set up by the cereal bar, a new baker's-style table for ice cream toppings, and a wider selection of salad available. The ethnic cuisine bar, for example, features a variety of meals such as Cajun, Danish, and Mexican. Food Service

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

A Reminder to One's Self

Welcome back to school! Second semester is always a collage of fun and exciting activities — all of which are cleverly orchestrated to keep us troublesome youngsters busy in lieu of the football season. Bookstore basketball is only a shadow in the future, and the next few weeks are stagnant days of wasted hours to keep us company before the stress of deadlines starts its assault. In the meantime, as the deep freeze sets in, we'll all sit in our rooms building forts out of text books and university issued blankets.

By the tenth inch of snow, several of us will consider the simple feat of walking to class something worthy of being on one of those "Trials of Life" videos. Stepping foot outside even to walk to the dining hall will entail placing our lives in jeopardy, especially for those who live in mod quad, "the unsalted quad." With eyelashes quickly freezing and toes slowly numbing, some of us will brave the paths to O'Shag only to find that the professor's car couldn't start, and we will get to attempt the way home.

At times such as this, I just have to take a deep breath, sit back, and remind myself, "I'm at Notre Dame." So what if my flesh will freeze halfway to LaFortune? So what if the weight of my texts is causing the bookstore bag that I'm carrying to cut off the circulation in my fingers?

There are so many people in the United States, much less the world, that would love to be in the shoes of any one of us on campus — any one of us. I don't mean just the subway alumni who crawl out of the tunnels and into to bookstore before every home football game. There are so many people who would love to have the opportunity to be students here, professors here, administrators here, coaches here, staff of any sort here. It's easy to lose sight of that at times.

It's easy to forget how lucky we are to be here at Notre Dame or to be at Saint Mary's. All of us are receiving an excellent education and are being provided with so many opportunities for the future. We participate in an amazing community of intellectuals. We are being groomed to be the future of America.

When you are sitting in one of your classes, desperately attempting to gather all of the pearls of wisdom dropping from the mouth of your professor, glance at the person next to you. Try to imagine where exactly that person will be in ten years. It could be a major corporation or another university. It could be the business that person created or the NFL. It could be a fast food restaurant or the assylum. It could be virtually anywhere. Anyone could be destined for greatness. Where will you be in ten years?

This semester, let's try not to take each other for granted. Try and add a gallon to the think tank. We are continuing the legacy of Notre Dame. We are creating new traditions and new precedents. We are expanding horizons and minds. As the water beneath your feet expands into ice and makes your trail barely navigable, consider your lot in life. It really isn't that bad, is it?

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Bus plunges off bridge into River Nile; at least 35 die

CAIRO, Egypt
A crowded public bus veered out of control on a bridge and plunged upside-down into the muddy waters of the Nile River Tuesday, killing at least 39 people and injuring 29 others.

Blood dripped from the bus, turning the water red as rescue workers used a crane to haul the vehicle 115 feet back up onto the el-Sahel bridge.

Thousands of onlookers stood on the bridge and watched rescuers pull bodies from the mud and search the murky waters for more dead.

Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzoury praised the rescuers for their speedy arrival at the accident site, about three miles north of downtown Cairo. "If the rescue operation was not so quick, those rescued alive would have been dead," he told reporters at the scene.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known, but witnesses said the bus was speeding and veered across the road divider into the opposite lane.

Some passengers said they believed the driver may have suffered a heart attack.

"The driver fell on the steering wheel ... and suffered a

sudden bout of vomiting and lost control," the Middle East News Agency quoted one passenger as saying. The driver, Mohammed Kamal Abdel-Wahab, was among the dead.

Another passenger, Hafsa Abdel-Wahab, said "it felt like the bus went over a big bump and then landed on its back in the mud."

"Everyone was screaming and panicking," she said from the hospital bed where she was being treated for a back injury.

Several passers-by who helped with the rescue said they were unable to pull some survivors from the mud.

"These were bitter moments when I saw the passengers' hands stretching for help," but couldn't pull them out, Mustafa Attallah told MENA.

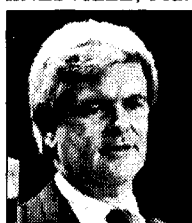
Buses in Cairo are usually crammed, but the city's frantic traffic is even worse than usual because of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, when Muslims fast from dawn to sunset and drivers are anxious to get home quickly.

The last major accident involving a bus plunging into the Nile in Cairo was in 1961, when 68 people were killed, the news agency said.

Gingrich call taped for history

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

A pair of staunch Democrats said Monday they were thinking of history, not political skullduggery, when they taped a GOP strategy session about House Speaker Newt Gingrich off their police scanner. Now John and Alice Martin have been swept into a political firestorm as dramatic as anything they ever watched on C-Span from their home in the tiny north Florida town of Fort White. Democrats are angry that Gingrich was plotting his own ethics defense and Republicans want a federal probe of how the conversation ended up on the front pages of national newspapers. The Martins could even wind up in trouble for intercepting and recording a cellular phone call in violation of state and federal laws. The couple, longtime Democrats, told a news conference their fascination with national politics and monitoring a police scanner converged Dec. 21 as they were driving to do some Christmas shopping. Martin said he has listened to the police chatter on scanners for more than 20 years. He had recently gotten a new one that could monitor the races at Daytona International Speedway.



Club to sell marijuana legally

SAN FRANCISCO

Phones rang, volunteers shouted and marijuana plants grew at the Cannabis Cultivators Club on Tuesday in preparation for what supporters call the country's first legal sale of the drug in over 60 years. Protected from California's anti-drug attorney general by a state proposition and a judge's order, the club was set to provide pot to its first customer Wednesday. Club founder Dennis Peron said the first customer was to be a San Francisco AIDS patient, but the club has 200 physician authorizations on file and expects many more. The drug is known to counter the nausea and loss of appetite in chemotherapy. "We are going to sell the first legal marijuana in over 60 years in America," marveled Peron, who showed off marijuana seedlings growing in the club's basement. The club offers smokable pot at \$5 to \$60 for 3.5 grams, depending on the quality, Peron said, but "many of our patients can't smoke or don't want to smoke." So the club offers high-grade, pulverized marijuana in gel capsules, \$25-a-bottle tincture of marijuana soaked in 151-proof rum and dried, pot-spiced pesto sauce at \$10 a jar, and classic marijuana brownies. Last week a San Francisco judge ordered the club reopened, saying it was protected under Proposition 215.

Skater Baiul surrenders for DUI

BLOOMFIELD, Conn.

Oksana Baiul, the Ukrainian who skated to Olympic gold in 1994, surrendered to police Tuesday on charges she drove drunk and recklessly when her Mercedes went off the road in an early morning crash. Baiul, who received 12 stitches for a cut to her scalp in Sunday's wreck, issued a public apology shortly after turning herself in and being released on her own recognizance. "I am sorry for the mistake I made and the circumstances surrounding the accident. I apologize to the many people who supported me in the past and I ask for their understanding," she said in a statement. She is scheduled to appear in court Jan. 27. The wispy 19-year-old, who moved to the Hartford suburb of Simsbury soon after winning the gold medal in Lillehammer, Norway, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.168 percent after she crashed her car while returning home from a night out, according to a hospital report obtained Monday by The Associated Press. Someone is considered drunk in Connecticut with a blood-alcohol level of 0.10 percent. The legal drinking age is 21. Bob Young, who runs the skating center where Baiul trains and has been a longtime friend, said she realizes the "magnitude of her mistake." "She is not trying to hide anything," Young said.

Atlantis speeds toward space station

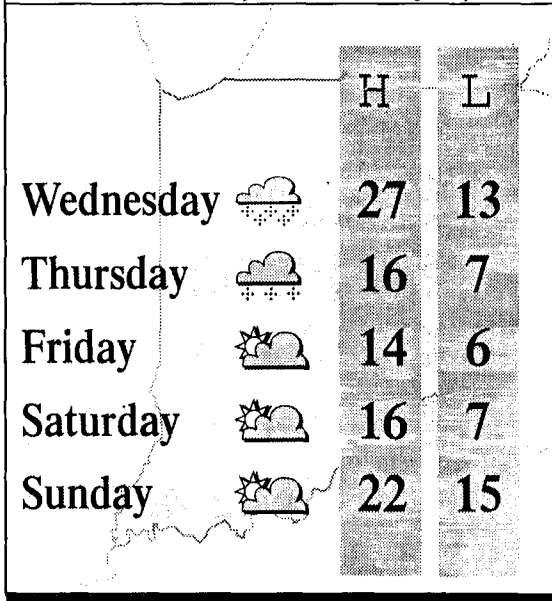
SPACE CENTER, Houston

Space shuttle Atlantis zoomed toward the Russian space station Mir for tonight's docking and five days of joint operations. Before the two spacecraft separate this weekend, shuttle astronaut Jerry Linenger will switch places with fellow American John Blaha, who has lived on the outpost since September. Linenger and Blaha will work with five Atlantis astronauts and the two Russian cosmonauts aboard Mir to move nearly 3 tons of water, clothing, scientific specimens and other materials from one ship to the other. Atlantis, which took off Sunday, was to dock with Mir at 10:53 p.m. EST. It would be the fifth time in 1 1/2 years that the shuttle has latched onto the space station. Mission operations director Bob Castle said he knew of no technical changes from Atlantis' last trip to Mir in September, when NASA astronaut Shannon Lucid was picked up and Blaha was dropped off. "It's pretty much the same over and over and over again," Castle said. Lucid ended up spending a record six months on the station after her ride home was delayed seven weeks by mechanical and weather problems, but Blaha is set to return to Earth as scheduled. A 54-year-old retired Air Force colonel and big football fan, Blaha will be home in time for the Super Bowl.

■ INDIANA WEATHER

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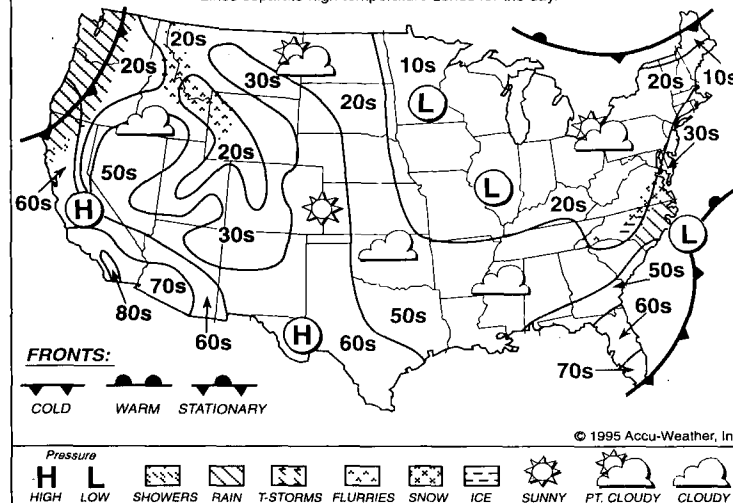


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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Jan 15.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Atlanta	51	41	Fairbanks	10	-4	Minneapolis	1	-9
Baltimore	45	34	Green Bay	4	1	New York	45	34
Boston	46	32	Honolulu	76	72	Phoenix	62	41
Chicago	13	13	Los Angeles	61	50	St. Louis	15	15
Columbus	23	22	Miami	78	69	Seattle	44	29

HALL PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

Group will bowl for kids

By SEAN SMITH
News Writer

Hall Presidents' Council has pledged its support for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of St. Joseph County, one of the most well-known volunteer organizations in the local community. Big Brothers/Big Sisters is again asking the Notre Dame community for assistance at its 13th annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowling for Kids' Sake event.

Notre Dame and Big Brothers/Big Sisters started working together in 1968. The organization serves over 400 children annually and is fueled by over 200 mentors, more than 100 of whom are Notre Dame students.

"We are about character building, we are about building self-esteem and doing the things that allow children to grow," said Deborah Bodnar, representing Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

The event is one of the organi-

zation's biggest fund-raisers.

The group hopes to draw more than 50 teams from Notre Dame this year. As an incentive to students to get pledges for the organization, prizes ranging from a 27 inch color television to two tickets for a Notre Dame football game will be given away. The event will be held at Beacon Bowl in South Bend at 1 p.m. on Sun., Feb. 23.

In other HPC news:

• Former President Jimmy Carter may come to Notre Dame this semester and speak. Carroll Hall is trying to sponsor this event, but the likelihood of such an event happening is unknown. Carroll Hall President Kevin Fumai brought the possibility up at HPC last night in search of more support for the event. According to Fumai, he will be meeting with Father Theodore Hesburgh sometime in the future to discuss the possibility of such an event.

SECURITY BEAT

Security experiences quiet Christmas break

By HEATHER COCKS
Associate News Editor

With the notable exception of the D2 parking lot, Christmas Break was a quiet time for the police patrols, according to Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security.

Nine vandalized cars were discovered over the span of only two days, each with smashed windows and missing stereo equipment.

"We had snow right around Christmas," Rakow recalled, "so it was easy to check the lots for footprints." The snow had melted by Dec. 28, at which time the first in the rash of thefts occurred.

Rakow mentioned another incident, possibly related, in which a vehicle behind the JACC was targeted by thieves. "The occupant left the car for approximately 20 minutes, and when she returned, her purse and wallet had been stolen," he said.

In addition to the usual patrols, Notre Dame Security instituted a 24-hour watch over the parking lots after the nine break-ins were reported.

"If students see anyone roaming the lots, especially people who do not fit the student mold, they should call security immediately," Rakow urged. He was quick to clarify that no Notre Dame students are suspects in the thefts.

Sgt. John Williams of the South Bend Police Department happily reported that no

apartments in Turtle Creek were burglarized while the tenants were home for the holidays.

"It was fantastic," he enthused. "We may have had one car window broken, but no apartments were hit."

Williams explained that security was increased during the break, but using a different approach. "I spoke with Notre Dame Security, requesting their assistance in driving through the apartment complex," he said. "Chuck Hurley (assistant director) was eager to cooperate."

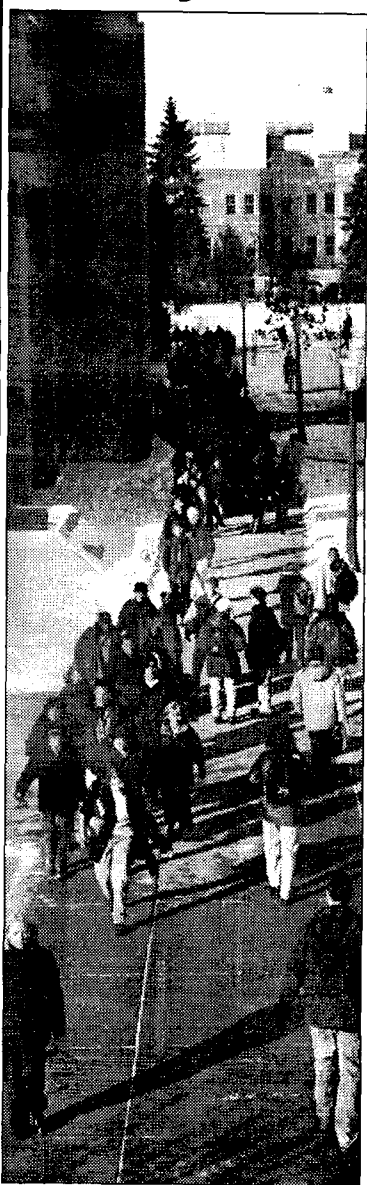
One of the Notre Dame patrol cars visited the area nightly, in addition to Williams' regular security vehicles, which cruised the complex frequently. Williams also enlisted the aid of the maintenance staff, asking that they check each building each morning.

"I'm delighted that these efforts resulted in no reported problems," Williams said.

Claire Myers, a manager of Campus View Apartments, credited their uneventful holiday to the addition of officers who patrolled the area nightly from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. She claimed that no incidents were reported, stating that "we knew we needed to do as much as we could to prevent burglaries."

Williams was optimistic about the results of their efforts. "I feel like this was a good start to the year," he said.

The dreaded first day back



The Observer / Mike Ruma

Students trudged to and from DeBartolo Hall yesterday as the first class day of the spring semester commenced. The day was marked by characteristically cold weather.

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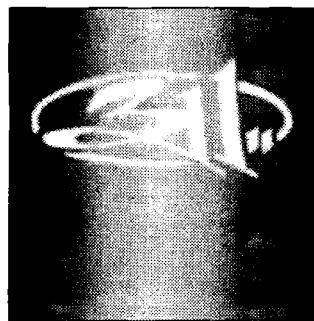
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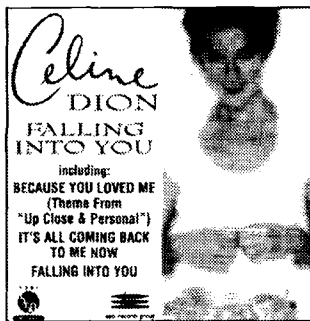
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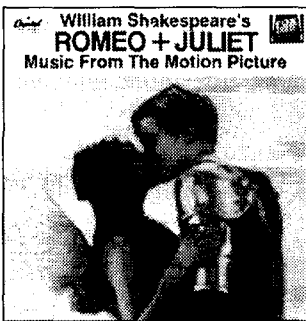
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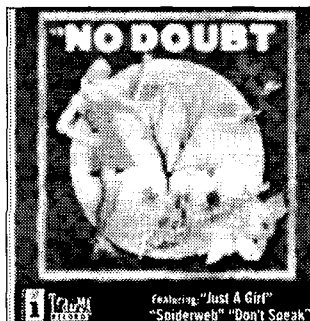
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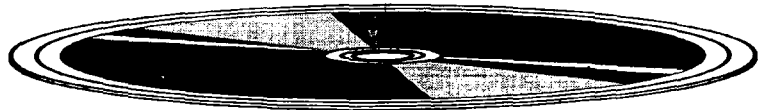


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Suicide

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Court of Appeals in the Western United States and *Vacco vs. Quill* in the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals based in New York. The assisted suicide advocates in the *Washington vs. Glucksberg* case opened their presentation by arguing that assisted suicide was equal to abortion because "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life," as the Supreme Court noted in *Planned Parenthood vs. Casey*.

Drawing on the decisions of *Planned Parenthood vs. Casey* and *Roe vs. Wade*, the landmark abortion case of 1973, the advocates claim that each person has as much right to decide when life ends as when it begins.

The assisted suicide advocates in the *Vacco vs. Quill* case base their arguments instead on the 1990 decision of *Cruzan vs. Missouri Department of Health*, where the court concluded that people have a right to avoid unwanted medical treatment as a part of the right to protection from unwanted "touching and battery," in the words of *Kmiec*. The assisted suicide advocates in this case argue that there is a "liberty interest" at stake, which would commit the Supreme Court to an ongoing supervision of assisted suicide to see that the assisted suicides stay within the laws and restrictions that would inevitably follow such a decision.

Legally, *Kmiec* said, there is no Constitutional basis for a "right to die." Justice Antonin

Scalia agreed at a speech at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., saying it was "absolutely plain that there is no right to die." He expressed his opinion that the Supreme Court would agree and allow decisions on whether to legalize assisted suicide to revert to the states, 44 of which currently have laws that make assisted suicide a felony, and five of which rely on the judicial system to achieve the same ends when pursuing legal action against individuals involved.

Oregon, the remaining state, passed in 1994 a piece of legislation that approved a very qualified form of assisted suicide with several levels of checks. The measure passed the state legislature by a margin of less than 1% and was invalidated by a judge. The Oregon measure is currently "on hold" and will probably be appealed to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the same court that tried *Washington vs. Glucksberg* before the case was appealed to the Supreme Court.

"The problem, of course, is that this is not the first time the Court has been invited to opine that life—or at least some "potential" lives—are burdensome to others or without constitutional value," said *Kmiec*. The *Roe vs. Wade* decision led to more than 20 years of legislation on minor details of the decision, which the Court ultimately reverted to the states with the provision that the states not place "undue burden" on those seeking abortions. The Supreme Court will likely be unwilling to make another such decision that would ensure them 20 or 30 years of regulatory legislation.

Yet allowing the decision to revert to the states will proba-

bly result in a "checkerboard of laws by state." Twenty or twenty-five years from now the issue may come back to the Supreme Court as patients cross state lines to find doctors who will assist them in suicide. It is important to note, however, that as 49 states currently prohibit assisted suicide, there would be a major change in the political climate before assisted suicide would become legalized.

The moral and ethical sides of the question are even more complicated than the legal side. Father Richard McCormick, professor of theology, said that while one can argue for the autonomy of the patients, "it is naive to expect to control [the legislation]."

The advocates of assisted suicide say that the autonomy of the patient dictates that patients should be able to ask for death and that patients have the right to die with dignity.

The difficulty in allowing patients to ask for death is that the line is too easily crossed to encouraging them to die. "It's an age of managed care," noted *Kmiec*, who continued to say that the drive for "health care for less" could easily become the desire to eliminate the problem altogether by encouraging patients to seek death.

McCormick sees the idea of "dying with dignity" as a symbol of denial of death. "We want it on our own terms: I want death in my time in my own way—that's what they mean when they say dignity. It doesn't work that way," he said.

Kmiec cited Deuteronomy 30:19, which says, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curs-

es. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live." Pope Pius XII ruled that giving morphine to ease pain—a drug which may hasten death—was ethical, but seeking death to ease pain was not. McCormick said that distinction must be maintained between seeking pain relief which may incidentally cause death and seeking death as a form of pain relief.

Kmiec said that the arguments in favor of assisted suicide are "ethically diabolical, placing the poor and the elderly especially at risk." McCormick and *Kmiec* both cited the Netherlands, which allows assisted suicide in certain situations. In a 1990 report, a Dutch government study cited more than "1000 cases of nonvoluntary euthanasia, apparently including more than 100 cases in which the patient was mentally competent." Such a statistic is frightening, and shows how difficult such legislation is to control. The American Medical Association (AMA) warned that "transforming physician-assisted suicide into a medical procedure would create momentum in favor of its use that regulation could not reverse.... Once a patient can choose physician-assisted suicide, it is but a short step to ask a patient why he or she has not done so."

The medical ethics involved also put the physicians in a difficult position. Doctors are pledged to relieve suffering, but should the relief of suffering include death? The AMA said that "assisted suicide is contrary to the prohibition against using the tools of medicine to cause a patient's death."

Yet the advocate of assisted suicide argued that, in the words of Laurence Tribe, a

Harvard Law School professor arguing on behalf of the assisted suicide advocate in the *Vacco vs. Quill* case, a person has the right "not to be forced to be a creature of the state." That contention brings up the point as to whether the state is compelled to protect the life of citizens even against themselves, and whether the state is compelled to protect the end of life—but not the beginning, in the case of abortion. Ultimately, the issue again comes down to the sanctity of human life.

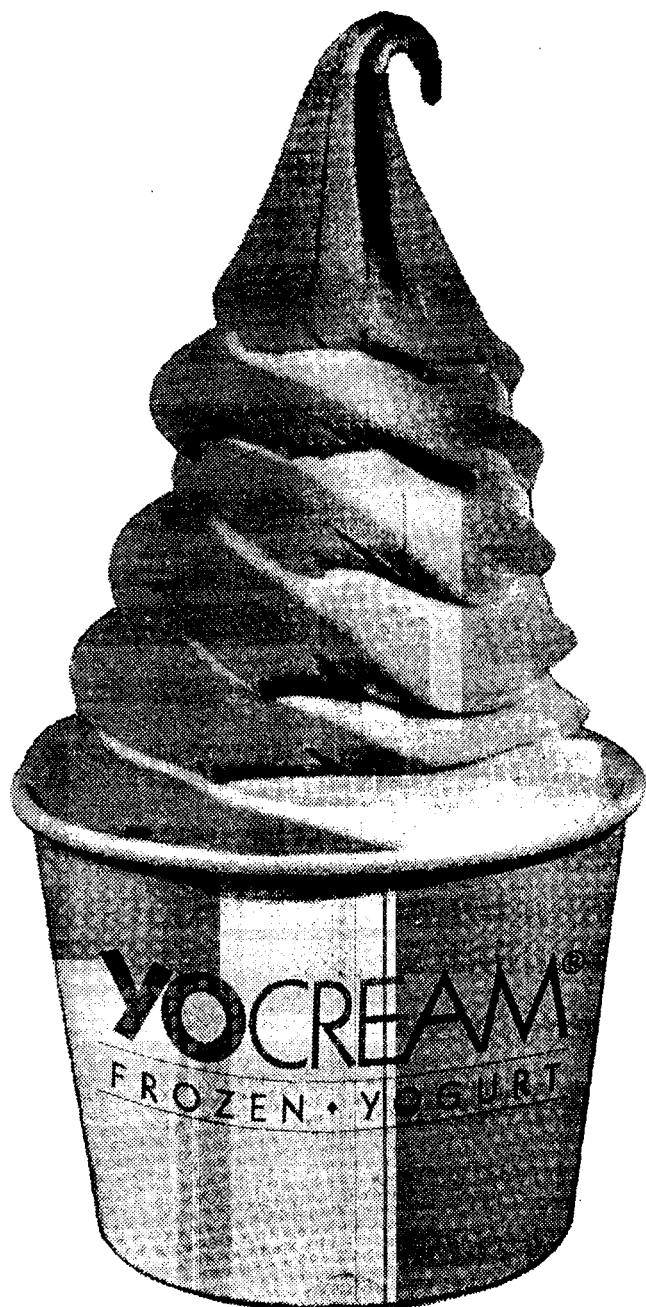
McCormick said that the "centerpiece" of the argument lies in "the nature of human autonomy" and whether there are restrictions on human autonomy and why such restrictions exist. "Americans are a pragmatic people," McCormick said. "They prefer to treat problems by making them go away." He said that some problems were too complex to be solved by legislation. He feels that the issue "should be allowed to air and mature" before any legislation is passed.

Kathryn Tucker, a lawyer for the assisted-suicide advocates in the *Washington* case, said that the dying patient "does not have a choice between living and dying" but that the patient has a choice only of controlling the manner of death once "the dying process has begun."

"I have to tell you, the dying process of all of us has begun," Justice Scalia replied.

The debate comes down to questions of the meaning and sanctity of human life that philosophers have argued for centuries. Death is a necessary part of being human. Choosing to bring death early, McCormick said, is "walking away from human challenges."

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Peruvian, Ecuadorean leaders visit ex-rebels

By JAMES ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

LIMA, Peru
Peru's president visited the former Andean stronghold of a battered guerrilla movement Tuesday, determined to show his government is winning its war against terrorism despite the four-week-old hostage standoff in his capital.

With no sign of progress in efforts to free 74 hostages held by leftist rebels, Alberto Fujimori and Ecuadorean President Abdala Bucaram inspected a village near the southeastern city of Ayacucho, 160 miles southeast of Lima.

Ayacucho was the birthplace of the leftist Shining Path guerrillas, which killed thousands of people and destroyed millions of dollars' worth of property from 1980 to 1995.

Members of a smaller group, the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, seized the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima on Dec. 17, demanding that Peru free about 300 imprisoned comrades. Fujimori has refused.

Fujimori's government all but declared victory over the Shining Path after the 1992 capture of its leader, Abimael Guzman.

On Tuesday, Fujimori and Bucaram visited the village of Vilcashuaman, site of some of the worst guerrilla violence. They dedicated an orphanage, donned brown woven panchos and white caps native to the area, and did a circle dance with local girls.

Ayacucho's Roman Catholic archbishop, Juan Lius Cipriani, welcomed Bucaram to "what was a seat of violence but today is one of peace."

Fujimori cited his government's public works in the area as "a clear sign that all Peruvians reject violence, that all Peruvians are against the taking of the hostages and insist on their liberation." The two presidents later returned to Lima.

Bucaram is the first Ecuadorean head of state to visit Peru, and toured the countryside with Fujimori on Tuesday after events in the capital Monday.

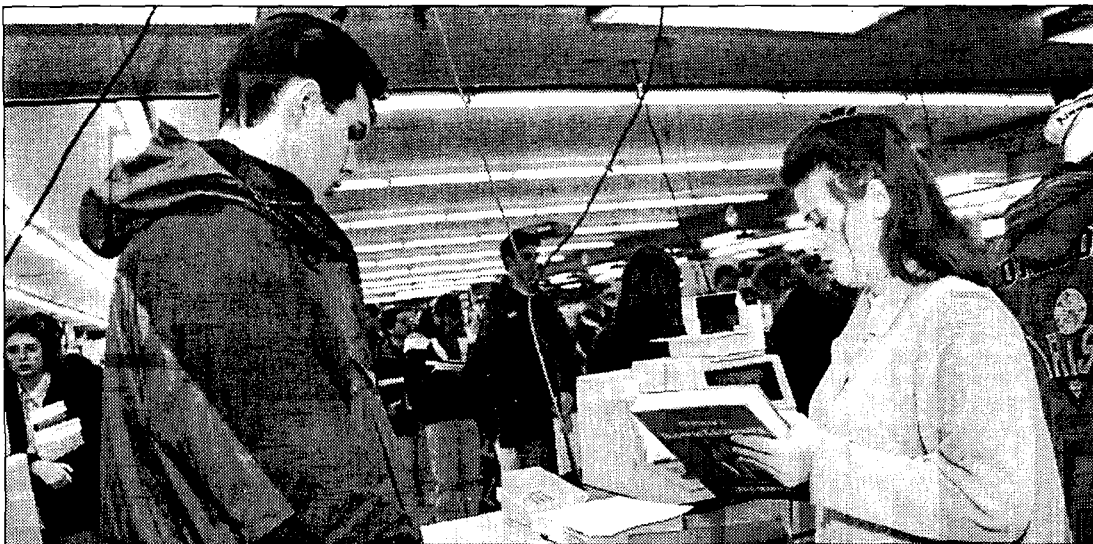
Both leaders appeared eager to heal relations between their countries, which have clashed three times since 1941 over a disputed border. The last, undeclared border war was in 1995, and killed about 80 people.

Cabinet-level talks on the border are set for February in Brasilia, Brazil. Peru's foreign minister, Francisco Tudela, is supposed to attend but is being held hostage inside the Japanese ambassador's home.

No face-to-face talks have been held since Dec. 31, and it wasn't known if the rebels had responded to a government proposal to create a peace commission to jump-start negotiations.

In part because of Bucaram's visit, Peruvian TV news media curtailed their live broadcasts from the area surrounding the Japanese diplomatic compound.

Emptying your wallet for books...



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An unidentified student makes a purchase after waiting in the long lines during yesterday's rush to the Bookstore. The Bookstore continues to have extended hours throughout the week.

Ballonist tries overseas trip

By MIKE ROBINSON
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO

Sweeping along on powerful — and brutally cold — jet-stream winds, millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett headed across the Atlantic on Tuesday on his quest to become the first balloonist to circle the Earth nonstop.

The 52-year-old Fossett, who lifted off from Busch Stadium in St. Louis on Monday night, was over the Atlantic Ocean 120 miles east of the North Carolina coast by Tuesday afternoon and said all was well despite overnight problems with one of two heaters.

"The heater went down for a little bit, but it went back up," said Bo Kemper, project manager of the flight. "Steve is

fine. He seems very upbeat. The weather looks promising to Portugal and Spain."

To succeed in his one-man mission, the softspoken Chicago securities dealer must spend 15 to 18 days in his chilly Solo Spirit capsule just 4 feet wide and less than 6 feet high. Temperatures of 40 degrees were expected inside the capsule and 50 below outside.

The plans had called for Fossett to head north across the Atlantic to Scandinavia. Under the revised route, he will reach Portugal or Spain on Friday, then turn north to France and east toward Denmark, cross Poland and Belarus and reach the Russian border on Saturday.

There was some concern because Fossett had not yet

received permission to cross Russian airspace. "We are working very closely with the U.S. State Department and the Russian Embassy," Kemper said. "This is an educational flight and, as such, a good thing for both of our countries."

Balloon teams headed by British tycoon Richard Branson and Swiss psychiatrist Dr. Bertrand Piccard failed in efforts earlier this month to set one of the last great remaining records in aviation. Branson was on hand in the snow-covered stadium to watch as Fossett's 150-foot, silver-colored balloon ascended into the black winter sky.

Fossett said before liftoff that he hopes to snatch four hours of sleep a night, usually an hour at a time.



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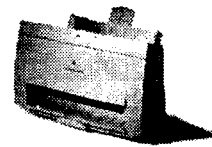
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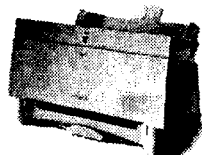
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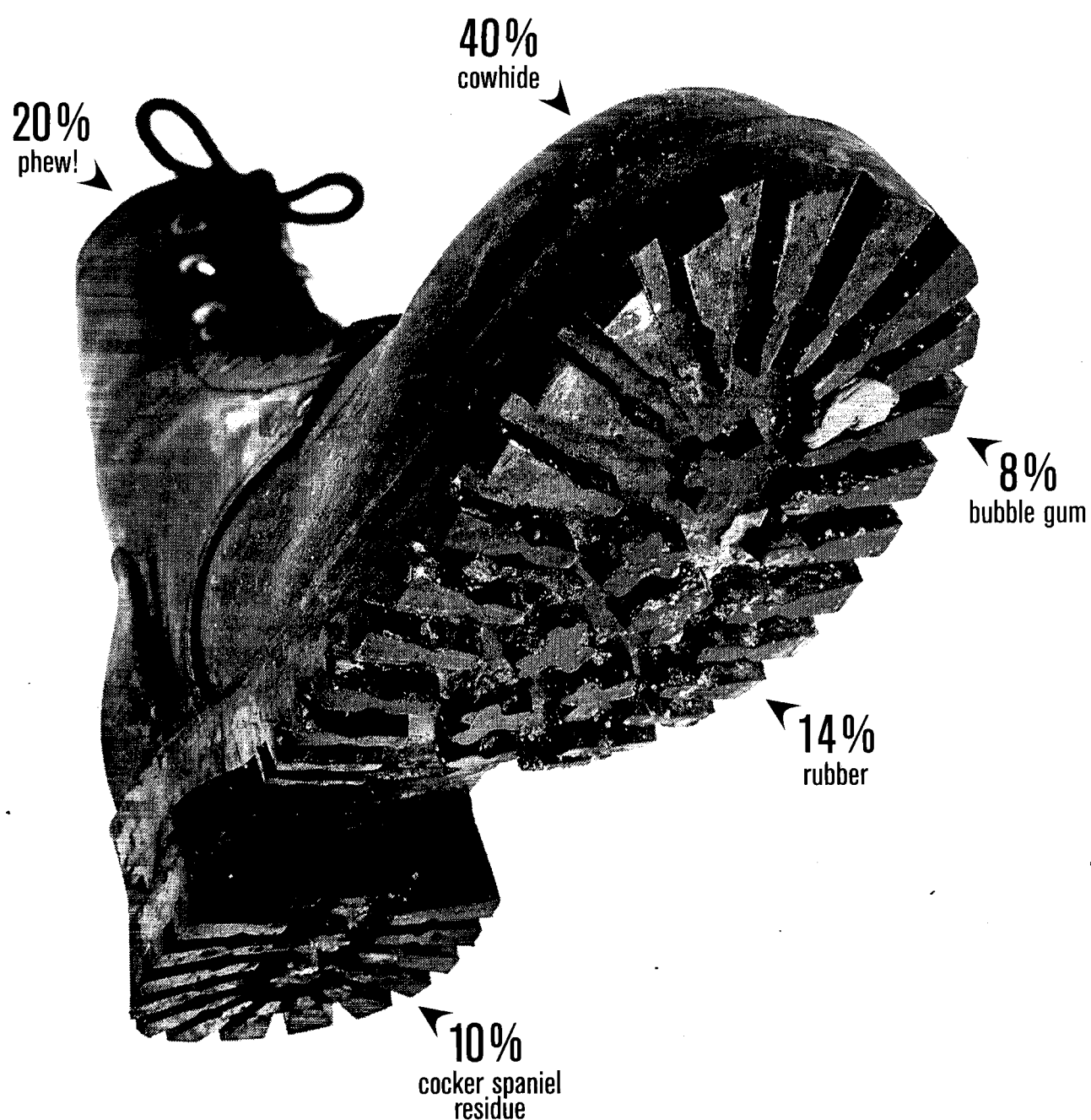
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Israelis, Palestinians sign Middle East agreement

By SAMAR ASSAD
Associated Press Writer

EREZ CROSSING, Israel

Israel and the Palestinians signed a tortuously negotiated agreement Wednesday on Israel's long-delayed pullout from Hebron and parts of the West Bank, ending a dangerous impasse in Middle East peace-making but still leaving key questions unanswered.

After a post-midnight summit, U.S. envoy Dennis Ross — who had pushed for the accord in four months of often-frustrating negotiations — announced that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had finally closed the deal in a last 90-minute session.

The agreement "brings us another step closer to a lasting, secure Middle East peace," President Clinton said in Washington. "Once again, the forces of peace have prevailed over a history of division."

Israeli chief negotiator Dan Shomron and his Palestinian counterpart Saeb Erekat signed the pact behind closed doors at

the summit, held on the Israel-Gaza border. Netanyahu and Arafat emerged afterward to shake hands before the cameras but did not speak.

Ross said the agreement was "fully consistent" with the previous Israel-Palestinian agreement from 1995, but the part dealing with Hebron was "more detailed."

Both sides also signed what they called a "note for the record" dealing with further West Bank pullouts and other issues.

"Taken together, these two documents represent a very important building block in terms of developing relations between the two sides... and peace in the Middle East as a whole," Ross said.

Authorities did not immediately release details of the accord. But according to previous press reports and accounts from officials, Israel is to give the Palestinians control of 80 percent of the Biblical city of Hebron within days. Israel also agreed to roll back its presence in the West Bank in three stages — beginning in six weeks and ending in August 1998.

It is the first concrete step in the peace process since Netanyahu's hard-line government took office in June, pledging to slow down the handover of land to the Palestinians. Tensions between the two sides have risen sharply as the stalemate in their relations lengthened. In September, Palestinian frustration sparked clashes with Israel in which 79 people died.

But Wednesday's agreement sets the stage for future conflict by leaving as many questions as it answers — most notably the scope of the planned Israeli withdrawals. The Palestinians hope to gain control of most of the West Bank, but Netanyahu by some reports plans to cede as little as one-third of the territory, which Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast War.

Netanyahu spokesman Shai Bazak said Netanyahu would take the deal later Wednesday to his Cabinet — where about half the ministers have said they are against it or undecided. Arafat is expected to encounter less opposition when he brings the accord before his own Cabinet.

The accord is also to be

brought to the Israeli Knesset, where it is expected to pass by a largest majority with the support of the opposition.

Netanyahu's most ardent past supporters — the Jewish settlers of the West Bank and Gaza — were astounded by his decision to commit to pulling out of not only Hebron but parts of the West Bank as well.

"Netanyahu is on the verge of making a pact with the devil," David Wilder, a spokesman for the 500 Jewish settlers who live amid 130,000 Palestinians in Hebron, said Tuesday.

"If he goes through with this, he will place all of our lives in severe jeopardy."

Settler leaders met Tuesday night in Jerusalem to map a protest campaign against the government they helped bring to power.

"This agreement is going to tear the nation into pieces," said Elyakim Haetzni, a settler leader from the Kiryat Arba settlement outside Hebron. "Netanyahu has cheated us."

Palestinians started preparations for the Israeli pullout. Merchants painted over political graffiti on storefront shutters in the downtown Bab Izawiya area, covering iron shutters with an Islamic green. Bab Izawiya was the scene of frequent past clashes between Palestinians and Israeli soldiers.

But Izzedine Sharabati, one of 15,000 Palestinians living in

the downtown Hebron area that will stay under Israeli control, said the troop withdrawal "doesn't make any difference."

"There will be no peace between us and the settlers," he said. "The only solution is to get them out of Hebron."

The talks that began in October nearly broke down over Arafat's demands for a timetable for the three further West Bank withdrawals promised in the 1995 peace accord signed by Netanyahu's dovish predecessors.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Richard Scorza said that after the signing of the agreement, Netanyahu congratulated Ross and told him he deserved "the Olympic marathon gold medal" for his efforts.

The key breakthrough, however, appears to have been secured by Jordan's King Hussein, who convinced Arafat on Monday to agree to allow Israel to complete the withdrawals by August 1998 rather than September 1997, the original deadline.

Bazak said Netanyahu and Arafat spoke to Hussein and Clinton after the signing, as well as Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Still, because of the deep distrust that remains between the Palestinians and Israel's hard-line government, the United States has agreed to attach the so-called "notes for the record" to the accord.

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Saferide

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"We won't take people from Coach's to Bridget's, it's just a safe ride home," Student Government Vice President Megan Murray clarified.

To help ensure that Saferide meets its goal of reducing drunk driving, planners will attempt to raise awareness about the program in bars by posting the Saferide number near pay phones and by making bartenders aware of the service.

Students need only sign legal waivers to use the ser-

vice. Nearly 1000 release forms were signed at registration, and more will be distributed in residence halls through hall governments. Forms will continue to be available in the student government office in LaFortune. Students will not be allowed to use the service without signing the waivers ahead of time.

"Signing's free, and then at least your name is on the list," Murray said. "We can't let someone in the van if they haven't signed up yet."

Planning for the program began last October, and organizers' legal counsel quickly found the forms to be

tion does add a significant amount of space to the stadium, Beauchamp does not foresee numerous, if any, tickets being sold to the public.

"If we had tickets enough for Notre Dame fans in the general public, we certainly would make those tickets available," Beauchamp said. "The fact is, however, that we could only accommodate public demand for tickets at the expense of some members of the University community - whether alumni, benefactors, parents, or employees - all of whom, in fairness, have a stronger claim to tickets."

unavoidable.

Saferide takes on increased significance following Indiana's Jan. 1 passage of a zero tolerance law. Under this new legislation, anyone under 21 found operating a vehicle with as little as a .02 blood alcohol content will face stiff fines and license suspension. This change applies to more than just Hoosiers, because Indiana's reciprocity policy allows the state to cooperate with other states' enforcement agencies.

Planners estimate that the program will need 20 volunteers a weekend to staff the vans. There will be two 2.5 hour shifts spanning 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call Brendan Kelly at 631-4096.

Dining Hall

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Director Kevin Kirwan said the planning for the renovations started in October with an emphasis on offering "best and fresh quality" food.

"The goal is to make all of the entrees taste like famous chain restaurants' in order to meet the needs of today's college women," said Kirwan. "Displaying the cooking adds a little fun and excitement to the atmosphere, the students can see for themselves how the food is prepared and how fresh it is."

Marriott, the dining hall's management service, in cooperation with Saint Mary's College, financed some of the additional lighting and art posters in the dining hall.

"Saint Mary's College is a trend-setter in dorm food services. They are the first to offer 'carte blanche' 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. hours, as well as the displaying of the food," said Kirwan.

According to Kirwan, letters are being mailed home to parents asking for their daughter's favorite recipes.

The dining hall will expand on the recipes and display the parent's name when they offer that dish.

The feedback from students has been positive so far.

"I think that it is great that the dining hall is now offering more varieties of food to choose from, and that it looks more hospitable," said senior Aimee Heimann.

"We will continue to be more innovative and responsive to student needs, we are open for change continuously. We are boundary-less," said Kirwan.

Stadium

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unchanged at 11,000, as will opponent seating at 5,000. Season ticket holders, many of whom acquired their tickets over 30 years ago, will continue occupying 16,000 of the stadium's seats, while University trustees, advisory council members, alumni board, and other benefactors will note an increase of 2,000, putting that total at 9,000 seats.

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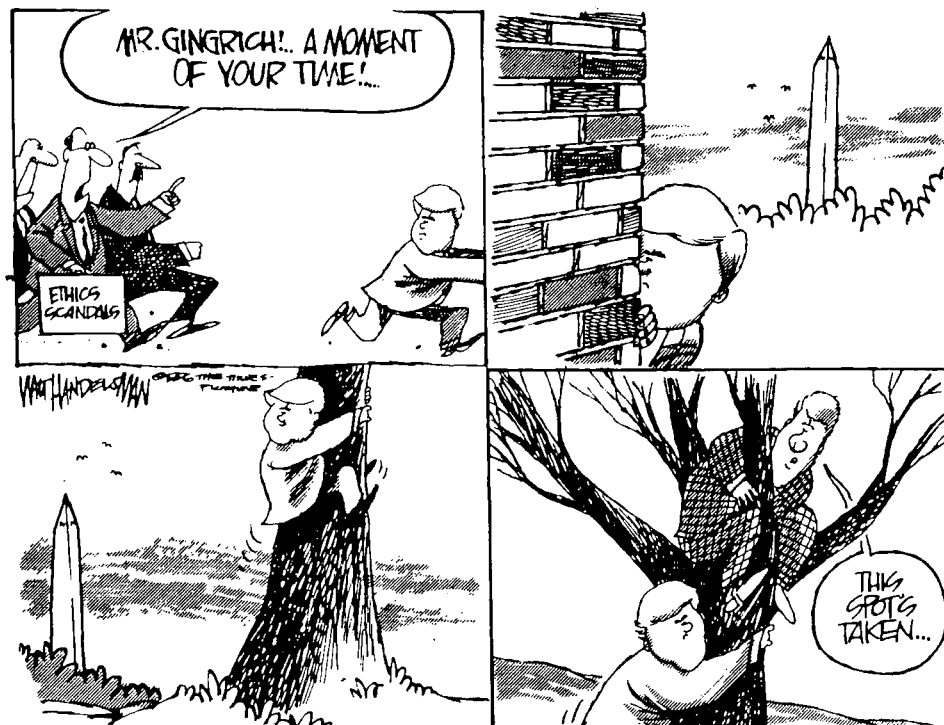
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A time of spiritual renewal

A new year is a time for transformation. After a long, hard 1996 (and hectic holiday season,) the outlook is bright. We have suddenly acquired more time, and our goals reflect this.

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Julie Ferraro

in number, also, as people begin planning their vacation for the coming summer. If we let it happen, we can find ourselves being convinced that the way we look, the clothes we wear, or how much money we spend makes us "worthy" of our friends. How wrong that is!

It never hurts to take a few moments during these first weeks of the year — or each day, really, to consider what is meaningful to us. Where do we stand in the present with God, family, friends?

What are the practical goals we have set for ourselves: college graduation, finding a job, paying off bills?

The most important question to ask might be: "What do I think of me?" Are we at peace with ourselves, or do we need to adjust how we see life, treat others, or treat ourselves? This kind of transformation is an ongoing process, just as the seasons constantly move from spring to summer to fall to winter. We can never just sit back and expect things to happen without our personal effort. Life doesn't work that way.

For that matter, life doesn't work unless we work. All the great founders of religious orders — Catholics and others — understood that prayer without work is useless. "Ora et labora" was how St. Benedict put it. And this applies not only to those who devote their lives to God's service. All of us, as we trod the campus sidewalks and city streets, secretly know that we can't get by without sweating a little. We may try — like waiting until the night before a final exam to study — but the truth is apparent.

Besides, work is an honorable thing, and there are as many definitions of "honorable work" as there are workers. Be it research, teaching, assembly line production, mail carrier, social worker, etc., the billions of people who perform an honest day's labor around the world all contribute to the transformation of the earth. We can be a part of that even now, here on campus. By fulfilling our obligations and spending our time wisely, we make our own personal contribution to worldwide transformation.

So in this new year, as we yearn for sunshine and fair weather, take a few moments to acknowledge our hopes, our successes and failures, in realistic terms. Just as the sun can't always shine — rain and temperature variations also contribute to the transformation of the earth — the more honest we are with ourselves, the more we will be transformed. Come the end of 1997, we will have a lot to look back on, and abundant reasons to praise God.

Julie Ferraro is a secretary in the Friemann Life Science Center.

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Renew commitment to diversity

Dear Editor:

Reflecting on the holiday season, greetings of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All" and sharing time with our families, I write this with a heavy heart. Returning to our Notre Dame family where we experienced trying times last semester, two incidents of racial harassment were discovered.

During the "Race Issues at Notre Dame: Who is the Victim?" forum series, sponsored by Campus Ministry, the Center for Social Concerns and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA), more insensitive acts were shared. These are few compared to what the OMSA staff hear. I feel that the University's commitment to diversity should be openly stated and ingrained throughout the community.

As an institution of higher education, it is our responsibility to ensure that everyone has equal access to an education in a safe, nurturing and intellectual environment. This is a student's constitutional right to receive and our moral obligation to provide.

Since his inauguration, [University President] Father [Edward] Malloy has stated that cultural diversity is one of his prime initiatives. This was reiterated in his Oct. 8, 1996 address to the faculty. The Observer coverage did not mention it, nor is there any evidence of it throughout the campus.

So how are members of the Notre Dame community to know what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior? There must be formal statements from the administration that explain the



importance of celebrating economic as well as cultural diversity and eradicating racism. These statements must go beyond having a Discriminatory Harassment Policy. These formal announcements should be made and practiced during First Year of Studies' Orientation and reiterated in residence halls throughout the year.

If we provide more opportunities for dialogue through Prejudice Reduction Workshops, Learning to Talk About Race retreats, Walsh Hall's "In Other Words," Town Hall meetings in the Center for Social Concerns and residence halls and an inclusive curriculum, we will be closer to fulfilling Malloy's wish of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All."

"Each One Teach One, Each One Reach One."

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"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

King's spirit remains a powerful force

Dear Editor:

Just before the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., he began to realize that injustice anywhere in the world was a total threat to the plight of freedom and equality for all peoples and that such injustices could not go unnoticed. The 1997 Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at Notre Dame has taken on this spirit and would like to embrace the idea that all people, regardless of race, gender, religion or nationality are responsible for upholding the tenets of freedom, justice and equality.

Although the message of King and his movement originated over 30 years ago, much of what he fought for continues to exist in its most virulent form. King referred to the rate of unemployment as one of the many ills in our society which would fuel the fire for rage and rebellion. Much of his prophetic analysis of despair has come to pass. According to William Julius Wilson, the Malcolm Wiener Professor of Social Policy at Harvard University, the disappearance of work and opportunity over the last 25 years has contributed to the catastrophic condition of poverty and misery.

Although African Americans continue to represent a large percentage of this misery, many other

groups are beginning to suffer the recrudescence of social and economic withdrawal as well. The fight for equality and justice for King was not limited to African Americans; he began to embrace the plight of all, understanding that injustice anywhere was a threat to justice everywhere.

Unfortunately, much of what King fought for was not only a dream, but in many cases has turned into a nightmare for many. In 1963, on that famous afternoon in Washington, the nation listened as King spoke about the promise of a new day to come for all Americans, a dream which would forever change the ugly face of racism and inequality.

King, however, began to realize in his last days that many of his dreams began to turn into nightmares before his very eyes. He recalled in one of his speeches four beautiful, unoffending, innocent black girls that were murdered in a church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama. Not only was his nightmare a reality in the bowels of the Jim Crow South, but also in the cosmopolitan areas of the North. As King traveled through the Northern ghettos, he was dismayed at the sight of his brethren perishing on a lonely island of poverty in an ocean

of material prosperity.

Corroborating the two, King began to realize the hypocrisy of American policy as the nation remained idle at the sight of cultural and social stratification among the races, one black, one white, separate and unequal. He began to see his dream fade as he watched the war in Vietnam escalate from 16,000 military advisers in the beginning to over 500,000 soldiers fighting on Asian soil. He also began to see his dream deferred as the factories and industries of areas such as West Virginia and Appalachia began to close and fall into desolation.

Although King died without a complete fulfillment of his dream, he finished out his life by indicating that in spite of dreams deferred, of blasted hopes, he could not give up. He indicated that to lose hope is somehow to lose that vitality that keeps life moving, to lose the courage to be, that quality that helps you go in spite of... If King were alive today, in the midst of continued injustice and inequality, he would continue to instill in others his hope of The Dream.

RODNEY COHEN

Director, Urban Plunge/Outreach
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Remembering
Dr. King's legacy

Dear Editor:

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration committee has asked if I might address a word to the faculty and students about the importance of this celebration.

Much progress has been made in America since that memorable talk of Martin Luther King at the Lincoln Memorial about his dream of a renewed America. He not only worked to enliven this dream during his life, but he was a real martyr, dying for what he believed in.

During my fifteen years on the United States Commission on Civil Rights, I crossed paths many times with Martin. I remember that wonderful talk he gave at the end of a White House meeting on civil rights under the leadership of Lyndon Johnson. I also spoke that evening. Martin's wife also sang that evening in a very touching way.

It is not enough that America has great and inspiring leaders in the areas that touch our national life and our values. We must also constantly recall their words and their deeds and do what we can personally to make the dream come true.

With best wishes and prayers for a wonderful celebration of this newest of our national holidays and a deepening of the message it brings us each year about equality in America.

THEODORE HESBURGH, CSC

President Emeritus

■ WHERE I'M CALLING FROM

Fitness represents no more than a state of mind

A semester at ND helps a student to grow in many ways: in intellect, in piety and, of course, in size. If you found yourself explaining to your mom that the 32" pants under the tree might as well stay there because trying to wrap them around your plump college behind would do them and yourself a world of damage, I can sympathize. If you stepped out of your shower this morning, took a look at your once firm

Thomas
Coyne

physique and calmly muttered: What the %*#\$?, I feel your pain.

And Christmas probably didn't help matters. After gorging yourself on the first proper foodstuffs you've encountered since August (see, your mothers can cook) and pouring alcohol down your throats at a feverish pace to show your high school buddies what you're learning out at school (by the way, that tingling sensation in your side is called cirrhosis) you have used and abused your mortal coils to the point where it's finally time to do something about it.

You know what that means — the requisite follow up to the Christmas chocolates and the New Year's bottle(s) of champagne, the New Year's resolution.

January 2: I promise myself this is the year. The old bod could use some tightening, the gut could use a pick me up, and the lungs could stand a purging. I figure 78 days to spring break, 50 sit-ups and 1.5 miles on the track per day equals 3900 sit-ups and 117 miles which equals washboard stomach on the beaches of Spring Break which in turn equals one thing: sorority girls.

January 3: I sleep until two in the afternoon and feel too bored to exercise. I eat a cheesesteak with extra grease

and sit on the couch until my rear develops callouses.

January 4: I postpone physical fitness to post-graduation. I have come to an invaluable epiphany: college is too much fun to waste time worrying about my waist.

I hereby resolve not to resolve. I will not make empty self-promises and meaningless commitments to good health and physical fitness. I will not go down the same road as my mother who has to wrack her brain every morning for a reason to delay her resolution of daily exercise. Her pitiful excuses are wearing thin — yesterday's was "you can't start things on a Wednesday" and the day before "I can't exercise today — I ate chocolate."

Let's not kid ourselves. Not only are resolutions a waste of time, but this whole fitness thing is hardly worth the effort. Why is America wrapped up in an obsessive drive for physical fitness, a maniac mission to firm up, get hard, get big? What is 'fit' anyway? To me it's subjective, a state of mind, a judgement call. Personally, I find that my state of being is 'fit' and that perhaps I should be put in a magazine as the bod to emulate — a healthy "paunch" hanging gently above the waist line, soft and cuddly chest, love handles in full effect for a romantic grip.

What exactly is "fitness?" Is it the state of the muscle bound megalomaniacs at the Rock who pump and prim themselves, one half trying to compensate for being short, the other half for not being tall? I think not. They prep their physiques for the nine days of sunny South Bend weather when they'll flex and frolic with their friends and their frisbees for the five girls sunbathing on the quad in jeans and turtle-necks (sleeves rolled up of course.)

I don't trust such mirror gazing types — the kind of guy who would rather have a good reflection than have a good time, who sacrifices hours of pain and sweat when there is fun to be had. Such priorities don't seem in line with the glory of the college experience. A guy with a bit of a belly is a guy you can

trust, a guy who isn't afraid to eat Papa John's at three in the morning, a guy that didn't even know beer had calories in it, a guy that gets by on a personality, not a bench press.

Nor do I have a shred of trust or respect for fanatically fit eaters. I believe in healthy, well rounded, and balanced meals, yet some malnourished health mongers take "healthy" eating habits to bizarre extremes. They chomp rice cakes and slurp bottled water (a product I will never understand as long as I shall live) and from time to time stuff themselves with a plate full of bare dining hall lettuce or kidney beans.

Where's the meat! If being fit means giving up the bloody flesh of this country's cattle, then you can count me out. The mind of the vegetarian is one that boggles me — do they not understand the near orgasmic pleasure to be found in a meal of steak and potatoes swimming in an assortment of fatty condiments? Health, smealth. As for herbivores who abstain from the beauty of beef consumption for moral reasons, why do they think cows were put on earth in the first place? To do tricks at the circus? Cows exist to give milk, die in a slaughterhouse, and feed God's children. Simple.

And I hereby implore all health crusaders to get off smokers' backs. Those whining, coughing, 'can you please take that outside' puritans who feel their perfect lungs are just too precious for a little smoke can take their militant, unconstitutional, discriminatory, holier than thou campaign of smoker persecution and put it in their pipe and, well, smoke it.

I am mindful of the health threat which smokers and their exhaust pose, but I don't feel it's our job to legislate responsibility or longevity to others. To protect Notre Dame's non-smokers from catching the ever contagious emphysema, we force smokers outside to catch pneumonia. There are few truly blissful, wonderful things in this world. For some people, that thing is a cigarette. I say enjoy.

I have never fully understood this

American puritanism, this great Yankee need to be clean, wholesome, unsullied, ultra-healthy, smoke-free, booze-free, fat-free, and fun-free. We spend our money on vitamins and exercise equipment, invest our time and confidence in diets, and sell our souls to weight loss and exercise "programs" because someone in GQ or Cosmo told us what we have to look like. We sweat and starve ourselves in order to become "better" people. There is nothing "better" about sit-ups, cauliflower, and light beer.

I prefer the European approach to life. Europeans don't talk of low-fat food and light beer. They smoke like it is their sole purpose in life, they enjoy their fine wines, rich foods, and big servings and live just as long as we do.

We Americans think that we can live forever, that if we eat enough broccoli or buy and spend enough hours on our stair master that we might reverse the aging process. Allow me to let everyone in on a little secret — we are all going to die. In the mean time, let's enjoy what we've been given and not spend so much time trying to forget that we're mortal.

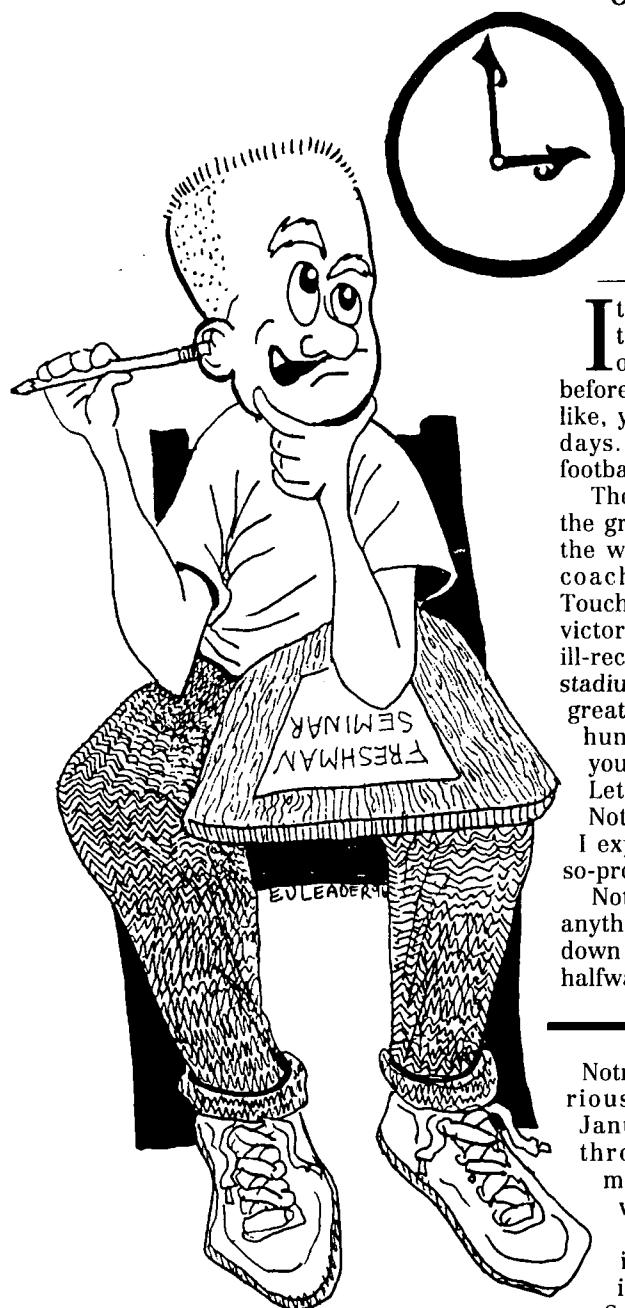
I am not condoning sloth or obesity. As fitness and health paranoid as Americans are, at the same time we are a fat, fat people. If you're going to resolve to do anything to the state of your body this year, resolve to find the proper balance, a compromise between the two poles, between fitness and fun. Be active, but don't sweat till you drop; enjoy food and drink, but don't be a pig. Take care of yourself, but don't kill yourself to look like Jenny McCarthy (unless your really think you can pull it off, in which case by all means).

So I'll see you by the pool down at Spring Break, my pasty white skin collecting melanomas, my paunch in full effect, my love handles alive and well. Granted I'll probably be sitting alone or with three guys that look the same, but we'll be happy and, as far as you know, we'll be fit.

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Seven Down, Seven To Go

As second semester rolls around, Accent realizes that while some students have just begun to enjoy their college career, others look back and know that it is almost over. Here are the views of a senior and a freshman, reflecting upon their feelings as colored by their experiences.



By JOSEPH WIELER
Assistant Accent Editor

It's strange coming to a school that I thought I knew so well, only to find that it's all changing before I can find out what it used to be like, you know, back in the good ole' days. One need only glance at the football program to see that.

The house that Rock built, housing the greatest college football players in the world, led by one of the greatest coaches, graced by the image of Touchdown Jesus, raising His arms in victory, only to be hidden behind an ill-received modification of the sacred stadium, and abandoned by one of its greatest leaders. As I held up one of hundreds of signs reading "Thank you, Lou," I wondered, "What for?" Let's just say that this example of Notre Dame not being exactly what I expected is just the tip of the not-so-proverbial iceberg.

Not once in the brochure did I see anything about the weather reaching down into the low teens daily not even halfway into January — and that's just

on the Kelvin scale.

But I'm not one to complain, really, I'm not. As I flipped through my copy of "303 reasons why I hate Notre Dame" — a Christmas gift — I realized that, as a freshman embarking on his first semester of studies at college, Notre Dame isn't such a bad place to be. I mean, everyone says that the social life here at the University of Notre Dame is non-existent, but I would tend to disagree.

Take, for instance, my dorm SYR. It was tons of fun, provided that you didn't step in any products of what must have been a sudden rash of the stomach flu.

But, I digress. As a freshman here, I learned that the first thing that I needed to do to survive in this frozen wasteland was to be just a little cynical. As you can tell, it's a lesson I learned well.

All that aside now, I must say that life at Notre Dame, if properly lived according to the rules of

du Lac, is very well-rounded. Football games here are the greatest. I've never been part of such a huge event. When the Fighting Irish win it's awesome, and if, by some act of God, they lose, the entire student body sees it through to the end and sings the Alma Mater in unison. But, as I keep telling all of my friends, I didn't come here just for football. Schoolwork is hard, but very rewarding.

You definitely get as much out of it as you put into it. As for the social life, I guess that it follows the same rule. There are hundreds of things to do to keep busy around here. Granted that about four of those hundred are actually entertaining, but as my mother keeps telling me, "We're not sending you to school to entertain you." So, I guess that's why I'm here. I'm looking forward to the next seven semesters being very interesting ones.

By MELANIE WATERS
Assistant Accent Editor

We may not be sent to Notre Dame for entertainment purposes, but seven semesters later, I've found plenty to be amused with. And much as we may complain of a sadistic workload and sub-zero temperatures (not to mention an often frigid social scene), when it comes time to wrap it all up with a big golden bow, most of us wouldn't trade our four years for all the national championships in the world.

OK, that's not true. We'd have at least liked one, notably the one that our Foot Locker spokesman friends at Florida State ripped out from under our noses freshman year. Who can forget the lighting of the number one, like a beacon in the night on top of Grace Hall, which was replaced by a much dimmer number TWO in the polls.

If you didn't at least consider shedding a tear as the entire student section joined hands for the final seconds of the Boston College game and watched as that kick sailed right on through the goal posts, then you don't deserve your complimentary pair of plaid pants upon graduation.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are notoriously lacking in social life come January, unless you consider sitting through broken projector Cushing movies and losing body parts while walking to bars entertaining.

Which brings me to another important thing I've learned in my seven semesters in South Bend. As far as a social life goes, Notre Dame's is about as realistic as the special effects in "Independence Day." Freshmen, if you are already utterly frustrated with the idiocy that we try to pass off as normal gender relations here, don't join a therapy group just yet. It'll get better after graduation. I promise. It has to. Really. Doesn't it?!

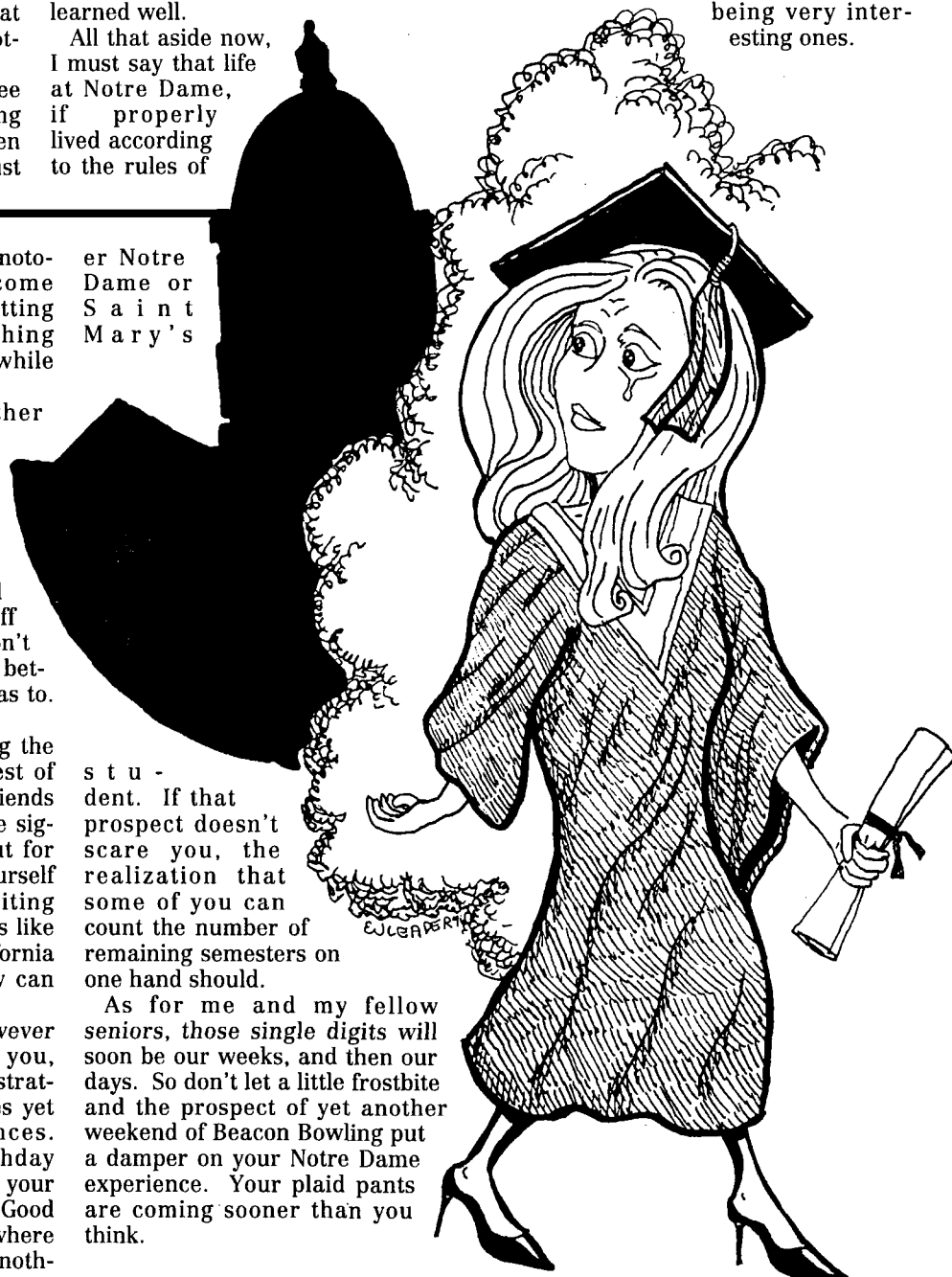
And for those of you still harboring the hometown honey, I wish you the best of luck. Not that I don't have a few friends that aren't marrying these very same significant others come graduation, but for the most part, trying to convince yourself that the phone bills and petty visiting arguments will get better with time is like trying to convince yourself that California Eldorado Casserole is yummy. Few can succeed. Even fewer really mean it.

Over the next seven or six or however many more semesters are left for you, there are a plethora of bizarre, frustrating, but above all priceless memories yet to be formed. Road trips. Dances. Snowball fights. Twenty-first birthday tales that will live in infamy, much to your regret and dismay. Bad hook-ups. Good friendships. And don't forget, somewhere around 60 percent of us will marry another

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student. If that prospect doesn't scare you, the realization that some of you can count the number of remaining semesters on one hand should.

As for me and my fellow seniors, those single digits will soon be our weeks, and then our days. So don't let a little frostbite and the prospect of yet another weekend of Beacon Bowling put a damper on your Notre Dame experience. Your plaid pants are coming sooner than you think.



■ NBA

Denver and Charlotte tally only one basket in OT

By JOHN MOSSMAN
Associated Press

DENVER

Scratching their heads, not a player or coach could remember such a low-scoring game in overtime. And no wonder.

Tony Smith's jumper with 1:29 left in overtime — his only points of the game and the only basket in overtime — gave the Charlotte Hornets a 102-100 win over the Denver Nuggets on Monday night.

By scoring only two points in the extra period, the clubs set an NBA record for the fewest points combined in an overtime. The previous record of four points was accomplished twice, most recently by San Antonio and New York on Dec. 10,

1995.

Denver also became the fifth team not to score in an overtime period; Indiana was the most recent on March 10, 1996, in a second overtime against Portland.

Charlotte made only 1-of-9 shots in overtime while Denver missed all 10 of its attempts in the extra session.

"We ended up blowing them out 2-0 in overtime," Hornets coach Dave Cowens said with a laugh. "I can't ever recall an overtime like that."

"Two points in overtime is amazing," Charlotte's Glen Rice said. "But since we're the team that got the two, we'll take it."

Nuggets coach Dick Motta said he had "never seen anything like this before. We

should have drop-kicked one through the goal posts."

Rice led the Charlotte with 25 points and Dell Curry came off the bench to add 23. Anthony Mason had 19 points and 12 rebounds.

Denver's LaPhonso Ellis scored 19 of his 23 points in the third quarter but fouled out early in overtime. Bryant Stith added 22 for the Nuggets, who lost their sixth straight game at home to tie a franchise record.

Curry's 3-pointer and Mason's dunk gave Charlotte a 98-95 lead with three minutes left in the fourth quarter. After Ellis hit two free throws, Mason slipped inside for a layup to give Charlotte a 100-97 lead with 1:03 left.

Stith sank a 3-pointer with 45 seconds left and, after an exchange of turnovers, Curry missed a wide-open 22-footer as time expired.

The Nuggets missed their first eight shots of overtime, including several tip-ins, before Smith sank his 10-footer in the lane.

"He was in his range," Cowens said.

Denver's Tom Hammonds was off the mark on a 16-foot

jumper as time expired.

A miss by Smith had given Denver a final possession with 22 seconds left, but Motta opted not to call a timeout.

"I didn't call timeout at the end because after our previous two timeouts, we had turnovers," Motta said. "When Fonz (Ellis) fouled out, we had maybe two guys to go to. I'm not sure we could have gotten a better shot than Tommy had. We just can't buy a basket when it counts."

Dale Ellis and Stith each went 0-for-4 in overtime.

Denver fell to 4-14 at home — the worst home record in the NBA.

Stith scored 13 points in the first quarter on 5-of-7 shooting, including three 3-pointers. His last trey was part of a 9-0 Denver run late in the quarter, helping the Nuggets to a 27-23 lead.

Curry scored Charlotte's first nine points of the second quarter. Nuggets rookie Darvin Ham had three emphatic dunks in the period and Ricky Pierce scored 10 points, but the Hornets gradually built a 56-50 lead at intermission, capped by

a Vlade Divac's tip-in and free throws by Rice.

In an evenly played half, the difference was free-throw shooting. Charlotte was 9-for-12 and Denver was 3-for-8.

LaPhonso Ellis brought the Nuggets back almost single-handedly. He scored their first eight points of the third period and 16 of the first 18. He added a 3-pointer late in the period, and Denver carried a 79-77 lead into the fourth quarter.

Mark Jackson, who had 18 assists, hit a 3-pointer to give Denver an 86-81 lead early in the fourth, but Curry's 20-footer and Rice's fastbreak slam and pair of 3-pointers moved Charlotte to a 91-88 lead.

Notes: It was the last game of Charlotte's five-game road trek through the West. ... Mason had his fifth straight double-double and 15th in the last 20 games. ... The Hornets have won the last five games in the series. ... The Nuggets are 3-13 this season in games decided by five points or less, and they dropped their 11th straight game to an Eastern Conference team. ... A crowd of 7,573 was Denver's smallest in five seasons.

Multiple weapons lift Pistons to win

Associated Press Writer

MILWAUKEE

The Bucks wouldn't let Grant Hill beat them in the fourth quarter, so Joe Dumars did.

Dumars scored 14 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter and Hill added 26 Tuesday night as the Detroit Pistons won their fifth straight game, beating Milwaukee 93-85.

"They gave me opportunities in the fourth quarter by concentrating on Grant Hill," said Dumars. "And I wanted to put pressure on their team by being more offensive minded."

The Bucks, who had a two-game winning streak snapped, were led by Vin Baker with 28 points, but sorely missed Glenn Robinson, who missed the game with a sprained right ankle.

The Pistons opened the final quarter with consecutive 3-pointers by Dumars and Terry Mills to go in front 75-70, a lead they never relinquished. The Bucks countered with a basket by Johnny Newman, but Dumars hit two straight baskets to give the Pistons a 79-72 margin.

"I thought that we played good defense at times," Milwaukee coach Chris Ford said. "More or less we stuck to what the game plan was, but the two threes that Dumars and

Mills hit were really because we didn't do what we were supposed to on those plays."

Hill's two free throws with 29.9 seconds left in the third quarter narrowed Milwaukee's lead to 70-69 going into the final period. The Bucks, who had not led since the opening minutes of the game, used a 12-3 run to move in front 67-62. The spurt was capped by Newman's basket with 2:30 left in the period.

After the Bucks pulled within a point at 25-24 in the second period, the Pistons scored seven straight points, including five by reserve Lindsey Hunter. The scoring spurt helped Detroit to a 47-43 halftime lead.

The Pistons led 21-16 at the end of the first period.

Notes: A problem with the scoreboard delayed the start of the game. ... Newman, who started for the injured Robinson, blocked two shots by Hill in the first period. ... Robinson and Vin Baker went into the game as the NBA's highest scoring forward duo, averaging 43.7 points per game. ... Defense-minded Detroit is the only NBA team not to yield 100 points in a game this season. ... The victory over Milwaukee means Detroit coach Doug Collins needs only one more win to reach the 200 mark.

Utah wins 15th straight game

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY

The Utah Jazz set a franchise record with their 15th consecutive victory Tuesday night, getting a career-high 21 points and 15 rebounds from Greg Ostertag in a 110-86 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

Utah broke its previous record of 14 consecutive wins set in 1994-95 — the season the Jazz finished with a franchise-best 60 wins.

Karl Malone scored 14 of his 22 points in the second half and Jeff Hornacek added 15 points as the Jazz improved to 17-2 for the year.

After Utah built a 53-41 halftime lead, Erick Dampier scored the first six points of the second half while Malone was missing four straight shots.

That pulled the Pacers to 53-49 with 7:43 left in the third, but Utah then went on a 16-2 run to take its largest lead to that point, 69-51, with 3:07 left in the third period.

Malone scored 10 points in the run and 12 points in the

quarter, which ended with the Jazz ahead 77-61.

Utah took its largest lead, 110-83, on two free throws by Jamie Watson with 58.3 seconds remaining.

Reggie Miller led the Pacers, who lost their second straight, with 13 points on 4-of-13 shooting. Indiana shot just 33 percent (27-80) for the game, the Pacers' worst shooting night of the season.

Antoine Carr scored 12 points and Malone pulled down 12 rebounds, and the Jazz outrebounded the Pacers 63-47.

Derrick McKey finished 1-of-7 for the game. Dampier was 4-of-14 and the Pacers were 5-of-14 from the 3-point line.

Malone and Dale Davis got involved in a scrap in the third quarter as Utah was starting to pull away.

At the 5:19 mark of the quarter, Malone grabbed a rebound after several unsuccessful attempts at a loose ball under the basket. As he brought it down, Davis fouled him and then shoved him into a row of photographers.

It earned Davis a technical foul and seemed to energize Malone even more. He hit one of two free throws, then converted a three-point play to put the Jazz ahead 67-51.

After that, the Pacers would come no closer than 73-59.

Notes: Utah turned the ball over 11 times in the first half, 19 for the game. ... Ostertag had 10 rebounds in the first half. ... The Jazz shot 48 percent after shooting 51.5 percent in their previous six games. Indiana has allowed only two opponents to shoot 50 percent or better this season. ... Stockton will play in his 1,000th game Thursday at home against Phoenix. ... Reggie Miller needs four steals to reach 900 for his career. ... Larry Brown needs one more win to reach 1,000 wins, including NBA, ABA and college games. ... Indiana has won three games on the first five stops of its six-game road trip. ... The Jazz have won the last five games and nine of their last 10 against the Pacers.

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provement that really matters."

Davie, thrilled with the

opportunity to start his first head coaching job with the veteran Powlus at the helm of the offense, attended the press conference in Powlus' hometown of Berwick, Pa.

Davie made it clear that Powlus is not returning for his fifth year to "be a backup."

Thus, any thoughts of a quarterback controversy between Powlus and upstart Jarious Jackson were put to rest.

"Ron Powlus had a choice," Davie said. "He could have come out, a lot of people were talking mid to late second round (in the NFL draft). But

he decided to come back to Notre Dame because he wanted to be part of this football program. That says a lot about him."

As Davie attempts to steer the Notre Dame football program in a new direction, he will bank on Powlus' passing skills and leadership to help smooth the transition.

"It's amazing what Ron

Powlus has been through," said Davie. "A lot of quarterbacks who have been in the NFL five years haven't gone through what he's been through at Notre Dame. That's something you can't replace, it's something you can't teach."

Now, Davie and Irish fans are hoping Powlus' final chapter will have a happy ending.

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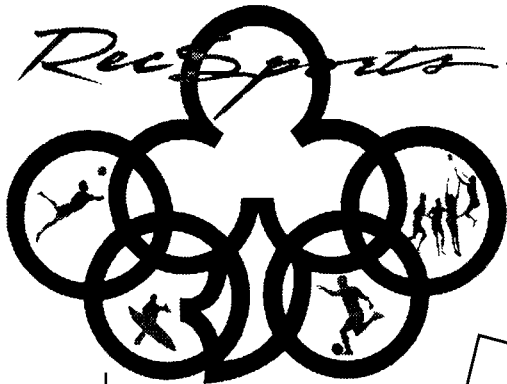
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14	7:30-8:30 am	STEP	301	T/Th	\$25
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25	7:45-9:00pm & 12:45-2:00	Joyce Center	W/Sa	\$15
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Sign-ups begin Thursday, January 16, 7:30am @ the RecSports office. Classes begin Monday, January 20. **Class minimum of 12 registrants. Have a great physically active semester!



B-Ball

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"You'd like to get into the position where someone else will step up, but it was a tough night for us," Notre Dame head coach John MacLeod added. "When we were trying to catch up we kept missing all these golden opportunities. They were doing a very good job on Pat and that's when somebody else has to step up and drill it."

Unable to establish post position, the Irish were not drilling anything from the outside, shooting 28 percent in the first half and 33 percent for the game.

"We weren't getting the ball inside and we were just settling for perimeter jumpers and you're not going to win that way," Garrity added.

With conference foes hounding Garrity, other Irish players understand the problem. Understanding the solution appears a little bit tougher.

"It's discouraging but most of all, it's upsetting," guard Pete Miller said who, along with Derek Manner and Gary Bell,

were tied for second in the scoring column with eight points. "It's hard to explain. We can't get over the hump and it's going to have to change. It's really getting old and we can't keep going like this. It's not acceptable."

Even Garrity does not have all the answers even though he is constantly expected to supply them. When asked what can be done, Garrity took a deep breath and said, "I don't know."

With 11:19 remaining, the Irish did close the Villanova halftime bulge to 45-44 on a Phil Hickey rebound score, but as Miller pointed out, could never get over the hump. The Irish comeback effort received a boost when Wildcat freshman Tim Thomas and head coach Steve Lapas were hit with back-to-back technical fouls.

Garrity made all four free throws and before the crowd had time to finish cheering, Miller connected on a three-pointer, completing a seven-point swing. Several times down the floor Notre Dame had a chance to get over the hump but did not convert on

crucial free throws, shooting 52 percent from the charity stripe. The Irish also lost the rebounding battle 52-35, even allowing Villanova to get two layups off their own free throw misses.

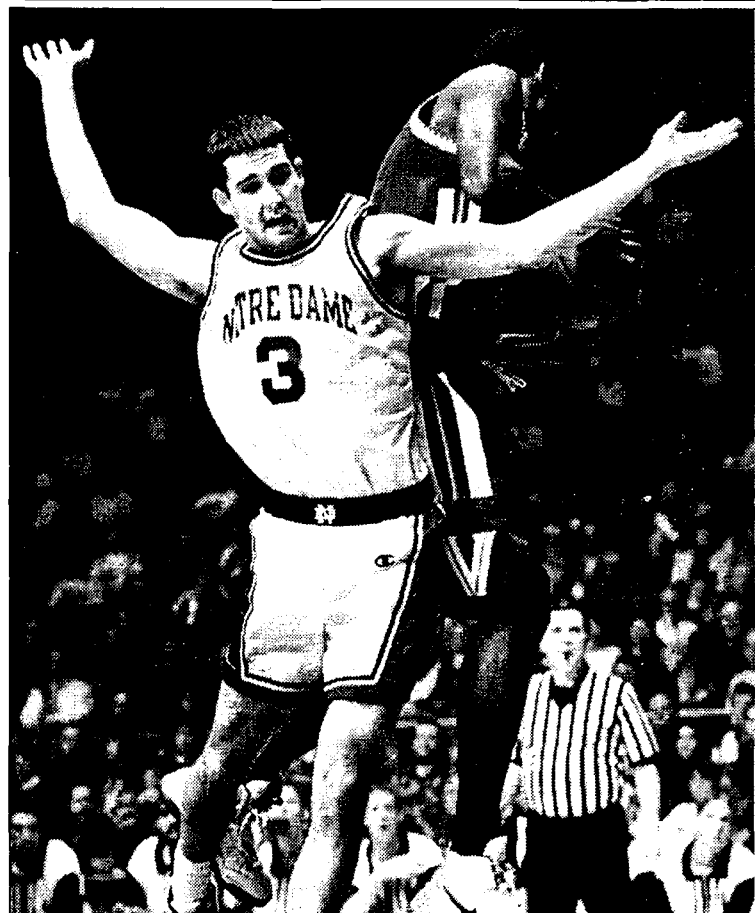
"If we could have made some of those free throws, we would have looked at the game a little differently," MacLeod said.

For now, the Irish must start operating differently too if their Big East fortunes are to change.

Just as Van Halen's "Right Now" belted out during the player introductions, the Irish are indeed, searching to "turn this thing around."

"We just need to come to practice and not get our heads down and not feel sorry for ourselves," Garrity said. "That's all I think you can do now. The season's not over and no one's going to be giving up right now."

"All we can do, like Pat said, is to come back and practice hard," Miller added. "But we definitely have to step it up a level because what we're doing now is not getting it done. We're not going to continue this. We can't."



Junior forward Derek Manner contributed eight points last night.

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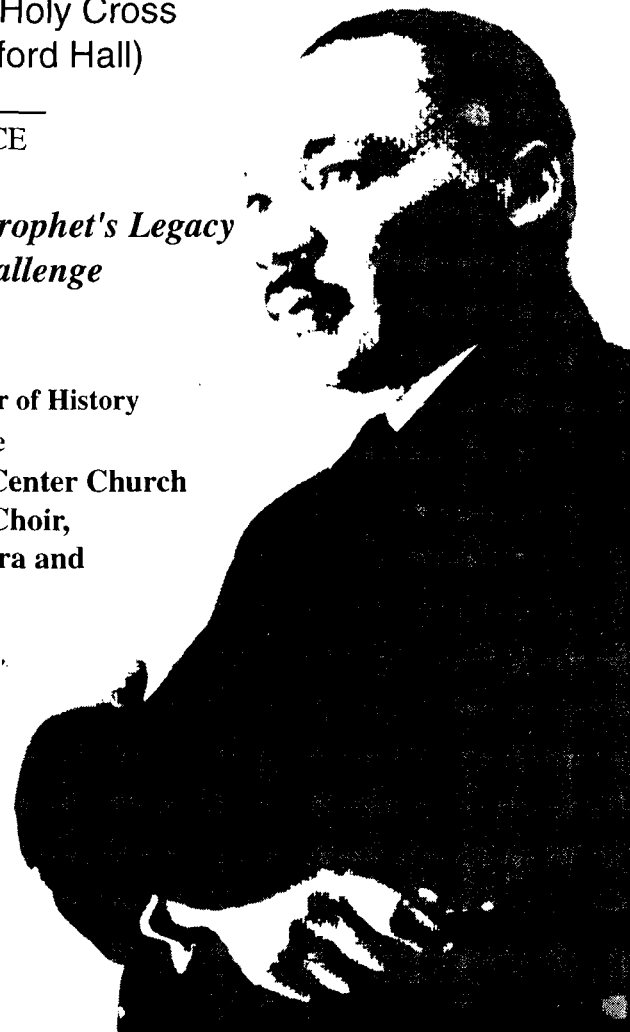
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Time: 6:30 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, January 15th



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■ HOCKEY

Disappointing holiday season for Irish hockey team

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports writer

During the Christmas Break, the Notre Dame hockey team dropped four of five games, including two Central Collegiate Hockey Association games, to slide into eighth place in the ten-team league. During this stretch, Notre Dame (6-14-1, 4-10-1) has especially struggled on power plays, going a meager 2 for 23. "I don't know what to say," pondered head coach Dave Poulin. "We are playing real well. We are so close to it [winning]."

On Dec. 28-29, the Irish traveled to Princeton for a pair of games against the Tigers, who earlier in the season were ranked as high as ninth nationally. On Dec. 28, the Boys of Winter — playing without freshman regulars Ben Simon and Tyson Fraser — succumbed to the Tigers, 5-2. The Irish uncharacteristically took an early lead at the 1:34 mark of the first period, when sophomore left wing Aniket Dhadphale slid the puck past Tiger goaltender Erasmo Saltarelli for his first goal in 10 games, a stretch that spanned 37 shots on goal. Princeton proceeded to produce three unanswered goals on junior Matt Eisler and took a 3-1 lead into the third period. But, early in the third stanza, Irish freshman defenseman Sean Seyferth's shot deflected off a Tiger defenseman into the net, bringing the Boys back within one goal. The Irish kept on the pressure, outshooting the Tigers 14-4 in the final 20

minutes, but were unable to get the equalizer. Instead, two Tiger freshman scored to put the game out of reach.

The following night, the Boys took the Tigers into overtime but allowed a goal with 19 seconds remaining and lost, 3-2. This heartbreaker marked the Irish's seventh one-goal loss of the season and its third defeat in the final minute. Princeton jumped ahead 1-0 on a rebound shot that eluded Irish sophomore goaltender Forrest Karr. Notre Dame answered quickly, as sophomore defender Benoit Cotnoir took a pass from classmate right winger Brian Urick and flicked the puck into the net to tie the game. Princeton again grabbed the lead in the waning seconds of the first period. Notre Dame again responded, as Urick's pass across the goalmouth was tipped into the net by senior captain Terry Lorenz.

Thirty-four minutes of scoreless hockey, including 4 minutes and 41 seconds of overtime, ensued, until Cotnoir inadvertently swept a Tiger shot into the net.

On Jan. 3, Notre Dame dropped an especially disappointing, 6-3 loss to Miami University, which is currently poised atop the competitive CCHA. Notre Dame jumped out to a 3-1 lead behind goals by Urick, Seyferth, and junior winger Lyle Andrusiak, but then proceeded to allow five unanswered goals, including three in the final period, to let the game slip away. "We played really well," mused Poulin. "We just had one little

breakdown in the second [period] when it was 3-3." Despite the loss, Miami coach Mark Mazzoleni was quick to heap the praise upon Poulin and his Boys. "I like Notre Dame's hockey team. I think Dave and his staff are doing an excellent job."

On Jan. 7, the Irish traveled to Mankato State and picked up a 3-2 victory, their only one of the break. Notre Dame enjoyed a huge edge in shots (40-17) but had to overcome two deficits before recording their first one-goal victory since the opener against Western Ontario on Oct. 11. Following a scoreless first period, Mankato State struck first, but Lorenz answered for the Irish less than one minute later. Mankato State again surged ahead midway through the second, but Urick answered for the Irish, knotting the game at two. The stage was set for freshman sensation Joe Dusbabek's heroics. At the 12:30 mark of the final stanza, he took a cross-ice pass from fellow freshman Ben Simon and rocketed a shot through traffic into the right side of the net.

On Jan. 11, Notre Dame hosted Bowling Green in CCHA action at the Joyce Center but dropped a 3-2 heartbreaker. The game marked the Boys' eighth one-goal loss of the season, with six of those losses coming against CCHA teams. The Irish also outshot the Falcons 25-22, making it the seventh time this season that Notre Dame has outshot its opponent but failed to win (0-6-1).



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Despite defenseman Ben Nelsen's effort the Irish dropped four games.

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Late Night Olympics — Late Night Olympics XI is scheduled for Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center. Team entries are due by Jan. 27. For the name of your Hall Representative or for more information call 1-8237.

Scuba Course — The information meeting for this course is scheduled for Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in Rockne Rm. 218. There will be seven classroom and pool sessions beginning Jan. 26. Completion of the course results in YMCA Lifetime Certification. For more information call 1-8237.

Shorin-Ryu Karate — Students are instructed according to Okinawan techniques. This semester-long course meets in Rockne Rm. 219 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m., starting Jan. 30. You must register in advance at RecSports and the fee is \$18. Call 1-8237 for more information.

Tae Kwon Do — This semester-long course meets Sundays from 3-4 p.m. in Rockne Rm. 301. You must register in ad-

vance at RecSports and the fee is \$20.

Ballet — RecSports will be sponsoring Beginner and Advanced Ballet. The Beginner classes are for dancers with 0-4 years experience and the Advanced class is for dancers with 5 or more years experience. The Beginner class meets on Saturdays from 10:15-11:45 and Mondays from 7:30-8:30. The Advanced class meets on Sundays from 1:15-2:45 and Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30. All classes will be held in Rockne Rm. 301. Sign-ups will begin at 8 a.m. on Jan. 27, in the RecSports office, space is limited. Classes begin on Feb. 1.

Jazz Dance — A Jazz Dance class will be offered Monday and Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. in Rockne Rm. 219. All levels are welcome, but space is limited. There will be an information meeting on Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. in Rockne Rm. 301. The fee is \$30 for the semester and sign-ups will begin at 8 a.m. on Jan. 27 in the RecSports office. Classes begin on Feb. 3.

RAD — RecSports in conjunction with Notre Dame Security/Police will be sponsoring a RAD class Jan. 21-30. The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in Rockne Rm. 301. The central focus of this 12 hour program is learning and practicing physical tactics to defend against assault. The program is taught by RAD certified instructors who are university police officers at Notre Dame. Register in advance at RecSports beginning today. Class size is limited. There will not be a fee for this class.

Cross Country Ski Clinics — RecSports will be sponsoring three clinics this winter. The first clinic will be on Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. and there will be two offered on Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. The fee for the clinic is \$5 with an additional \$3 rental fee if you need to rent skis. Registration in advance is required for all three cross country clinics.

Yoga & Tai Chi — The sign-ups begin Jan. 21 at 7:45 a.m. in the RecSports office.

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Thomas recalled. "With the top players, it comes down to a lot of luck. They've got a guy here from New Jersey (Thomas' home state), Todd Palmer, one of my close friends. Todd had signed earlier and I asked him about Notre Dame because he had taken a visit, but I chose to go elsewhere. I think it's just luck."

So what's happened to the famed "Luck of the Irish," at least when it comes to basketball recruiting? Wasn't the bump to the Big East supposed to help MacLeod in his efforts to get a crack at the big time boys? The days of thunder with Monty Williams, LaPhonso Ellis, Daimon Sweet, Elmer Bennett, Donald Royal, David Rivers, and so on have become nearly obsolete as the Irish have settled to luring one blue-chip prospect practically every four years.

Some people say that there's the admissions office to blame. How can the Irish take in top recruits if they maintain strin-

gent academic standards, driving away the vast majority of the talent pool?

Thomas dismisses this position.

"Once the high school players get their scores, I don't think it's that much harder to go anywhere. Once the scores come in for NCAA, you can go anywhere you want to go," Thomas explained.

Another way to dismiss the argument is to look directly at Notre Dame's present blue-chipper, Pat Garrity. Not only does the forward bang with the best Big East competitors, he excels in the classroom. Those players are out there and they just haven't been captured yet.

The explanation that seems most feasible to explain the phenomenon is simply that success breeds further success. As Thomas indicated, the top prospects help each other in making the college choices.

So all you have to do to get a top prospect is to go out and get other ones.

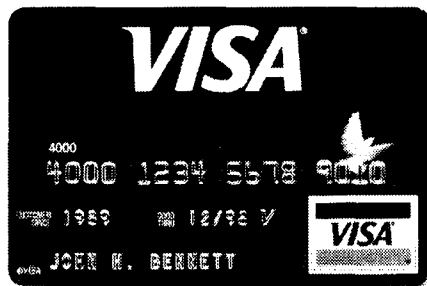
Well, there you go, a simple answer to MacLeod's quandary. A team with a supporting cast attracts star talent to shine with them, not just for them.

Tim Thomas scored the last basket of the game for Villanova, stealing an Irish pass, dribbling perhaps six times down the length of the court, and putting an exclamation point on his performance with a limb-flailing, vocal tomahawk slam.

How nice would it have been for Notre Dame had he been wearing a home white uniform?

Keep searching, Coach MacLeod. There's still hope, but maybe instead of praying for a Tim Thomas to come to the tundra, you should just pray to take back the luck.

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sistent."

McGraw also discussed the team's improvement.

"We've improved in a couple of areas, we're taking much better care of the basketball. Earlier in the year we were turning the ball over 24-25 times a game without even thinking about it. Jeannine Augustin has played very well and she might be our most improved player so far this year."

The Domers have entered Big East play and will remain in the Big East until the post-season. They have gotten off to a 5-0 start in the conference and them and the Connecticut Huskies seem to be the cream of the crop again as they are the only two remaining undefeated teams. In last year's campaign the Irish went 15-3 in the conference with two of those losses coming against the Huskies so the Irish feel good about their position.

"I think if we play well, like

we know we can we should be in a similar situation that we were in last year," predicted McGraw.

Over the break the hoopsters went 5-1 with their sole loss coming at the hands of the Ohio State Buckeyes where McGraw's squad made their national television debut. Just before Christmas the team trounced in-state foe Valparaiso by the final of 75-56. Five players scored in double digits as they were just too much for the Lady Crusaders.

Next on the Irish hit list were the Seton Hall Pirates who suffered a 40 point defeat as senior Katryna Gaither and McMillen lead the way with 25 and 17 points respectively for a 87-47 triumph.

A national television audience witnessed the host Ohio State Buckeyes upset the Irish by the mark of 74-67. Irish All-American candidates Gaither and Beth Morgan produced the majority of the offense as they Gaither poured in 23 and Morgan 22 on 8 for 17 shooting. Gaither also cleared the glass

for a career high 17 rebounds. McMillen commented on the loss.

"The Ohio State loss was a tough loss but I think we got right back to where we wanted to be with the win against West Virginia and we showed what kind of team we can be against them."

Despite the loss Notre Dame will benefit by simply playing on CBS.

"It's a giant step forward for the entire program, especially in terms of recruiting," McGraw said. "I think it's important to kids to and for us to get that kind of exposure where voters will see us. It also benefits our All-American candidates (Gaither and Morgan). People can see how good they are instead of just reading about how good they are."

After a 16 day lay off the Domers visited Boston College and survived an Eagle comeback attempt as they were up

by 16 in the second half before the hosts pulled it two four by game's end for a final tally of 61-57 good guys. Morgan caught fire as she scored 20 on 7 for 10 shooting which included four for four from three point country. Gaither dominated the key for a double double performance with 18 points and 14 boards. McMillen also chipped in with 11 of her own.

The Irish hosted West Virginia who were blown out of the gym in the second half as the outscored the Mountaineers 62-23 which gave the hosts a 103-58 win. Five of the Irish scored in double digits as McMillen lead the charge with 24 and Morgan scored 22.

McGraw expressed her feelings on her squad's ability to bounce back from the OSU loss.

"I think that you can tell a lot about a team in the way they come back after a loss, especially one like that when we came back well and probably

had our best game of the year against West Virginia."

The team continued to roll as they traveled to Villanova and opened a 20 point lead at half before winning 77-54. Gaither, Morgan, senior forward Rosanne Bohman and junior guard Mollie Peirick all scored over ten on their way to a convincing win.

Gaither now ranks in the top ten in points per game and shooting percentage. Gaither's play over the past week earned conference player of the week for the third time this year. In the games against Boston College, West Virginia and Villanova, Gaither had 56 points and 26 rebounds.

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If you are interested in auditioning, you should see Mrs. Mitchell in 320 O'Shaughnessy Hall to sign up for an audition time and to get audition materials.

The cast will be posted Saturday, January 18, and the first company meeting will be Sunday, January 19, from 1:00-3:00 P.M. Rehearsals will begin February 9. Performances of *The Grapes of Wrath* will be April 16-20.

If you are interested in a technical position please contact Bruce Auerbach, Director of Theatre, at 1-5957. If you have any questions regarding auditions for, or the production of *The Grapes of Wrath*, you may call Bruce Auerbach at 1-5957; Reginald Bain at 1-7170; or Tom Barks at 1-5956.



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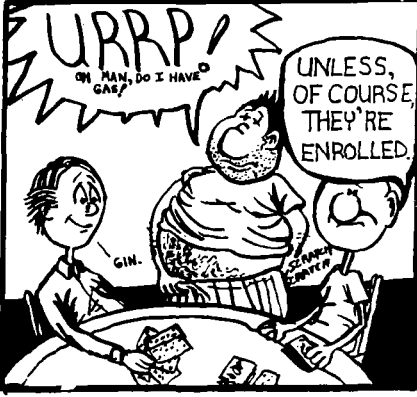
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sweeping a misunderstanding under the rug could lead to bigger problems later on. Talk things out. A budget revision will help relieve financial pressures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stop being such a bear when things go awry. Your loved ones are more tolerant and supportive than you deserve. Let them know how much you care. Your powers of persuasion are at a peak.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An orderly work and home environment helps you stay on track. Turn on the charm when dealing with a co-worker who is sometimes uncooperative. Special causes attract your attention now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Influential people are impressed by your take-charge attitude. Investing in new work clothes will enhance your

image. Welcome an authority figure's interest in your efforts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Refuse to let emotionalism set the tone today. Family members and business associates value your objectivity. Avoid taking sides in petty disputes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your energy level is high; use your time wisely. Planting the seeds for a special project involves gaining the support of a particular group. Take things one step at a time. Profits will soon soar!

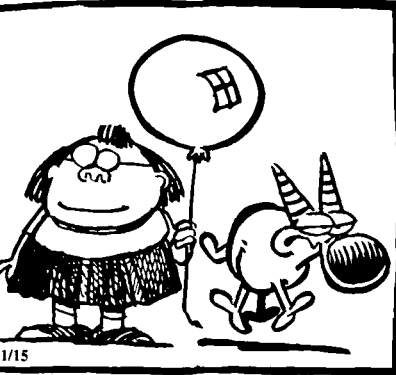
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An authority figure may not understand your generation's concerns. Avoid bringing up politics in work-related discussions. Your romantic partner is the best person to listen to your hopes and plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Steer clear of pessimists; they will only dampen your enthusiasm for a plan that could very well succeed. Investigate new vocational opportunities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Dress for success. Update old wardrobe favorites with new accessories. A romance that has stood the test of time could change your views on a permanent commitment. Go ahead; take a chance on love!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Use your business acumen to determine if a get-rich-quick scheme is viable. Romance and finance go hand-in-hand now. It is wise, however, to keep your loved ones out of your workplace.

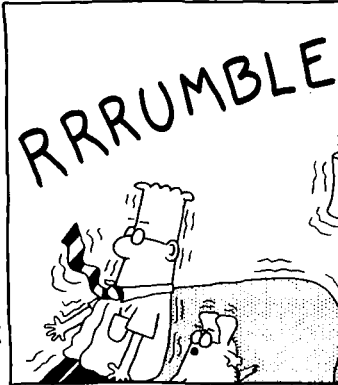
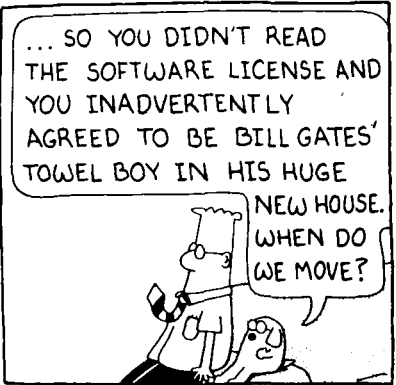
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Cultural events hold special appeal this month. Your appreciation for someone's artistic efforts inspire you to be more creative. Take your pick from weekend invitations.



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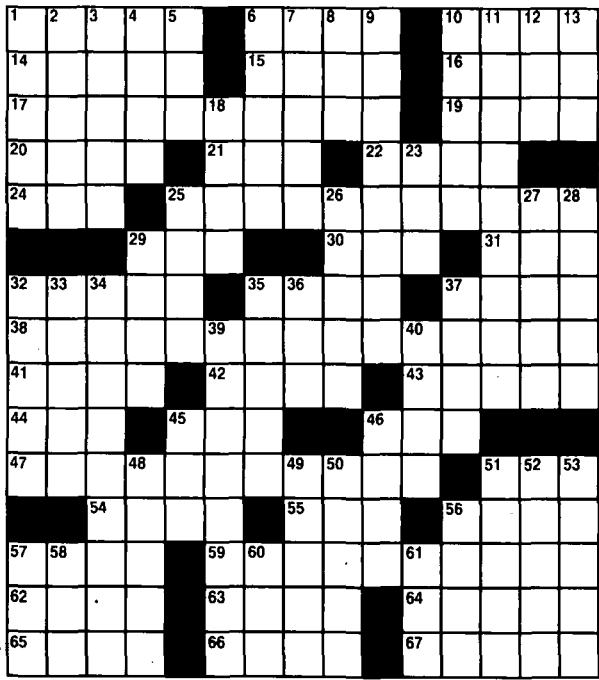
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- 10 "Begone!"
- 14 Suspect's need
- 15 Converted apartment
- 16 Time piece
- 17 Maugham novel made into a 1946 movie, with "The"
- 19 Bout of debauchery
- 20 Not now
- 21 Driver's club, for short
- 22 Unwanted look
- 24 57-Down's predecessor
- 25 Popular cable channel

- 29 Before, informally
- 30 Bled
- 31 Dernier
- 32 Worse than bad
- 35 Habit
- 37 The Man
- 38 Rossini opera, with "The"
- 41 Sailing
- 42 Part of Q.E.D.
- 43 Bottomless pit
- 44 Monique, e.g., Abbr.
- 45 Horse's tidbit
- 46 Towel stitching
- 47 "The Amityville Horror" actress
- 51 Cap with a pompom
- 54 Ancient greetings

- 55 O.S.S. successor
- 56 Prix
- 57 Ian Fleming title
- 59 Facing danger
- 62 Wallop
- 63 Highlander
- 64 "ears"
- 65 Modern pentathlon event
- 66 1987 Costner role
- 67 What a will, e.g., may indicate?

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- 1 Home base, in sci-fi
- 2 Ennui, with "the"
- 3 "The Pearl Fishers" composer
- 4 Poet's black
- 5 Heading: Abbr.
- 6 Of an intestine
- 7 Film maker
- 8 Alphabetic run
- 9 Star-shaped
- 10 Did a blacksmith's job
- 11 "If I remember"
- 12 Summer time: Abbr.
- 13 Have a go at
- 18 Spinnaker, e.g.
- 23 Long time
- 25 Shade of green
- 26 Artist Max



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- 27 Doctoral dread
- 28 WXY phone buttons
- 29 March instrument
- 32 Embarrass
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- 35 Mary of the comics
- 36 Birds-feather connector
- 37 Fam. members
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- 40 Heraldic fur
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- 49 Pains' partner
- 50 Some strings
- 51 Giant
- 52 Skaters' jumps
- 53 Actress Oberon
- 56 Notability
- 57 34th Pres.
- 58 Agent, for short
- 60 Highlander's negative
- 61 Seinfeld, e.g.

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South

Chicken Strips

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish outlasted as spotlight lands on Thomas

Garrity's foul trouble
leave ND without offenseBy JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

Before Villanova went out and lethargically whipped Notre Dame 68-57 last night, Irish fans were treated to the usual pregame ritual.

As the Irish starting lineup is announced, the lights go out and one player steps into the spotlight. When Notre Dame leading scorer Pat Garrity became illuminated Tuesday night, the moment spoke volumes about the eventual outcome against the Wildcats.

That's because everyone else was in the dark.

With Garrity mired in foul trouble the entire contest, no one picked up the scoring load as Villanova used a 14-0 second half run to pull away and hand Notre Dame (7-7, 1-5) their fourth straight Big East defeat.

Garrity finished with 17 points but had difficulty developing a rhythm after leaving the game with three fouls at the 8:39 mark of the first half. The third violation came as Garrity was whistled for diving after a loose ball.

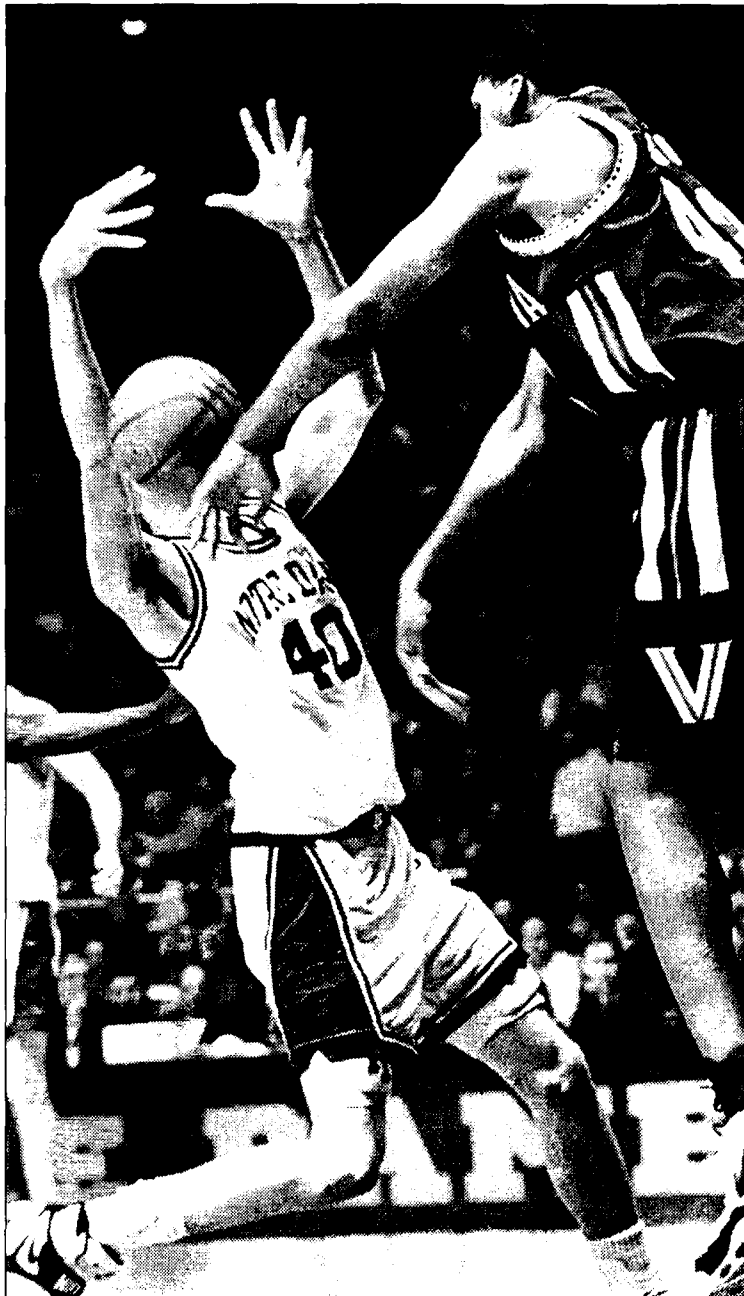
With the 15th leading scorer in the country on the bench, the Irish scored only 12 more points by sporadic means to trail by nine at halftime.

"It affected me because I had a good rhythm going there," Garrity said. "I'm use to playing 36, 38 minutes of the game. Obviously, I don't want to be sitting on the bench for 10 minutes. So I think it limited what I could do tonight."

And what the Irish could do.

Besides the foul trouble, Big East teams are surrounding Garrity every time he touches the ball. The Irish forward was so well-guarded that a simple entry pass turned into an adventure against Villanova. Wildcat Chuck Kornegay contained Garrity most of the night, but his job was made easier knowing he would be receiving help.

Villanova had the luxury of such aid as no other Irish player caught the hot hand in the second half.



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Matt Gotsch and the Irish got a faceful last night against Villanova.

■ IRISH INSIGHT

VU freshman epitomizes
the one who gets away

Tim Thomas was involved in everything on the floor in Villanova's victory over Notre Dame in the JACC last night. The 6-9 small forward led all performers in points, rebounds, and steals with 18, 14, and five respectively. He added three assists and two blocked shots, scored from the inside and out, and even took part in a second half scuffle with Irish guard Admore White, drawing a technical foul for his role.

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Associate Sports
Editor

He endured the taunts of Irish fans for his recent Chris Webber "time-out" imitation against Miami, kept his head when pressured, held his defenders at bay, and answered the press with the laid-back attitude of a veteran.

This is the kind of recruit Irish head coach John MacLeod drools over, prays for, but, as of late, simply can't get.

"(Thomas) was pretty impressive tonight," MacLeod evaluated. "He was quick to the basket, he's a quick rebounder, he's got a good soft touch, he's about an 80 percent free throw shooter... he is a very good basketball player. He's fluid, smooth, doesn't make a lot of mistakes, passes the ball..."

What the coach meant is that Thomas is an NBA sure thing. When would MacLeod like to see him make the jump into the big leagues?

"Next week."

As a matter of fact, John MacLeod took his shot at the Wildcats' freshman in his prep days, but couldn't land him.

Why?

Tim Thomas says it's all about luck.

"I had been contacted by Notre Dame and talked to Coach (MacLeod) a couple of times,"

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hoopsters just short of perfect

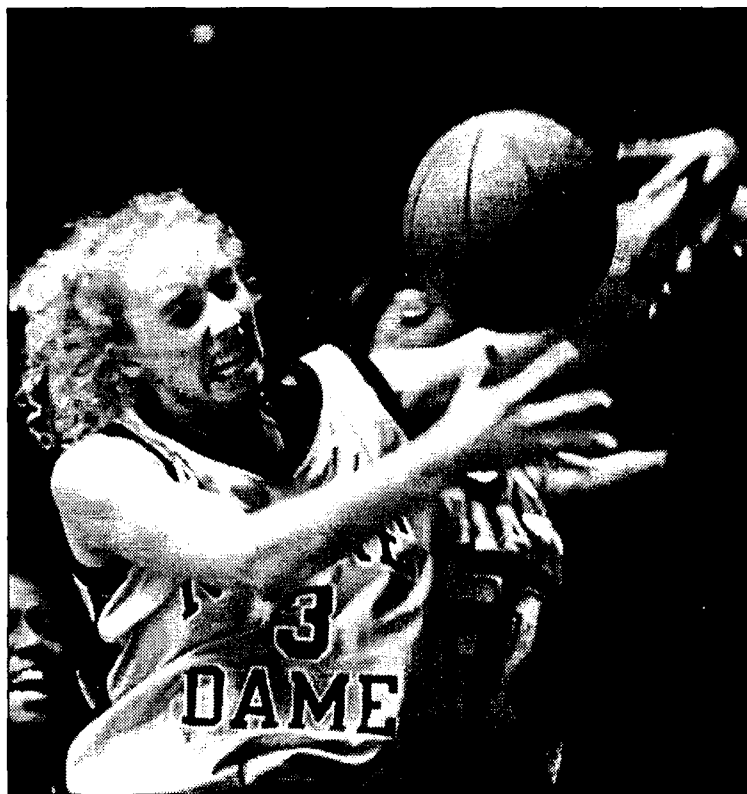
By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's basketball squad has passed the halfway mark of their season and it has come time to take a look at what they have been and what they can be.

Head coach Muffet McGraw has seen her team pull off a couple of upsets. But, she has seen the same favor returned to her team as they have dropped several games to unranked foes which has been the main reason for their fall to the No. 21 slot in the national polls with a 13-4 mark.

However, the Irish feel that they are continuing to improve as their only flaw came against OSU.

"I think we're gelling as a team and our team chemistry is getting a lot better," sophomore guard Shiela McMillen noted. "We're playing a lot better together and we are more con-



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Junior Mollie Peirick and others have been forcing more turnovers recently.

■ FOOTBALL

Powlus leads Irish
for another seasonBy MIKE DAY
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The storyline may be different, but the protagonist has not changed.

After a month of rumors and speculation, quarterback Ron Powlus, Notre Dame's highly publicized hero and/or scapegoat, declared he will return next season to add one final chapter to his storied career.

"There was not one determining factor," Powlus said at a Dec. 20 press conference. "There were a combination of things that made me feel good that I had made the right decision."

Although Powlus graduated with a marketing degree last month, the record setting quarterback had one year of eligibility remaining after sitting out his entire freshman year with a broken clavicle.

According to Powlus, the promotion of Bob Davie to head coach and the subsequent hiring of Jim Colletto as offensive coordinator weighed heavily in the final decision.

"I'm very much looking forward to the new offense," Powlus said. "The new things that we will be doing will give me an opportunity to do a little more."

While Powlus struggled to find his niche in Lou Holtz's run-oriented, often conservative attack, Colletto will implement a well-balanced, more open offense that will give the 22-year-old a better chance to showcase his rifle arm.

"My only goal is to improve our team's record," said Powlus. "That's the most important thing. Individually, I want to lead the team to more victories. That's the only im-

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