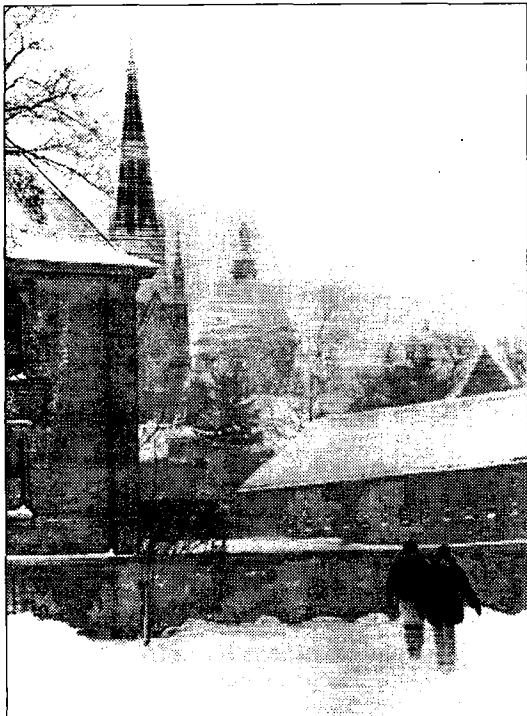


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Though the weather outside is frightful...



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Students made their way across campus yesterday in the midst of blizzard-like conditions which ravaged many parts of the country.

Despite snow, area businesses will reopen

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
News Editor

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College were expected to reopen today, after gusting winds and about one foot of snow closed the schools yesterday afternoon.

University officials were set to discuss the weather and safety conditions at 5 a.m. this morning before deciding whether to reopen school, Dennis Moore, director of Notre Dame Public Relations, said last night. A decision to close the school would be announced on local television and radio stations around 5:30 a.m., Moore said.

Saint Mary's officials last night they expected the College to reopen today. Patti Valentine, director of public relations for the College, said the decision

was made by the president's office in consultation with campus security.

The University will make its decision after grounds personnel assess the conditions around the campus and on city roads nearby, Moore said. That information and a weather forecast report from a private weather service will be passed on to University officials, including Jim Lyphout, associate vice president for business operations, and University provost Nathan Hatch.

If the University were to remain closed, only personnel essential to student life — including the operators of the power plant, security officials and dining hall staff — would remain on campus, Moore said.

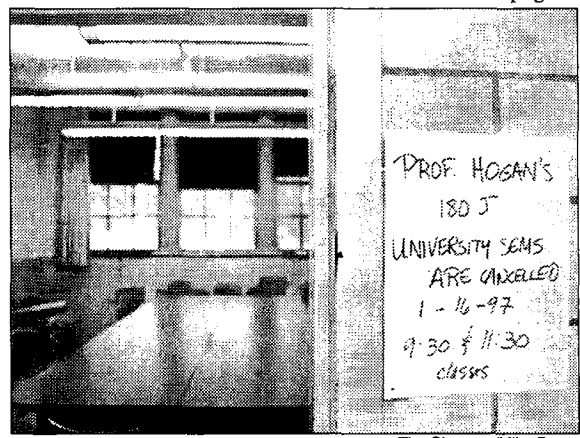
"Our bias is always against closing," Moore said. "We're a residential campus. If we can get faculty and staff to campus, that's our preferred way of operating."

Many businesses in the cities of South Bend and Mishawaka were closed last night, including

the stores and movie theater at University Park Mall. An employee at the Papa John's location near Notre Dame said the pizza business also was planning to close early last night.

Both University Park Mall and Papa John's said they were expecting to maintain usual business hours throughout the weekend despite the bad weather.

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The Observer/Mike Ruma

Signs like this one were posted on numerous doors yesterday as students and faculty alike found it difficult to make it to class due to weather conditions.

Friday Feature

NCAA drops employment ban

By JOHN DeBOY
News Writer

Working through financial difficulties may now be easier for many college athletes, thanks to new NCAA legislation allowing students on athletic scholarship to hold paid jobs during the school year.

Monday, during the NCAA convention in Nashville, Division I schools opted to drop their longstanding ban on part-time employment for student athletes by a close 169-150 vote.

While the amount that athletes can earn during each academic year will be limited to approximately \$1,200 to \$2,500, athletes will now be permitted to work during the playing season and throughout the school year. In the past, NCAA regulations stipulated that student athletes on full scholarship could work only

NCAA

during the summer and on approved breaks.

The new NCAA legislation came after years of protest by athletes and others who were disturbed by the fact that Division I schools forbade their students to earn pocket change while simultaneously pulling in millions on athletic merchandise and television contracts.

Many student athletes also felt that the ban on employment during the school year imposed financial hardship on many athletes and deprived them of important job and life experiences.

According to Bridget Niland, chair of the NCAA Student Athlete Advisory Committee,

"We think it's important that student athletes learn to manage their money and not look to anyone else to support them. Don't deny someone the opportunity to earn money to fill their gas tank or buy a pizza."

Melissa Conboy, an associate director of athletics at Notre Dame, said she approves of both the legislation and the fact that Notre Dame voted in favor of it.

"We were in favor of the concept of allowing student athletes to work during the school year," Conboy said. "Initially, we opposed a proposal that would only allow athletes to work during the off-season; once that proposal was dropped, we were more in favor of it."

Others, including John MacLeod, head coach of the men's basketball team, plan to hold off judgment until after

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Special to The Observer

This College Park apartment became a "Plaster Disaster" during winter break as pipes burst and drywall dissolved, ruining students' possessions and requiring them to relocate until damage is repaired.

College Park residents find disaster after break

By CAROLINE BLUM
Saint Mary's Editor

Now they laugh about it, calling it the "Plaster Disaster" or "Catastrophic." But when seniors Dave Slaydon, Chris Stein, Byron Davis, and Chris Dominello entered their apartment at College Park Condominiums last Friday, they were definitely not smiling.

Slaydon knew only from a phone call he had received from Chris Fielding, director of College Park, that a water surge had occurred in the apartment above them, causing "a little water damage." What he and his roommates did not know, however, was that the flood had caused their ceiling to dissolve, dripping drywall, sheet rock, and fiberglass insulation over all of their possessions and leaving them only an outline of boards and wall frames to call their home.

"We came back early on Friday, thinking that there

might be 'a little water damage' to our things," Slaydon said. "I spent Thursday and Friday preparing myself for the worst. But it was worse than I had ever imagined."

When Slaydon entered his apartment, he saw destruction. The drywall had liquefied, dripping a two-inch-thick paste on the floor. The fiberglass insulation had fallen from the ceiling, staining his clothes and towels. A foot of water stood throughout the apartment.

All of Slaydon, Stein, Davis, and Dominello's clothing, furniture, and audio equipment were ruined, including high-end stereo equipment and over 100 compact discs. Stein and Davis' personal computers were also destroyed.

Because the students are still covered under their parents' home owner's insurance, they will be compensated for all damages.

"Right now we have gone out

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Woo to head business department

By MICHAEL LEWIS
News Writer

Carolyn Woo, the new dean of Notre Dame's College of Business



Woo

Administration, hopes to continue improving the college in August when she succeeds Dean Jack Keane, whose eight year tenure saw the construction of a new business building, increased involvement of faculty and students, endowed chairs, and national acclaim for several functions of the institution.

Woo is currently the associate executive vice president for Academic Affairs and professor of management at Purdue

University. It took her months to make the decision to leave Purdue, but she is looking forward to coming to Notre Dame.

"The fact that I would leave Purdue says a lot about Notre Dame," she said. "Purdue has been home for 25 years."

"I was contacted in about April of 1996. Keane talked to me at a conference and he indicated that he would step down at the end of the '96-97 school year," Woo said.

Keane nominated her for the position, but University Provost Nathan Hatch and a committee of five faculty members and one student were the individuals responsible for making the final recommendation to Notre Dame President Father Malloy.

"A search is a complicated process," Hatch said. "We had

over 50 candidates."

"In the end, the committee had interviews with I think five individuals," he said. After the interviews, the selection committee unanimously chose Woo.

Hatch strongly supported the selection, saying, "By reputation, we knew what an outstanding teacher and scholar she was." He also said, "She would make the best leader if we could convince her to come to Notre Dame."

Although Purdue's MBA program has moved into the top 20 nationally, Hatch said the University was simply looking for the best person without targeting specific schools.

Keane said, "We had tried to get her in a chaired professor's capacity five years ago," indi-

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

A question of our culture

As nominations for the Academy Awards are announced, many people will doubtless not recall hearing the names of many movies being nominated. Such movies as *Shine* and *Breaking the Waves* were not widely released, and most of the people who have heard of them are art theatre junkies, members of the academy, or avid readers of entertainment news.

Consequently, the questions which must arise are these: What happens to all of the movies which do receive popular acclaim? Why are they not more represented in the awards?

Popular success seems no longer vogue in Hollywood. It is a movement which seems to mimic the alternative image of "selling out." The movies which receive favorable reviews are often those which are not seen. Movies such as *Independence Day* or *Twister* filled theatres but barely received nods from the critics.

In this way, popular culture is being separated from high culture. Commercial success is quickly becoming associated with a lack of taste or with an idea of low art. The common movie-goer is not being relied upon to determine what is and what is not worthy of praise.

Period pieces and psychological dramas have become popular recently among the intellectuals. The dense plots of these movies can be tiresome to the weekend movie-goer. However, these same dense plots are what appeal to the critics.

The question of culture and who determines what is culture has long been an issue in society for over a century. Is an elitist educated class truly representative of the people? Should their tastes determine the culture of a nation? Or should anyone be allowed to pattern the cultural fabric of the nation?

All of these questions can play into the consideration of internationally recognized awards such as the Oscars. By nominating a particular picture or deciding upon a winner of a category, a statement is being made regarding the image of the nation. When movies which are not American win our awards, a somewhat tacit condemnation of our popular culture is being made.

Perhaps you do not consider these awards as such a statement. However, the Academy Awards are televised internationally. Our recognition of certain films sets trends and portrays a sense of American culture. When was the last time you watched someone receive a BAFTA?

Because much of the cinema business hinges on its popular appeal to pay back obnoxious production costs, many of the products are often considered low art. This year make a conscious decision to determine for yourself what deserves an award. Art films are shown at the Snite every week. Are these films great because they appeal to an intellect which is not popularly shared? Are high budget films being punished because of their wide spread appeal? It's up to you to decide for yourself.

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Two bombs blast Atlanta abortion clinic

ATLANTA
Two bomb blasts an hour apart rocked a building containing an abortion clinic Thursday, injuring six people who had rushed to the scene of the first explosion, including federal agents, rescue workers and a TV cameraman.

"The second explosion is clearly designed to maim and hurt those who were coming to assist," said Mayor Bill Campbell.

"So we're dealing with a warped mind here."

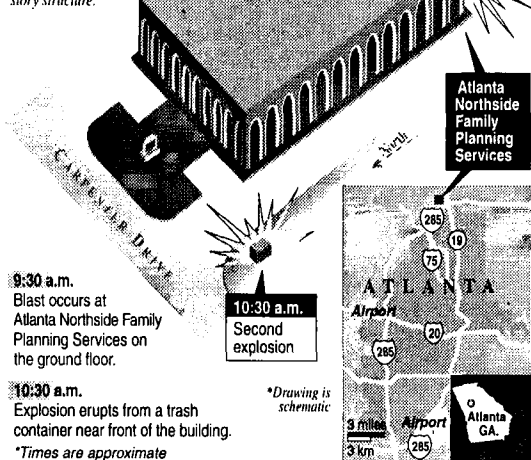
The explosions left the Atlanta Northside Family Planning Services clinic in ruins and blew out windows across the street. Police immediately tightened security at all other clinics in the city.

President Clinton condemned the explosions as "a vile and malevolent act."

"Make no mistake: Anyone

Abortion clinic building explosion

A pair of bombs exploded at a building housing an abortion clinic in Atlanta Thursday morning. The five-story structure:



who brings violence against a woman trying to exercise her constitutional rights is committing an act of terror," he said.

The first bomb went off at 9:30 a.m. at the clinic on the ground floor of a five-story office building that also houses lawyers, dentists and other professionals. The second bomb went off in a trash bin in the parking lot.

A crowd of investigators, police, journalists and bystanders who had gathered outside after the first explosion heard a loud boom and felt the concussion. They could see a bright flash and debris flying in the air.

"It was scary as hell," said clinic counselor GERALYN Thompson, who arrived just after the first blast.

"I probably will never work at an abortion clinic again in Atlanta."

Gingrich awaits vote on punishment

WASHINGTON

Special counsel James M. Cole labored to finish his report on Newt Gingrich's misconduct Thursday and clear the way for abbreviated public hearings and a vote to punish the speaker. Cole's report was going to the House ethics committee, but not yet to the public, after a week of diversions over the hearing schedule and an unauthorized recording of a Gingrich phone call. Televised hearings were not expected to begin before Friday afternoon, and could continue into the weekend. Gingrich was not expected to testify at the hearing and has not decided whether to address the House on the day his punishment is debated, said a Republican, who commented only on condition of anonymity. "We're going to do whatever we're asked to do and we are going to try to be helpful," Gingrich said when asked by reporters if he would appear at the hearing. The counsel has gathered information about Gingrich's use of tax-exempt activities to further political goals and about misleading statements given the committee under the speaker's name.



Brain implant may ward off disease

MIAMI

Kenneth Sibley let surgeons drill a pinhole in his skull and insert a tiny flexible tube deep in his brain in hopes it will buy him a few more years of life. It is the first time doctors have used an implanted catheter to regularly administer medicine they hope will slow Lou Gehrig's disease, an incurable neurological disorder that slowly destroys the body. Sibley, a 39-year-old commercial real estate agent who doctors say has only three years to live, said he is willing to be a human guinea pig despite the risk that the treatment itself could cause bleeding that could kill him. "A surgical implant of a device into my brain is a scary proposition, to say the least, but I am determined to fight this disease as aggressively as possible for the sake of my family," Sibley said, using a tiny keyboard to communicate. The Birmingham, Ala., man, who is married with three children, received the implant on Dec. 4 and was in Miami this week for his second treatment when doctors at the University of Miami announced the experiment. Surgeons there inserted the catheter through the front of Sibley's skull just under his scalp, across the top of the brain and then 3 inches down into the frontal lobe.

Governor denies reprieve to rapist

ANCHORAGE, Alaska

Adam Ake is the kind of young man who makes his own luck, using hard work and brains to win a Rhodes scholarship and the top spot in this year's West Point class. None of that helped Ake persuade Gov. Tony Knowles to give his father, a convicted rapist, a weekend furlough to attend the cadet's graduation. Adam Ake, 21, e-mailed Knowles on Wednesday, seeking the release of Kenneth Ake from Hiland Mountain Correctional Center. The former gynecologist began a 10-year sentence in 1991 for raping five patients on his examining table. The governor's denial was immediate, said his spokesman, Bob King. "There was no hesitation on his mind. He had just announced a domestic violence initiative the day before," King said. State law also forbids out-of-state furloughs, King said, and sex offenders must complete a treatment program to be eligible for a furlough — and Kenneth Ake hasn't done that.

Teacher kills woman, husband

HOMESTEAD, Fla.

A computer teacher who had a crush on a woman he was tutoring learned she was married and shot her and her husband to death as her horrified parents watched. He then killed himself. Nathaniel Mellerson, a 29-year-old teacher at Miami Dade Community College, shot Cathy Essery, 36, at her parents' home late Tuesday as she leaned over the body of her husband, 35-year-old Geoffrey Essery. He had been shot after a scuffle with Mellerson, whom the parents had let into the home. Metro-Dade police say Mellerson taught Cathy Essery privately until she asked him to stop coming to the house because he had become a "problem person." But Patricia Mellerson said her son quietly dated the woman for several months until he learned two months ago that she was married and living at her parents' home with her husband. "It's sad for all parties," Mrs. Mellerson said.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

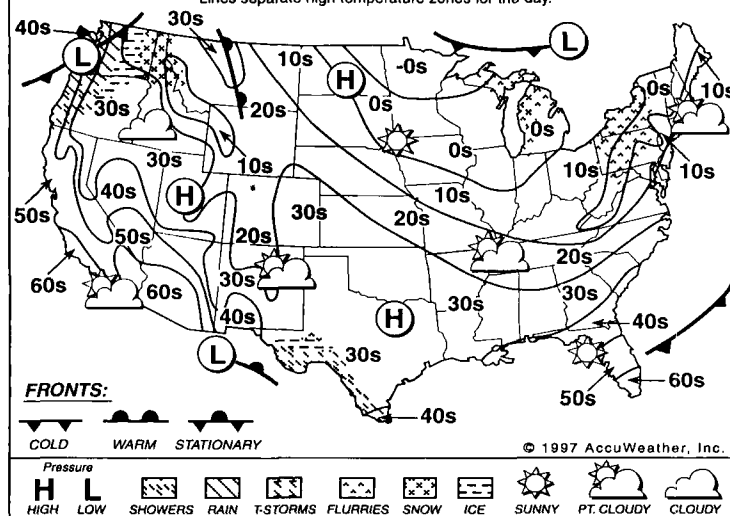
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Jan. 17.
Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Anchorage	30	24	Green Bay	13	-8	New York	24	13
Atlanta	42	16	Honolulu	80	64	Phoenix	70	46
Baltimore	25	10	Kennebunk	20	6	St. Louis	19	3
Boston	23	10	Miami	66	49	San Francisco	58	46
Chicago	15	-3	Milwaukee	16	-3	Seattle	50	41

Sheehan to direct NCEA

Special to The Observer

Sister Lourdes Sheehan, director of the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), will become executive director of the Department of Chief Administrators of Catholic Education for the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) effective Aug. 1, 1997.

Sheehan, director of ACE since 1995, formerly was secretary for education for the United States Catholic Conference. She will continue to serve as a member of the ACE executive committee and a

counselor for the ACE staff.

"Sister Lourdes has played a pivotal role in the rapid growth of ACE since she joined the program in just its second year," Father Timothy Scully, Notre Dame vice president and senior associate provost, said. "Her return to NCEA will give her a new forum from which to pursue our common goal of furthering Catholic education."

"We are especially pleased that ACE will remain a beneficiary of her talents, in her new position and in her continuing association with ACE as a continuing member of our executive committee."

"One of my goals is to foster

NCEA's ongoing support for ACE, which provides avenues for young teachers to commit talent and energy to serving in Catholic schools where they are most needed," Sheehan said.

ACE, the brainchild of Scully, was founded in 1994 to provide committed Catholic teachers for understaffed parochial schools and to provide recent college graduates with intensive teacher training and opportunities for Christian community and personal growth.

The program currently is providing teachers to over 70 schools in 20 dioceses throughout the south and southeastern United States.

Defense department police shoot thieves

By SUSANNE SCHAFER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Seven Pentagon police officers fired "about 20 shots" at two teenagers suspected of trying to steal a minivan from a Pentagon parking lot, the Defense Department said Thursday.

"The officers believed there was reason to be threatened," said spokesman Kenneth Bacon, explaining why the officers fired at the youths who later were found to be unarmed.

One suspect was wounded in the head, the other in the abdomen.

Both 15 years old, the boys were listed in critical but stable condition Thursday at Georgetown University Hospital.

Bacon would not say why the officers believed they were threatened.

A Pentagon spokesman said Wednesday the police believed they heard a gunshot after the van stopped, and published reports said officers saw a threatening gesture from the two individuals remaining in the vehicle.

The shooting occurred after a high-speed chase Wednesday that ended about a mile from the Pentagon.

Two other youths fled the van but were captured, and police stopped a second van further down the road and caught a fifth suspect.

Five young men drove into the Pentagon's north parking lot in a stolen minivan, police said.

One got into a minivan parked in the lot and fled, followed by his companions.

A Pentagon employee saw them and notified Defense Protection Service officers at a firing range near the lot, Bacon said.

The officers alerted their headquarters and gave chase in their police cars.

All seven officers who fired their weapons were moved from patrol to administrative duty pending results of three separate investigations, Bacon said.

The DPS has only 222 officers, and two of its four investigators were involved in the incident, Bacon said.

In all, 16 uniformed DPS officers were involved in the mid-morning high-speed chase and shooting, the spokesman said.

Pentagon police patrol and monitor lots where 11,000 cars park every day and dozens are stolen every year.

Twenty-two cars were stolen last year, down from 54 in 1994, Bacon said. "We take car theft seriously," he said.

Bacon said the three suspects who were not wounded were arraigned in Arlington County Court on larceny and conspiracy charges.

The identities of all five teenagers were withheld because they are minors.

SECURITY BEAT

Mon., Jan. 13

1:30 p.m.

5:50 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Security responded to a two car accident in the BO2/CO2 parking lot. There were no injuries reported. Security and Notre Dame Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at Declo. A small fire started in a trash container and was extinguished.

A Breen-Philips resident reported the theft of cash from a wallet at the North Dining Hall. Her wallet was left untended at the time of the theft.

Tues., Jan. 14

9:30 p.m.

A Fischer graduate resident reported vandalism to his vehicle while parked in the visitor's lot.

Wed., Jan 15

10:43 p.m.

3:15 p.m.

10:44 p.m.

Security responded to a two car accident on Holy Cross Drive. There were no injuries reported.

A Flanner Hall resident reported the theft of this book bag from the bookstore.

An Alumni Hall resident reported the theft of his wallet from his room.

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Disaster

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and bought the essentials," Slaydon said. "Such as towels, beds, sheets, and pillows. But I will not buy the rest of the stuff until I receive my reimbursement check."

College Park has relocated the students to an open apartment in a different building in order to repair their apartment for next year. However, Slaydon admits that the situation could have been handled better.

"College Park was not too cooperative about what happened," he said. "I wish they would have moved quicker. They found out about this situation last Monday, and yet did nothing until this week. It would have been nice to have the heat going in our new apartment with utilities and phone hookup ready. But now they have been helpful."

According to Fielding, when the damage was realized, plumbers were immediately called. They noted that due to sub-zero temperatures during the past weeks, many plumbing problems have occurred in the area.

Stein's car had also been damaged over break. Although no forced entry to his car was evident, his stereo, speakers, compact discs, and stereo faceplate were all stolen. Stein believes he left his faceplate inside his apartment when he left for break.

"I knew I was coming back to an apartment that was damaged," Stein said. "But I wasn't expecting the theft in my car. It was a severe blow. And when I noticed my faceplate from inside my apartment was gone, I lost all sense of security. It's tough to feel safe in a place when you know someone has been looking through your things. I do not know who has keys to my apartment these days."

"We're going to compensate Chris in every way possible for the theft of his things. Due to thefts over extended breaks in the past, this winter we really tried to increase security by checking deadbolts, but of course did not enter apartments, so we did not immediately find the plumbing problem," Fielding said. "It seems that while trying to take care of one problem another one arose."

Davis also was victim to theft of over 40 compact discs from his apartment over break, as was neighboring senior Kassio Shea.

Other residents living in building 18063, seniors Rob Murray, Anthony Dragone, Mike Hartmann, J.P. Fenningham, Carolyn Deppisch, Mandy Brown, Jen Shurtz, Dudley Philips, Erin O'Connor, and Shea all received the same calls as Slaydon last week describing "a little water damage" in their apartments. And they too,

returned to their apartments last Friday to find greater damage than they expected.

"Everything was soaked in our apartment," Murray said. "Our clothes, our carpet, our beds... the floors and the hard floors were ripped up as well. The worst part is that there was no running water."

"It was musty, it was moldy, and there was a large hole in the middle of my ceiling," Deppisch said.

Deppisch and her roommates were forced to move to another apartment this week despite the cold temperatures.

But Murray, Dragone, Hartmann, and Fenningham will stay in their apartment for the semester, after College Park has repaired their water pipes and floors. For the present time, the four are all residing at different locations.

"We have been forced to fend for ourselves," Murray said. "We were tossed in the cold and had to find places to stay. We all had to split up, so that

we did not impose on anyone. Now I have to go to Club 23 to see my roommates."

It may be another week or two before Murray and his roommates move back into College Park. Even then, they will have to cope with changes in their routine.

"There will be on-going construction in the apartment below us throughout the rest of the year," Murray said. "That's going to cause a lot of noise and will not be pleasant."

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cating past interest in Woo on the part of the Business School.

Keane said he will take a one year sabbatical starting in August of 1997, using the time to do some writing and publishing. His reasons for leaving the position include having a simpler schedule, and devoting more time to both teaching and working as a member of the board of directors.

"There comes a time to pass the torch and this is as good a time as any," he said. Under Keane, the college has seen a great deal of improvement.

There has been increased

international exposure, the first bona fide strategic planning effort, improvement of the faculty, successful selling of the MBA improvement plan, expansion of executive programs, the distance learning success, and the building of the college's \$26 million, 153,000 square-foot complex, among other things.

"The increase in women faculty members occurred during this period," he said. The number of endowed chairs also increased from five to 10, with Keane negotiating all but three.

Reflecting back upon his time as dean, Keane said, "It's a rare honor to come back as dean in the school that graduated you. I'm a fortunate fellow, and I'm not done."

"All the current associate

deans, assistant deans, and department heads are my appointments, and they've all done a superior job," he said. "I'm proud of them and grateful to them."

After he returns from his sabbatical, he will teach, rounding out a career that has included two government jobs and seven jobs in the private sector.

Woo said that she was impressed with Notre Dame's focus on ethics in management. She has been an assistant professor since 1981, and the professor of management since 1991 at Purdue.

"The business school has tremendous potential. It has a great chance to be one of the top-tier business schools," Woo said.



**Happy
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Birthday
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Why didn't I sign up for
Communities ND last semester?

- a) my sign-up form is still buried under six drafts of last semester's final project
- b) I made a New Year's resolution to do something good for myself

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Communities



The Challenge of Adult Christianity

Syringe covers protect from AIDS

The Associated Press

ATLANTA
Needles with safety sheaths or blunt tips may be health care workers' best defense against the AIDS virus and other diseases, two government studies found.

One study, conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at six hospitals in Minneapolis, New York and San Francisco between 1993 and 1995, found that workers

reduced their risk of being pricked by up to 76 percent by using hypodermic needles with plastic sheaths or small metal tubes that pop over the tip as the needle is withdrawn from the skin.

A second CDC study, done in 1993-94 at three hospitals in New York City, compared conventional, sharp suturing needles with blunt-edged ones. It found 56 injuries caused by the conventional suturing needles, and no injuries from the blunt

ones.

A standard hypodermic needle costs about 8 cents, compared with about 25 cents for a needle with a safety sheath, according to Christina Tamburro of Bio-Plexus Inc., a manufacturer of sheathed needles.

The sheathed needles and the blunt suturing needles "can reduce needle stick injuries, which are a common risk for health care workers," Dr. Elise Jochimsen, an epidemiologist.

Cosby's son killed while changing tire

By JANE ALLEN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES

Bill Cosby's only son was shot to death early Thursday in a possible robbery attempt while changing a flat tire on his Mercedes convertible along a freeway, police said.

The body of Ennis William Cosby, 27, was found about 1:45 a.m. in a pool of blood next to the car by a woman passer-by. No immediate arrests were made.

The Columbia University graduate student was the son of one of the world's richest entertainers, a man for whom fatherhood was the wellspring of his standup comedy, a best-selling book and the most popular TV series of the '80s.

Before ducking into his home in New York City, the 59-year-old Cosby, looking grim and puffy-eyed, told reporters: "He was my hero."

The younger Cosby's car was in a well-to-do area near the

crest of the Santa Monica Mountains not far from the exclusive Bel-Air section of Los Angeles.

Police Cmdr. Tim McBride said: "It is unknown whether he was followed at this time or not. I think that's a good probability. But it may have been a chance opportunity that someone took, robbery being a possible motive."

However, nothing apparently was taken, he said.

The star of CBS' "Cosby" was in New York, where the show is produced, when McBride broke the news. The police commander said he and Cosby spoke for about 20 minutes on the difficulty of coping with the death of a child. McBride lost a daughter in a hit-and-run.

Cosby and his wife, Camille, are also the parents of four girls.

"We have every confidence in the LAPD. Our hearts go out to each and every family that such an incident occurs to. This is a life experience that is truly difficult to share," Cosby said in a statement.

Malcolm-Jamal Warner, who played Cosby's son Theo Huxtable on "The Cosby Show" on NBC, said: "He was my friend and I loved him."



Bill Cosby

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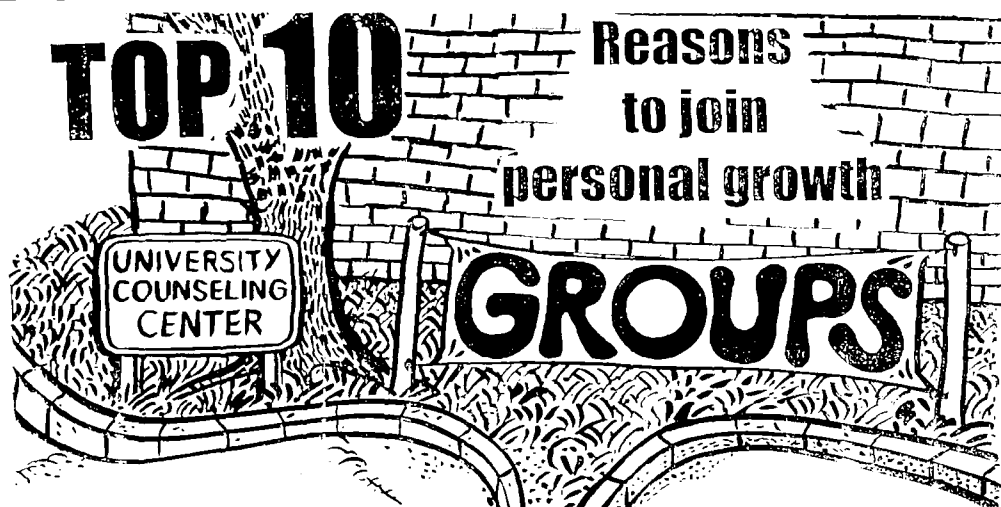
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Various local taverns — including Corby's, Bridget's, the Linebacker and CJ's Pub — remained open last night and expected to remain open throughout the weekend.

"It'll depend on the weather and the size of the crowd," one employee at CJ's said over the noise of the patrons last night. "If the weather scares the people away, then we'll close early this weekend."

Phone calls to Coach's and Club 23 were not answered last night.

As the snow tapered off Thursday evening, temperatures were dropping into the single digits throughout Indiana and wind gusts of up to 35 mph made it feel like 20 to 30 below, The Associated Press reported.

The northern third of Indiana was under a winter weather advisory, while a wind chill advisory was issued for the central and southern parts of the state.

"The cold, I think we're going to be stuck with that through the weekend. Sunday is going to be when the heat wave starts," said Mike Jensen, a meteorological technician at the National Weather Service office in South Bend.

After bitter cold on Friday and Saturday, temperatures Sunday are expected to reach the lower 20s in northern Indiana.

That means Hoosiers might have to wait a few days to clear away the snow that was dumped on them Wednesday and Thursday. Northern Indiana got the worst of it, with 10 inches falling in South Bend in less than 24 hours, Jensen said.

Roads were a mess of snow, ice and slush, and blowing snow didn't make traveling any easier. Nearly 30 miles of the Indiana Toll Road's westbound

lanes were closed Thursday afternoon from South Bend to LaPorte because so many semi-trucks had slid off the road.

"We had them going off three and four at a time," Sue Brioli, a radio operator at the Indiana State Police's Toll Road post. The lanes were still closed at 4:30 p.m.

The U.S. 20 bypass south of South Bend also closed because of numerous accidents, but it was open by late afternoon, said Officer William Weber of the St. Joseph County police.

"Basically the bypass is open, but it's snow-covered, slick and hazardous," he said. "We're advising people to stay off of it."

At the Michiana Regional Transportation Center in South Bend, several flights were canceled because of poor visibility or bad weather elsewhere, said John Schalliol, airport director.

"We won't approach a regular schedule until [Friday] morning," he said.

At truck stops across Interstate 80-90, truckers spent Thursday morning waiting for a break in the weather before venturing out again.

"They hang out in their trucks, hang out in here, eat lunch, drink coffee," said Mona Duncan, a worker at the Amoco Food Shop on U.S. 20 in Bristol. "It's starting to clear up, so everybody's leaving before it starts all over again."

While Hoosiers might be a little sick of the snow and cold, this is nothing new, said Dave Tucek, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Indianapolis. Relatively mild winters the past few years have spoiled people, he said.

"This is not uncommon to have a couple of Arctic outbreaks occur. That's pretty typical for an Indiana winter," he said. "This may be a return to what's normal around here."

Nancy Armour of The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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they have been able to determine whether or not the new policy can be carried out effectively.

"It's too early to tell right now if that move (the NCAA legislation) is a good one," MacLeod said. "There are many questions that will have to be answered."

Conboy admits that the new legislation is not without its potential drawbacks.

"One of the concerns is that

we could lose students who encounter academic difficulties while trying to work and attend school at the same time," Conboy said.

Conboy also indicated that, in the opinion of Notre Dame officials, the proposal involves an unnecessarily large amount of legislation.

"Overall, we were in favor of a little less legislation," Conboy said. "For example, student athletes and their employers will be required to sign affidavits stating that the student will not receive a higher wage than other equally qualified people in the same job. Those sorts of

things can get complicated and can be difficult to monitor."

In addition to the new part-time job legislation, Division I schools also voted to allow athletes who are forced to sit out their freshman year because of academic deficiencies to gain back a fourth year of eligibility on the condition that they have graduated on time.

Division I schools rejected a proposal to allow for a 14th scholarship in Division I men's basketball. In 1991, men's basketball scholarships were reduced from 15 to 13.

The Chicago Tribune contributed to this report.

GM to no longer work in defense

By BRIAN AKRE
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT

General Motors Corp.'s sale of its defense business to Raytheon Co. completes the Big Three automakers' exit from an industry that no longer promises easy profits.

GM will sell the Hughes Aircraft defense unit of its Hughes Electronics Corp. subsidiary to Raytheon Co. in a deal worth \$9.5 billion, the companies said Thursday.

The move is part of the trend among the Big Three to return to their core business: making and selling cars and trucks.

"It's a different world. The defense business is no longer the growth business they envisioned before the end of the Cold War," said Scott F. Merlis of Merlis Automotive International Inc., a consulting firm.

The post-Cold War consolidation of the defense industry in the '90s has made it a good time to get out.

As the big players have attempted to gain a bigger share of a shrinking market, they've been shopping furiously of late.

Chrysler Corp. sold off the last piece of its aerospace and defense businesses, Pentastar Electronics Inc., in November. Chrysler also sold its ElectroSpace Systems Inc. and Chrysler Technologies Airborne Systems Inc. units in June to a subsidiary of Raytheon for \$475 million. The No. 3 automaker sold Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. in 1990.

Ford Motor Co. has been out of the defense business since 1990, when it sold Ford Aerospace Corp. to Loral Corp.

The sale of Hughes Aircraft ends GM's 12-year-old fling with weapons contracting. In 1985, it bought Hughes Aircraft, as the parent company was then called, for \$5.2 billion, with talk of using Cold War technology to produce cars with radar-driven controls and fighter-jet instrument displays.

But Hughes' big success in defense conversion has been in the booming commercial satellite field, including cellular communications and the DirecTV broadcast service, which will go forward as Hughes Electronics. As the auto industry has become more competitive globally, the Big

Three have been shedding any businesses that are not directly useful in the auto business or do not provide big profits.

And while the defense business has yielded some technology applicable to cars — such as a display on the windshield that allows drivers to check their speed without taking their eyes off the road — automakers no longer feel they have to own a defense business to reap the benefits of the technology.

GM selected Raytheon, a Massachusetts maker of missiles and defense electronics, over B-2 bomber and electronics specialist Northrop Grumman Corp. in the bidding for Hughes Aircraft. Raytheon will now have \$21 billion in sales, \$13 billion of it from defense electronics.

Much of its business will be supplying components to the two giants created by a blizzard of defense mergers: Lockheed Martin Corp. and Boeing Co., which announced last month it would buy McDonnell Douglas Corp. for \$13.3 billion.

Raytheon is paying for the deal by issuing \$5.1 billion in stock and adding \$4.4 billion in debt.

■ CANCELLATIONS

The Martin Luther King, Jr., debate, "A Failed Dream: Myth or Reality," scheduled for last night, was cancelled due to weather. Also the Faculty Senate meeting was postponed until Monday.

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■ ITALY

Italian court acquits two in boy's murder

By DANIEL WAKIN
Associated Press Writer

ROME — Nicholas Green, 7 years old, lay sleeping in the back seat as his parents drove their rented Fiat along a lonely Italian road.

Suddenly, in a crime that shocked Italy, masked assailants overtook the California family, tried to run them off the road and opened fire with a volley of shots.

Nicholas was shot in the head, fell into a coma and was declared brain-dead.

His parents described his organs in an act that saved seven other lives, inspired a surge of organ donations in a country where such gestures were rare — and turned Nicholas' family into a symbol of generosity.

On Thursday, a court in southern Italy acquitted two men in the Sept. 29, 1994, shooting, a killing that prompted a wave of soul-searching over violence in Italian society.

Two judges and six civilian jurors in Catanzaro, a city on the toe of the Italian boot, delivered the verdict without explanation.

The court has 90 days to issue a written opinion.

The verdict, capping an 11-month trial, came after five hours of deliberation. Prosecutors said they would appeal the acquittals, as is allowed under Italian law.

The Green family of Bodega Bay, Calif., was traveling on a remote stretch of highway in the Calabria region when the crime happened.

Nicholas' parents and younger sister were uninjured.

Prosecutors said the assailants mistook the Fiat for a robbery target, and their case mainly rested on circumstantial evidence.

Francesco Mesiano, 23, and Michele Iannello, 28, were cleared of murder, attempted murder and armed robbery.

"We respect the verdict," prosecutor Maurizio Salustro said grimly, adding that he would wait for the court's opinion before commenting.

In the courtroom after the verdict, the boy's father, Reginald Green, shook Mesiano's hand and embraced the defendant's weeping mother.

"Tears were in my eyes," Green said later by telephone. He added that he did not want to express bitterness toward the defendants.

■ WEST BANK

Israeli troops to leave Palestine

By DIANNA CAHN
Associated Press Writer

HEBRON, West Bank — Emptying sandbags, cutting down barbed wire and loading trucks with furniture, Israeli troops dismantled their headquarters on Thursday to leave Hebron. As the army packed, hundreds of Palestinians sang and danced.

Israel's parliament approved the withdrawal by an 87-17 vote late Thursday, after an all-day debate in which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu faced attack from members of his own Likud Party. They felt betrayed by his acquiescence to a peace process he long opposed.

The withdrawal — worked out in months of tortuous negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians — is the first tangible act by Netanyahu's government toward making peace with the Palestinians.

In Hebron, evidence was everywhere that 30 years of military rule was beginning to end. A small group of uniformed Palestinian police walked armed through the city's streets for the first time. An Israeli army outpost lowered the blue-and-white Israeli flag.

Netanyahu said the Hebron redeployment should be completed before the Jewish Sabbath begins Friday night. "We will not permit desecration of the Sabbath," he said. "If there is a problem, we will stop."

Besides the Hebron withdrawal, the agreement calls for Israel to hand over a large part of the West Bank countryside to the Palestinians by mid-1998.

The three-stage withdrawal

from the rural areas is to begin the first week of March.

Netanyahu emphasized Thursday that Israeli troops will remain in the parts of Hebron where 500 Jewish settlers live.

"We are not leaving Hebron, we are redeploying in part of it," he said. "We are remaining in all the parts of the city where the Jewish community existed and exists and will continue to exist. ... There will not be Palestinian police with guns near the Jewish areas."

Outside the Israeli military headquarters — soon to be the main Palestinian police station — Palestinians waved keffiyehs, or head scarves, and sang "Biladi, Biladi" — "My Country, My Country."

The crowd cheered and flashed victory signs every time an Israeli truck pulled away, and some tried to tear down the barbed-wire fence surrounding the compound. Palestinian and Israeli officials worked together to control the crowd.

"We welcome Arafat," said 12-year-old Samer Karama, who was holding a picture of Arafat and Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock mosque. "God bless him. His coming is an end of the occupation."

Palestinian police commander Brig. Gen. Abdul Fatah Guyadi appealed to Palestinians not to fire in the air to celebrate for fear of setting off violence in the tense city. "We cannot make any mistakes," he said.

"Hebron won't tolerate any mistakes — from our side or theirs — because it will be the end of the deal."

Both sides wanted the redeployment carried out quickly to give militants — Palestinian or

Israeli — less opportunity to try to disrupt the handover.

The Israeli army moved reinforcements into the section of Hebron that will stay under Israel's control. Between 15,000 to 20,000 Palestinians also live there.

"For the settlers, it is not an easy day and they have many apprehensions," said Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan, head of Israel's central army command. "Potential threats remain. We are taking as little risk as possible."

About 100 settlers, mostly children, marched along one city street, waving flags and chanting prayers.

Ibrahim Ghosheh, spokesman for the militant Hamas, said the 20,000 Palestinians in the Israeli-controlled area were "at the mercy of settlers and the Israeli army," and pledged "continued resistance ... against the Zionist occupation."

In parliament, lawmakers from the prime minister's own Likud Party attacked Netanyahu for acquiescing to the land-for-peace formula he denounced for so many years.

"We have no say in anything," charged Likud legislator Reuven Rivlin. "What will we do if the Palestinians declare a state? How can we even stop them?"

Foreign Minister David Levy, who has often clashed with Netanyahu in the past, strongly defended him Thursday.

"What is the alternative?" Levy shouted at the hecklers. "There is no alternative. The only alternative you can give is stalemate."

Netanyahu called the agreement "better, safer and more responsible" than the one signed by his dovish predecessors.

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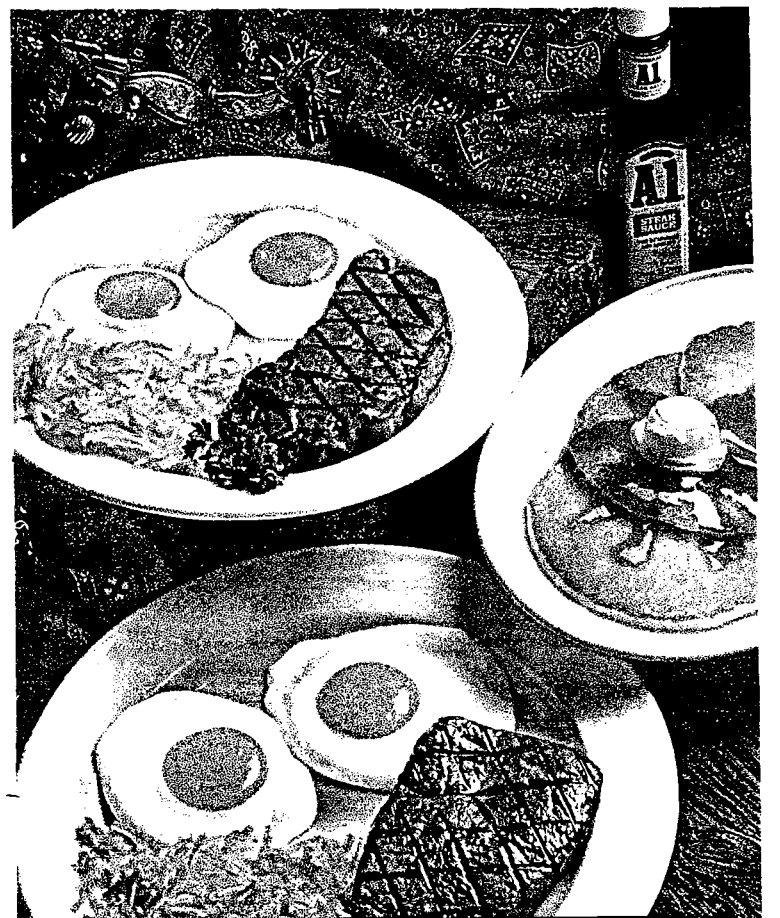
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Washington cleans up road for inauguration

By HARRY ROSENTHAL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON
When John F. Kennedy was returning to the White House from his inauguration, in 1961, he was struck by the drabness of Pennsylvania Avenue. The avenue of presidents was an affront to the eye.

Kennedy's secretary of labor, Arthur Goldberg, also noted the disparity between "the grandeur of the occasion and the shoddy street."

Together they set in motion the second major transformation of Pennsylvania Avenue into the grand boulevard that has continued to this day. Jacqueline Kennedy, too, was a passionate advocate for saving the old and making the new beautiful.

The change should be apparent to television viewers as they watch the inaugural parade Monday.

Historic buildings, such as the Old Post Office, have been spruced up.

Since the last inauguration, a Navy Memorial has been completed and a spectacular new private-federal building, named for Ronald Reagan, is nearly done.

The Pennsylvania Avenue

of today is a mix of the old and new: Part of it reflects the big government that took root in the New Deal and World War II years of Franklin D. Roosevelt; the huge Commerce Department and Justice Department buildings, the Internal Revenue Service and Federal Trade Commission edifices. And from a later time, the equally substantial FBI building, planned by J. Edgar Hoover.

Restaurants have reappeared, and they are not the Barney's Sandwich Shop variety, but white tablecloth and fancy.

Preparing for the inaugural parade, the huge concrete flowerpots, which divert vehicle traffic from the White House for security reasons, have been taken away.

The Clintons and their guests will review the parade from a heated, bulletproof stand erected over the avenue's south sidewalk.

People now live on the avenue, too, as they did in 1805 when Thomas Jefferson became the first president to ride the mile from the Capitol to the White House along Pennsylvania Avenue. That trip established the route and the tradition.

Barbour: Don't ignore minorities

By JOHN KING
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Closing a remarkable stint as national GOP chairman, Haley Barbour warned Thursday that Republican gains of recent years are at risk if the party ignores its rocky standing with women and minority voters.

In his farewell address to the Republican National Committee, Barbour said Republicans should be more patient in enacting their agenda and more willing to celebrate policy diversity within GOP ranks.

"After decades in the minority, sometimes it seemed like we had to get everything done at once, afraid we might never get another chance," Barbour said in looking back at the tumultuous 1995-96 congressional session.

"That was a mistake. We

have to fight hard to get the whole loaf, to propose good policy and push to have our ideas adopted.

But we have to learn that sometimes it is necessary to get that loaf one slice at a time."

Despite Barbour's misgivings, GOP activists were in decidedly high spirits as they celebrated gains made during Barbour's tenure and prepared to vote Friday on a successor.

When Barbour took office in January 1993, the party was reeling from its presidential defeat, was in the minority in both the House and Senate and held just 17 governorships.

There also was bitter public debate over the rising influence of Christian conservatives in GOP affairs and whether the party should abandon its anti-abortion platform plank.

Four years later, the GOP runs both chambers of

Congress, controls 32 of the 50 governorships and has posted a net gain of more than 500 state legislative seats.

"We've become the majority party in America," Barbour said. Still, abortion and other internal policy debates continue, and Barbour said the test of the GOP as a majority party is "learning to manage your coalition" and embrace diversity.

Of the half-dozen candidates to succeed Barbour, three are considered in the top tier: former New Hampshire Gov. Steve Merrill and two veterans of the 165-member RNC, David Norcross of New Jersey and Jim Nicholson of Colorado.

But no contender is considered close to the necessary majority, and the candidates spent Thursday at meetings and receptions courting support for an election expected to take several ballots to settle.

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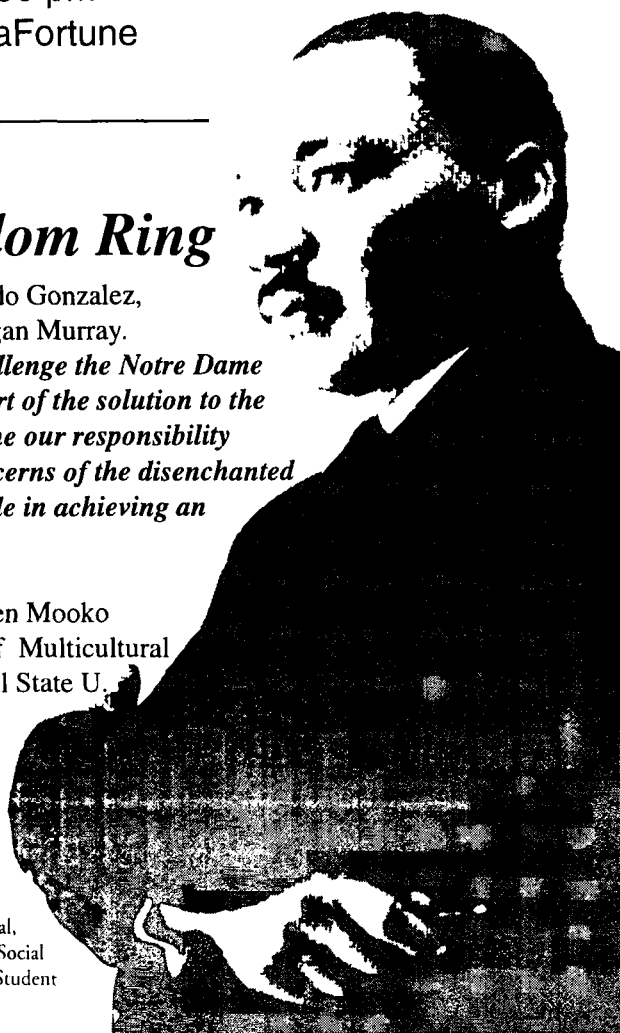
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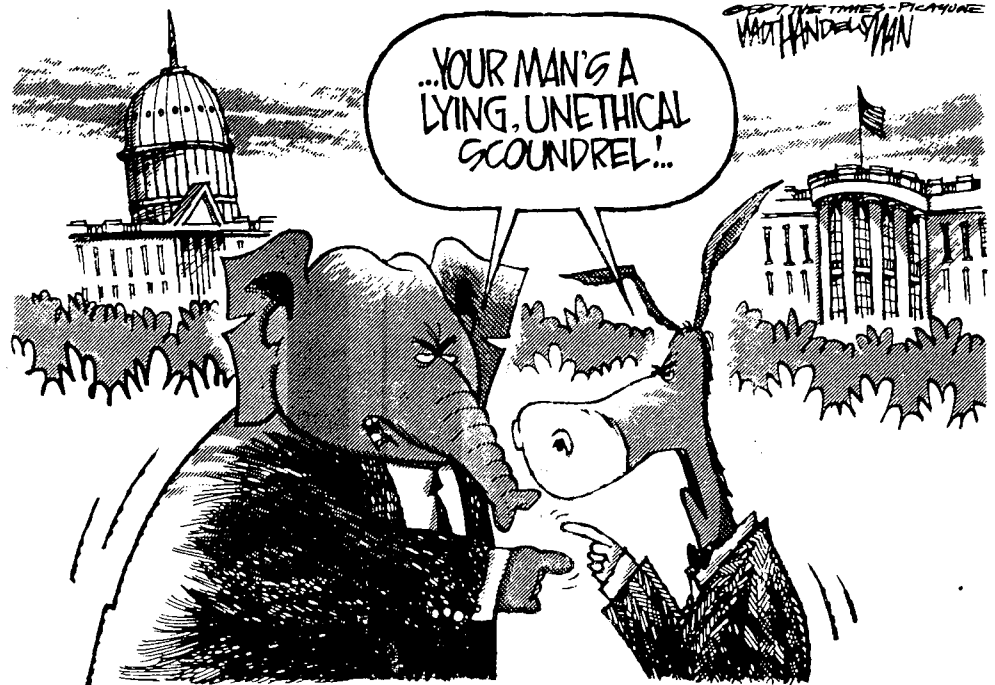
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EDITORIAL

NCAA decision works for athletes

With its 169-150 vote Monday removing the ban of full scholarship athletes holding jobs during the school year, the NCAA finally took a very positive step to make the lives of student-athletes a bit more like those of their non-athlete peers.

Effective August 1, 1997, scholarship athletes will be allowed to work and earn money. It's about time.

A scholarship can be worth in excess of \$25,000, but there are several expenses a typical college student incurs that aren't covered by a grant-in-aid. Athletes shouldn't necessarily be paid for their play to cover those expenses but they must be allowed to earn money if they need to, or even want to.

In a perfect world, an athlete would be able to earn all the money he or she would need for the year during the summer months. However, college athletics is far from a perfect world and many sports, particularly revenue-generating sports such as football and basketball, require commitments from athletes to spend the summer months and school breaks on campus preparing for the next season. Thus, full-time jobs often are not an option.

A good portion of NCAA athletes come from socioeconomic backgrounds different than those of the average middle to upper-class students, especially at Notre Dame. Simple extras such as a movie or a dinner off campus can be out of reach for athletes from disadvantaged backgrounds who are denied the option to work.

Fortunately, the option for year-round part-time jobs now exists.

But that doesn't mean all is solved.

The underlying reason for the ban was the perception that allowing athletes to have jobs creates ample opportunity for the sort of "big booster" corruption that once plagued college athletics. The old stereotype of Johnny Preppster earning \$1,000 an hour to make a pizza in a shop owned by Plaidpants Supporter was addressed in the new legislation. However, the system requiring affidavits proving equity in pay may not be enough.

The NCAA earns more than enough to perhaps hire investigators responsible for making sure the jobs and the wages are legitimate. Recruiting may be affected if lax regulation allows student-athletes to earn unfair wages from part-time employment.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RecSports and rest of administration should serve students first and foremost

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to inform the Notre Dame community, especially the students, of what happened last semester to me and the rest of the Morrissey football team.

When our season ended, we had a perfect record. We were eagerly anticipating the play-offs, right? Wrong! Apparently, after we beat Off-Campus, there was some dissension among their team concerning the possible outcome of that game if I had not participated. Off-Campus began to question my eligibility, and soon approached other teams in the league with the same concerns. There were rumors of formal complaints being submitted to RecSports, but the Morrissey team felt that if there were any discrepancies with my eligibility, then we would bring them forth to RecSports ourselves. Therefore, we obtained a copy of the eligibility rules to discern for ourselves.

The rule in question reads, "a student who has won a monogram from any college or university granting a standard baccalaureate degree shall not be eligible for Interhall athletic competition in that sport or related sports." I was a division I-AA scholarship athlete at Furman University. I was a three-year letterman, but I did not receive a monogram as they do at Notre Dame. However, we looked at the spirit of the law rather than the letter of the law and decided that I was not eligible to play. The controversy with RecSports arose when Morrissey was trying to appeal the consequences of violating this eligibility rule. The rule called for our team to forfeit "all contests in which the ineligible student played." We did not think that it was fair for our entire team to be denied the chance of playing in the stadium for the championship.

Our argument was based upon the fact that I had played all of last season and no one questioned my eligibility when we were 3-2. However, now that we were undefeated and were strong contenders for the championship, questions arose. The fact that I played for Furman was known throughout the league, and it was the very reason I was asked to serve as head coach for the Manor. Furthermore, our frustration with RecSports was even greater because last season we were ousted from the play-offs due to a mistake that RecSports made. They had mistakenly scheduled us for one too many games. Of course, they did not realize this until it was time to pick play-off spots. In order to remedy the situation, they decided not to count one of our games which just so happened to be a win, and just like that, we were out! We appealed, but to no avail because it would have inconvenienced their play-off schedule.

A year later, we found ourselves in a similar situation concerning a play-off spot. We appealed to

RecSports, and they set up a student panel made up of athletic commissioners from various dorms to hear the case. Ultimately, the student panel voted in our favor and said that the eligibility rule should be changed, that I should be able to play, and that our team should be in the play-offs. RecSports overruled the student panel, which was understood to have the "final" word, saying that it would be "unprecedented to change a rule in mid-season" — a rule that was voted unfair by the students!

My understanding is that the rules were made to keep the playing field level, and I feel that my presence on the Morrissey football team in no way put things out of balance. I sacrificed a lot of time and effort in organizing and running Morrissey's team. Interhall football meant a great deal to me, and of all the levels I have played, I have never won it all, and this past season was my chance.

Notre Dame provides what seems to be endless opportunities for personal growth. I have been fortunate to experience this growth as a resident assistant, as a confirmation candidate, as a service volunteer, as a student, as well as a participant in interhall athletics. I wanted to experience the opportunities Notre Dame offers like every other student. Unfortunately, I was not treated as such.

RecSports is organizing a committee consisting of students and RecSports' administrators sometime this month in order to look over and amend the rules and regulations governing RecSports, and I will be a member.

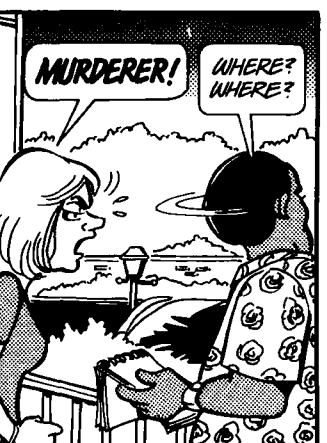
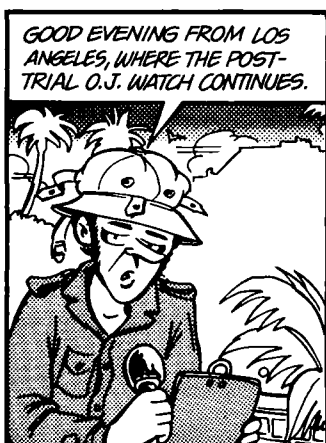
I believe that my experience with RecSports is indicative of the atmosphere surrounding the true relationship between the Notre Dame administrators and the student body. It exhibits a lack of true sensitivity to student needs and issues by the administration which is augmented by an air of students being listened to, but not heard.

I believe that those in charge in other areas of the administration could learn from RecSports and really listen to the students' concerns regarding the lack of a student "Bill of Rights" in du Lac, gay and lesbian rights, campus improvements and numerous other issues concerning student life. The leaders of the Notre Dame community have a responsibility to the students. They can table issues, create ad hoc committees, or redirect decisions out of student-run organizations hands, but eventually they are obligated to deal with the concerns of those who are the very reason that they exist — students!

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It snowed and snowed the whole world over./ Snow swept the world from end to end./ A candle burned on the table./ A candle burned."

—Boris Pasternak

■ OFTEN WRONG, BUT NEVER IN DOUBT

Just how Catholic does Notre Dame want to be?

"[The Spanish Inquisition]. . . was a purely Catholic establishment, devoted to the ascendancy of Catholicism, keenly zealous for theological truth, the stern foe of every anti-Catholic idea and administered by Catholic theologians; yet it in no proper sense belonged to the Church."

Christopher Regan



Notre Dame is not purely Catholic, nor are we "devoted," "stern," or "zealous," much less "keenly" so. We are administered by Catholic theologians, but it has recently been made clear that our theology department might prefer it otherwise. It seems Notre Dame has very little in common with the Inquisition except that last quality — there is no "proper sense" in which we belong to the Church either.

The call both to faith and good works in the two great commandments provides a ruler to measure Catholic character. We search for faith in the tenets of the Catholic religion and fealty to the authority of her emissaries on earth. The Gospel provides the example of how to love your neighbor as yourself.

T.S. Eliot wrote that among the "gifts reserved for age" is "the remembrance of things ill-done and done to other's harm, which once we took for exercise of virtue." It would not, then, surprise him that Notre Dame's theology department is among the nation's most vener-

able.

The bitter rebellion against the authority of the University President over a small matter speaks volumes about deteriorating regard for proper authority — not (as might be expected) among the students, but among those appointed to instruct them.

It didn't help that there was really nothing to fight for, nothing to be gained. That battle had only casualties, but it exposed another of Eliot's gifts — "the shame of motives late revealed." An academic dispute is fierce because the stakes are so low.

Nothing is more fundamental to a Catholic community than to welcome outsiders warmly, to accept them freely and to incorporate them rapidly. As Father Sorin's days have faded further into the past, more and more non-Catholics have become part of the Notre Dame family. This we rightly count among our strengths. It is not, however, an unlimited good.

We are routinely advised that the quality of the faculty and the student body could never be so high if Notre Dame was 100 percent Catholic. Of course that's true, but it's also beside the point. Jesus did not welcome others for His sake, he welcomed them for their sake. From this path we stray farther every day.

The annual commotion over U.S. News and World Report's rankings is ominous. The citation of our rank above the golden dome on our website is finally gone, but "our special place" among American Universities is being reduced to "17." A University which once prized its uniqueness is now ruled by priorities entirely not its own.

Construction is campus-wide while the student body remains fairly constant. Cutting edge facilities, many more offices and 20,000 seats all have

ample wages while financial aid goes begging. Someone has confused motion with progress here.

This University was once a mission of one man on behalf of his Church. It was to be one of God's good works and a refuge in a land without faith. Along with the next price increase for that refuge, let there be a letter which makes the abandonment of that mission explicit.

Every concession made by the University's original charter is met with the same arguments and assurances. "It's what we have to do to remain competitive." With whom are we competing? And why?

Four years at Notre Dame cost more than twice as much as the average American family makes in a year. That's an astronomical sum. Its ultimate consequence is that by and large, only the wealthiest people can afford to be here. How can that be consistent with calling this a Catholic university?

Make no mistake, the financial resources of the University are astounding, but from a Catholic point of view, they are also idle. They are renovating Grace, building another bookstore and new dorms for the students who used to live in Grace and two other new dorms for some other reason, and building God-knows-what out past COBA. I think it might be a golden calf. That would generate a lot of "dollars spent per student."

Oh, and there's a billion dollars in the bank somewhere. That ranks us pretty high, for those of you scoring at home. It's the story of the rich fool, building his storehouses for the years to come. "But God said to him, 'You fool, this very night your life will be required. . . Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasures for himself, but is not rich in what matters to God.'"

Is nothing more worthy of the awesome financial resources of the University than a foolish competition for a meaningless number?

Calm down, we are told. Notre Dame can be competitive and Catholic. Why we play someone else's game is taken for granted. Meanwhile, academic freedom becomes the freedom to set one's self in diametric opposition to the mission of Our Lady's University.

Catholicism is not a "take what you want and leave the rest" proposition. Nevertheless the University is more choosy about how Catholic it is willing to be every day. Look around and ask yourself, what is really being done here to advance the Church? We take a dangerous amount of pride in being "special" — why are we trying so hard not to be?

Some see our Catholic roots as incompatible with first-rate education. What that says about their concept of education is instructive. We are slipping their way more every year. C.S. Lewis wrote that the surest road to hell was a slow one, "soft underfoot, without markers, without sudden turnings, without signposts."

Notes and Asides:

—The students really need to be moved to the other side of the JACC for basketball, so we can sit behind the opponents bench, like Americans.

—If the University didn't know coach Holtz was leaving, why did the poster distributed at the OSU game on Sept. 28 have the program cover that said "The Holtz legacy" on it? Never put my bat in the closet.

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■ RIGHT OR WRONG?

Holy Cross priests surrendered own authority

They should have adopted my motion. In 1988-89, I served "jury duty" on the Faculty Senate. The company of the senators, for each of whom I have a high regard, made it enjoyable. But there was little basis for confidence in the ability of the Senate, as a body, to organize a university, a rear-end collision or anything else. Its main concerns seemed to be faculty benefits and the

Charles Rice



preservation of academic turf. The meetings reminded me of the sessions of a high school student council. So, as the high point of my Senate career, I moved that the Senate abolish itself. The motion failed.

That motion was brought to mind by the Dec. 3 Senate vote expressing, by a 29-5 margin, its "strong disapproval" of University President Father Edward Malloy's appointment of a Holy Cross priest as a visiting professor to the theology department over the Department's objection. The punch line was that "a president who makes such decisions seriously erodes the confidence that a faculty ought to have in a President."

The Senate executive committee had referred the issue to the Senate because "the committee felt [Malloy] had disregarded the University's normal procedures and discredited the academic integrity of the theology department." Two members of that executive committee, incidentally, are members of the Theology Department. It helps to have a friend in court. The president ought to follow prescribed procedures, but this is not merely a dispute about procedure. Moreover, neither the theology depart-

ment nor the Senate explicitly denied the authority of the president to make the appointment. A dissenting Senator Robert Blakey noted, "any number of appointments to the faculty as well as to chairs have been made, since 1967, by the president over the objections of various departments." The president, according to the University's bylaws, is "the executive head of the University... He shall make appointments to the academic and nonacademic staffs." University statutes require the University "to make full use of the unique skills and dedication of the... priests of Holy Cross."

What this serio-comic scolding of the president by the Senate really reflects is the regrettably diminished status of Holy Cross priests at Notre Dame. This diminution is a result of the change in the character of Notre Dame which those priests themselves effected. Notre Dame was founded and owned by the Congregation of the Holy Cross until, in 1967, Notre Dame severed its juridical connection to the Church by changing to control by a lay-dominated board of trustees, as did most Catholic universities in this country. At the Notre Dame retreat at Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin, in 1967, officials of the leading Catholic universities declared that:

"To perform its teaching and research functions effectively, the Catholic university must have a true autonomy and academic freedom in the face of authority of whatever kind, lay or clerical, external to the academic community itself."

Land O'Lakes remains the embodiment of Notre Dame's conception of itself as a Catholic university. Canon Law requires that "those who teach theological disciplines in any institute of higher studies have a mandate from the competent ecclesiastical authority." Ex Corde Ecclesiae, the 1990 Apostolic Constitution on Catholic higher education, requires that "Catholic theologians, aware that they fulfill a mandate received from the Church, are to be

faithful to the magisterium of the church as the authentic interpreter of sacred Scripture and sacred tradition." Notre Dame has resisted effective enforcement by the Church of these definitions of what is required to be a theology teacher at a Catholic university. Should we be shocked if the theology department and the Senate follow that example by resisting the president's own definition on that point?

The theology department is acting out the Land O'Lakes insistence on "a true autonomy" in the face of any "authority... external to the academic community itself." The department could contend that, with respect to the teaching of theology, it is itself the primary "academic community." Land O'Lakes also urged "basic reorganizations of structure... to share the responsibility of direction more broadly and to enlist wider support." The department could argue that, as the "academic community" directly involved, it ought to "share the responsibility of direction" at least to the extent of vetoing appointments.

Before 1967, the authority of the president to appoint a Holy Cross priest to the faculty, at his discretion, would not have been challenged. It is not surprising that, three decades after Land O'Lakes, the preferred status of Holy Cross priests at Notre Dame is eroding. As Malloy has stated, "we are quickly slipping below 50 percent in the percentage of the overall faculty who describe themselves as Catholics." The principal offices relating to academics and student affairs are held by others than Holy Cross priests, as is the chairmanship of the theology department. In some quarters of this University, the Holy Cross priests, like Rodney Dangerfield, get little respect. But they brought that on themselves.

Curiously, the Holy Cross priests have not relinquished actual control of the University. The governance of the University is ultimately in the twelve fellows, six of whom must be Holy Cross

priests. The fellows "have and exercise all power and authority granted by" the State of Indiana to Notre Dame. The Fellows, "a self-perpetuating body," elect the trustees, amend the bylaws, approve any substantial transfer of University property and are responsible for maintaining the "essential character to the University as a Catholic institution."

Through the six Holy Cross priests who are fellows, the Congregation may fairly be said to have the de facto power to run Notre Dame or at least to prevent any action of which those fellows disapprove. But this power is divorced from any corporate responsibility of the Congregation. The separation of power from responsibility for its exercise violates basic principles of leadership and management. Why are we surprised that Holy Cross priests are treated here with something less than the deference they received when they had the fortitude, as a Congregation, to run the place they had founded? They owned the place and imprudently gave it away. They seek preferential treatment as members of the Congregation, but they have surrendered the right, as a Congregation to ensure it. Nor is it wholly incidental that they tend to look like everyone else, except perhaps on football weekends and other alumni-intensive events. In the spirit of Land O'Lakes they have put themselves on the road to a marginalization which invites disdain.

Notre Dame should reconsider Land O'Lakes. If the Holy Cross priests want the respect they ought to have, they should take back the juridical authority, as a Congregation, to run the University. The Faculty Senate might throw a tantrum. But I have an old motion lying around somewhere. . .

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Bringing the Blues to the Ballroom

By DAN CICHALSKI
Assistant Accent Editor

The first weekend of the winter is upon us and the Student Union Board has wasted no time in bringing life to the frozen white campus of Notre Dame. Dave Myers and the Off the Wall Blues Band will perform in the LaFortune Ballroom tonight at 8 p.m.

The Off the Wall Blues Band released their first album last May and garnered favorable reviews for the band. On the Money features the guitar, harp, bass and drums of the band on original tunes and covers of Rice Miller and Billy Boy Arnold compositions. The band toured the East Coast this summer to promote the album.

The Off the Wall Blues Band features Lorenzo Thompson on vocals, Jumpin' Gene Halton on the harmonica, Hiro Konishi playing guitar, bass player John Baker and Kirk Wright on drums.

Halton, a sociology professor here at Notre Dame, received his nickname as a record-setting high jumper at Princeton University in the 1970s. Originally from New Jersey, Jumpin' Gene was singled out in a review of On the Money in the Italian magazine "Il Blues": "Everything seems to rotate around the charismatic figure of Jumpin' Gene Halton. The over-forty harmonica player from Chicago blows expertly and traditionally, as the name of the band... confirms."

Thompson brings a powerful voice and presence to the band, also grabbing the attention of the audience. After living the first seven years of his life in Mississippi, Thompson moved to Chicago and began singing rhythm and blues. Influenced by Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf and John Lee Hooker, Thompson went exclusively to blues performing and, in his words, "back to my roots."

Konishi moved to Chicago from Kobe, Japan, to play at the heart of the blues scene. His interests began in Japan, where Konishi was a member



Photo courtesy Gene Halton

The Off the Wall Blues Band featuring (from left) John Baker, Hiro Konishi, Kirk Wright, Michael Phillips and Notre Dame sociology professor Jumpin' Gene Halton will perform in the LaFortune ballroom tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$5 for the public.

of a rock band covering the Beatles. It was through a cover of a Beatles song that Konishi first heard the style and eventually was so influenced by the genre that he made the move to the United States.

Bassist Baker also has spent a lot of time on the Chicago blues scene. He has spent significant time touring and performing with the likes of Eddie Hammond, Buddy Guy and John Hammond.

Wright has performed as a drummer throughout Indiana and Michigan and spent ten

years living and performing in Los Angeles. His band London Fog had music featured in the movie "The Idolmaker."

Performing as a guest of the Off the Wall Blues will be Dave Myers. Born and raised in Mississippi, Myers moved with his family to Chicago in 1941, providing exposure to the blues since a young age. Born in 1926, he learned to play guitar and was performing with his younger brother Louis at house parties when the family came to the Windy City, taking Myers' musical career back more than fifty years.

The two soon teamed up with harp player Junior Wells and later added drummer Fred Below to form the Aces, a band that soon became the leading electric blues band in Chicago, second only to blues legend Muddy Waters and his band. Later, Dave Myers left the Aces and joined Waters.

In 1955, Dave and his brother formed a new band and three years later, the elder Myers made an instrument change. When he put aside his guitar and began playing bass, Dave became one of the first blues players to use an electric

bass. Myers continued to play that instrument for the rest of his career with various bands and continues to work within the Chicago blues scene and as a solo guitarist in the recording industry.

Myers' recording career is nearly as long as his performing history. His most recent addition to forty years of recording, in which he appears as band leader of Blacktop, will be released next month. The album features some of today's top blues players, such as harmonica player Kim Wilson and guitarist Rusty Zinn.

■ ACCENT SPEAKS...

Welcome Back... To This

By DAN CICHALSKI
Assistant Accent Editor

Here we are again: the "Spring" Semester at Notre Dame.

Perhaps we should rename it the Winter Semester. It was in the forties all the way into May in South Bend last year.

Now we find ourselves at the mercy of the Blizzard of '97, the bastard child of Old Man Winter and Mother Nature. Expect births at St. Joé Medical Center to be up in nine months. (They were in eastern hospitals nine months after the Blizzard of '96.)

It was just over a year ago — about 54 weeks — when the country's eastern states were a part of the biggest snow job since the Simpson verdict. Everyone from Maine to Virginia was snowed in while every city, town and village went way over their winter budgets.

I was at my roommate's home in Massachusetts when the storm hit. I could not leave for three days, prompting my mother to send my roommate's family a fruit basket the size of Plymouth

Rock to ease the burden of putting up with me for so long. But I earned my keep: we had to shovel out the driveway. Twice.

This year's blizzard is not quite so annoying because there's no shoveling to do. For anyone. The University prefers to "sweep" the snow off the sidewalks, leaving a nice, smooth, slick inch of snow on the concrete — just enough to send students sliding to their classes.

One similarity with the two storms is the television coverage. Local newscasts throw everything else aside and send all their roving reporters out to show us that Grape Road is as treacherous as Jefferson, as is the Toll Road and State Street in Chicago. A couple of anchors and the head weatherperson are huddled in the comfort of the studio while the rest of the team turns into snowmen on the sidewalks of Michiana.

But it is not just the local news that goes ballistic with these storms. Tom Brokaw, Dan Rather and Peter Jennings also have film from the midwest and devote a few minutes of their precious

national broadcast to show the rest of the country what we're going through. Weather always makes good news—hurricanes, floods and blizzards are guaranteed air time.

Notre Dame has not seen snow like this in my three years here. We should mark this occasion. Let's have an unofficial snow sculpture show. Build a snowman in honor of Lou Holtz. Get some ideas from "Calvin and Hobbes" and "Fox Trot" cartoons — those kids always built interesting creations. Construct a replica of the Administration Building or — here's a challenge — Stepan Center. The architecture students could build a walk-in snow fort.

My personal goal (and nobody try to take this one away from me) is to make a snowball and roll it from O'Shaughnessy to the Rock. I can see the tour guides in April now, walking backwards and shouting to the back of the group:

"To your right is the Rockne Memorial, just behind the Dan Cichalski Snow Boulder. The Snow Boulder was built back in January by junior American

Studies major Dan Cichalski and his crew of fifteen. They began with a modest snowball at O'Shaughnessy Hall and rolled it across the quad to its current location here in front of the Rock. The Boulder is made of snow from the eight feet dropped on the area by the Blizzard of '97. When completed, it stood at a height of 27 feet with a width of 36 feet. The warmer spring temperatures have brought it down to its current height of 21 feet and expanded its width to 42 feet. The University hopes the Boulder will melt by the time the summer sports camps begin."

This is the biggest snowstorm these parts have seen in years, we can't let it pass us by without commemorating it in some significant way. A snowball fight won't do. In fact, the last one, which had significant casualties, was a shameful display by the students of this University.

There's nothing that can be done about the weather so don't waste time whining about it. You'll need that breath to make it across the frozen tundra of Notre Dame.

■ SUPER BOWL XXXI

Pats' rookies key to Super Bowl run

By HOWARD ULMAN
Associated Press Writer

FOXBORO, Mass.

Every once in a while, his New England Patriots teammates remind Tedy Bruschi he's just a rookie.

The linebacker glanced toward a smiling Chris Slade in the adjacent locker Thursday and said, "I've still got to buy him breakfast and I've still got to drive him to practice."

Other than that, there are few signs that Bruschi is in his first NFL season. The same goes for wide receiver Terry Glenn, strong safety Lawyer Milloy and kicker Adam Vinatieri.

All were instrumental in getting the Patriots to the Super Bowl.

Glenn set an NFL rookie record with 90 catches. Milloy started every game after Game 6 and quickly gained a reputation as a hard hitter. Vinatieri became a dependable kicker after some early troubles, and Bruschi was valuable as a special teams player and linebacker on passing downs.

"It would be a little uncommon for rookie players to come in and play as well as they have," coach Bill Parcells said. Then, he added, "We knew that they were going to be good players pretty fast."

They are key members of New England's second consecutive strong rookie class. Cornerback Ty Law, linebacker Ted Johnson, running back Curtis Martin and center Dave Wohlabaugh all were drafted in 1995.

Martin led the AFC in rushing last season, Johnson was the team's leading tackler this season, and all four have started for two years.

"I'm not going to say it's easy," Johnson said. "You've got coach Parcells, who is not the easiest coach for a rookie to play under, and the pressure that we've been under the last month or so."

"I've been impressed with the way the guys handled it. I don't sense any letdown from the younger players."

In the Patriots' opening 28-3 playoff win over Pittsburgh, Glenn caught a 53-yard pass on their second offensive play that set up Martin's 2-yard touchdown run on the next play.

In their 20-6 win over Jacksonville in last Sunday's AFC championship game, Bruschi's interception with 1:52 left snuffed out the Jaguars' last slim hope.

Milloy has 12 tackles and an interception in the two games, and Vinatieri made two of his three field-goal attempts against Jacksonville.

"As soon as I got on the field in my first game, I didn't feel like a rookie anymore," said Milloy, a second-round draft choice.

Now they're headed to the NFL championship game Jan. 26 against the Green Bay Packers, who won the first two Super Bowls.

"I feel very fortunate," Milloy said. "I guess I won't have that true feeling of it until the year I don't go."

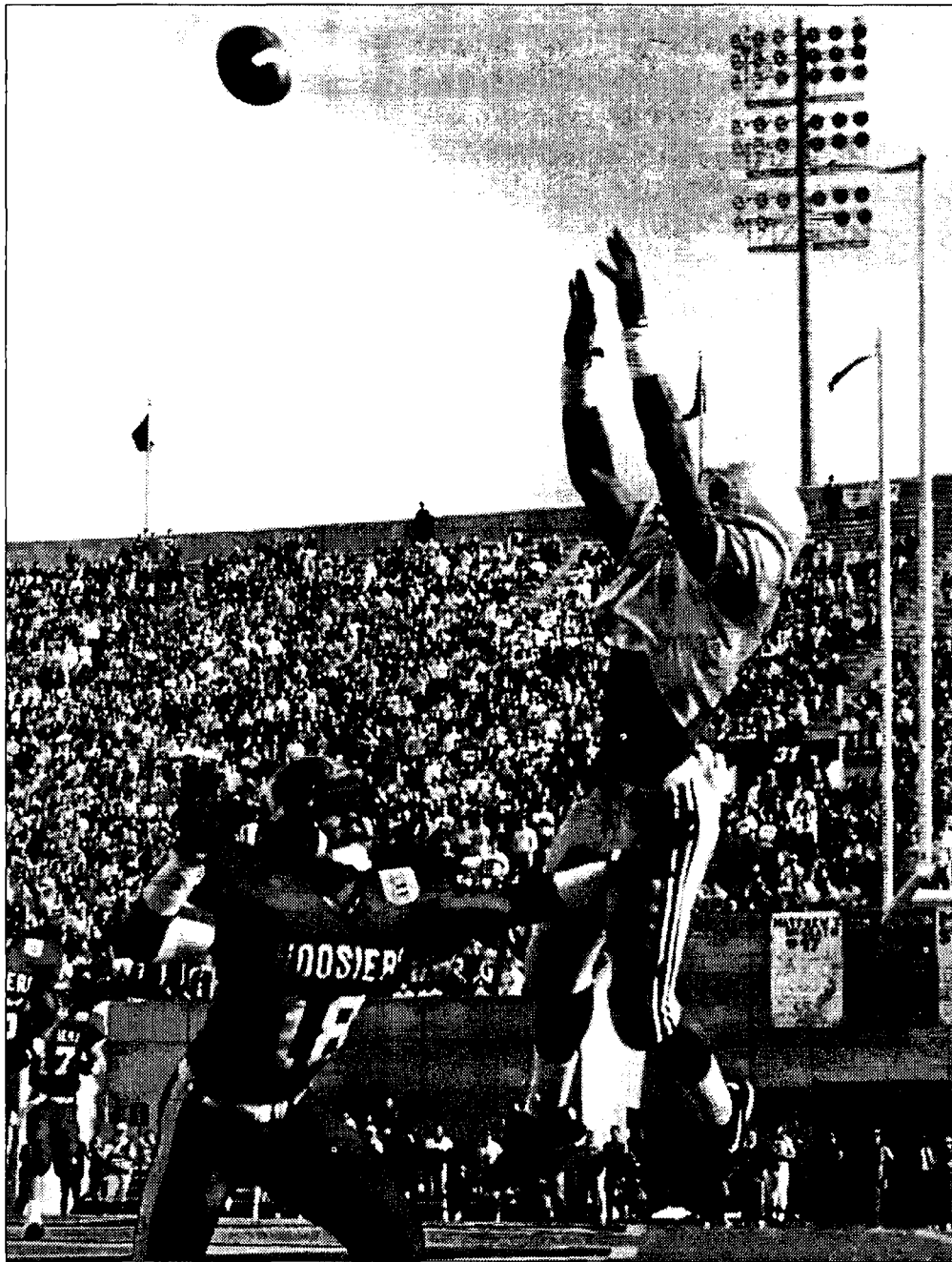


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Former Ohio State standout Terry Glenn has made an immediate impact in New England.

"We all come from winning programs, myself at the University of Washington, Terry at Ohio State. I don't think that we came in wanting to play like rookies. We wanted to come in and contribute and produce early."

Other rookies have made lesser contributions.

Running back Marrio Grier, a sixth-round pick, has been solid on special teams and played an increased role on offense when fullback Sam Gash was lost for the season with a knee injury Dec. 8.

Ray Lucas, a free agent quarterback from Rutgers, was activated from the practice squad for the Dec. 15 game against Dallas and has contributed on special teams.

"Next thing you know, you're activated and playing the last two games, we win two

playoff games and I'm going to the Super Bowl," he said.

The Patriots' average age of 26.19 years was the youngest of the NFL's 12 playoff teams. Only four of their starters are over 30.

Yet they have been extremely disciplined on and off the field all season.

"I trust this team," Parcells said. "I have good kids on this team and I haven't had any problems."

Bruschi, a third-round choice from Arizona, remembers rookie camp in the spring and living at a motel near Foxboro Stadium with other first-year players.

"We have a bond because we've gone through the same things," Bruschi said. "So it's nice to see Terry and Lawyer and other guys do well because they're part of your class, so you feel proud."

Hoops

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absence. Both Hill and freshman forward Etan Thomas should find themselves wrapped up with Notre Dame's Pat Garrity, who inevitably has become, according to MacLeod, "the focal point of our offense."

In the last game between the two teams, the Irish were successful in breaking the Syracuse zone with sharp shooting from the perimeter, forcing the Orangemen into a man-to-man situation.

"We hope to attack their zone like we did the last game when we shot the daylights out of them," MacLeod offered. "We'll need to get a higher percentage of our shots to drop in, and be more consistent from the free throw line."

Small forward Gary Bell has returned to action after a long bout with an ankle injury, but has yet to make as significant an impact offensively as was expected. MacLeod attributes this to a lack of practice time.

"Gary Bell is not ready yet," he said. "He missed two full months of practice. He's got a knack for scoring, we've seen him before. But I really want to see a healthy Gary Bell."

Strong perimeter shooting, the key to snapping the Syracuse zone, is largely the responsibility of the guards. Pete Miller, who hit a few in the Villanova game, will need to light it up to prevent the zone from collapsing inside. He will be spelled by Antoni Wyche at the two spot, most likely relegating freshman Keith Friel to the bench.

Matt Gotsch will return to his starting role at center and will need to use his height advantage to help take the offensive burden off of Garrity inside. Gotsch's alley-oop slam against the Wildcats provided one of the most exciting plays of the season for Notre Dame, but he'll need to put in more than two points to be effective on Saturday.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Mesa faces rape charge

By KEN BERGER
Associated Press Writer

CLEVELAND
Jose Mesa, the Cleveland Indians' record-setting relief pitcher, was indicted Thursday on a charge of raping a 26-year-old woman he met at a nightclub.

Mesa, 30, also was indicted on two counts of gross sexual imposition, one count of felonious assault, and one count each of theft and carrying a concealed weapon related to a complaint by two women Dec. 22, said Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Stephanie Tubbs Jones.

The county grand jury also indicted Mesa's friend, David Blanco, 34, of Solon, Ohio, on one count of gross sexual imposition and one count of carrying a concealed weapon.

Gerald Messerman, Mesa's lawyer, said the pitcher would plead innocent. "We have ample evidence that he is what he always has been — an innocent man," Messerman said.

Blanco also plans to plead innocent, said his lawyer, Niki Schwartz.

Mesa and Blanco were arrested Dec. 27 on charges they fondled two women at a hotel in suburban Lakewood. The women told police they had met Mesa, who is married, and Blanco at a downtown nightclub.

Police said they found 9mm handguns in each man's car when they arrested them.

Mesa and Blanco pleaded innocent to gross sexual imposition Jan. 8. A new arraignment has been scheduled Jan. 31.

Messerman accused the prosecution of seeking a grand jury indictment to avoid a public hearing that was scheduled Friday and because of Mesa's status as a pro athlete.

"One of the problems when you achieve success is that anything that

happens to you is big publicity," Messerman said. "You saw what happened with Michael Irvin."

Rape allegations against Irvin and Erik Williams of the Dallas Cowboys were found to be without basis last week, and their accuser was charged with filing a false police report.

Messerman said he did not know why the rape indictment was added to the original charges against Mesa.

Kathleen Craig, grand jury supervisor, said only that "the evidence came out to support that." She would not say whether the women testified before the grand jury.

Rape, a felony, carries a possible penalty of 3-10 years in prison, Craig said. Felonious assault is punishable by 2-8 years, and the weapons charge, also a felony, carries a penalty of 6-18 months upon conviction.

The theft charge, a misdemeanor, was related to accusations that Mesa stole a purse from one of the women, Craig said.

Indians spokesman Bart Swain said the team had no comment.

Messerman said Mesa would report as scheduled to the Indians' spring training in Winter Haven, Fla., on Feb. 13. He said Mesa, who is from the Dominican Republic, was in the United States.

Mesa helped the Indians get to their first World Series in 41 years in 1995. He set a major league record by converting 46 of 48 save opportunities, in addition to a 1.13 ERA in a nearly impeccable performance as bullpen closer.

He was 2-7 with a 3.73 earned run average and 39 saves in 44 chances in 1996 as Cleveland won its second straight Central Division title.

After the season, Cleveland exercised a club option to pay the pitcher \$1.95 million in 1998, plus bonuses earned in 1997.

■ NFL

Newcomer Mariucci must live up to Seifert, Walsh legacies

By DENNIS GEORGATOS
Associated Press Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif.

Steve Mariucci, with only a year's head coaching experience at any level, was set Thursday to become coach of the San Francisco 49ers and inherit one of the great football legacies of success.

Mariucci, 41, just the third head coach for the 49ers in 18 years, takes over for George Seifert, who resigned Wednesday after leading the team to two Super Bowl titles and surpassing Bill Walsh as San Francisco's winningest coach.

Team owner Eddie DeBartolo and club president Carmen Policy said Seifert's decision to leave was strictly his own.

Mariucci, who led California to a 6-6 record this season in his only other head coaching stint, is the first organizational outsider selected for the job since Walsh arrived to coach the team in 1979 and installed his pioneering West Coast offense.

Mariucci didn't work with Walsh but was no stranger to his offense as a disciple of Mike Holmgren, coach of the Super Bowl-bound Green Bay Packers, with whom he spent four years as quarterbacks coach.

Holmgren, whose Packers knocked the 49ers out of the playoffs the last two years in a row, is a former 49ers offensive coordinator whom Walsh said runs a version of the West Coast offense that probably is the closest to the pass-oriented scheme he installed 18 years ago.

Club officials felt the 49ers had strayed from their offensive roots in the past two years and they hope Mariucci will lead them back.

Seifert, who built a 108-35 record in eight years for a winning percentage of

.755, best in NFL history, said the time was right for him to leave. However, he insisted he wasn't burned out and did not rule out a return to coaching elsewhere.

Seifert was a defensive assistant in 1989 when he took over for Walsh, a Hall of Famer whose 10-year run as the 49ers coach included three Super Bowl wins, the first in 1981.

Walsh rejoined the team this season as a consultant and is expected to have a continued role with the club. Seifert said he'd fulfill the final year of his contract by working in an as yet unspecified front-office role.

The fate of Seifert's assistants were uncertain, though offensive coordinator Marc Trestman, whose play calls were blamed in part for a drop in the 49ers' offense, is "gone," DeBartolo said.

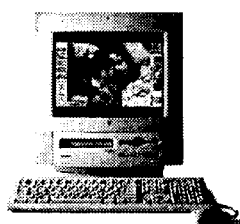
No one else on the coaching staff was considered for head coach, including defensive coordinator Pete Carroll, who remains a candidate for the St. Louis Rams job.

The decision to hire a newcomer was reflective of the 49ers' desire to instill "imagination, to a degree youth and a more creative anticipation of what the game has to offer," Policy said.

Aware of the pressure that goes with being head coach, Policy added, "We'll let him grow into the job. We hope he possesses the kind of talent that will take us to the next level."

"The 49ers organization is in desperate need of psychotherapy. Perhaps the standards we set are ludicrous. Perhaps what we need to do is develop a more pragmatic approach to winning in the NFL without losing our edge."

Before Mariucci came to Cal, he spent four years as an assistant with the Packers, getting credit for turning Brett Favre into a two-time NFL MVP.



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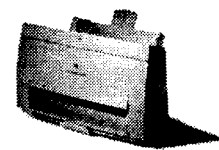
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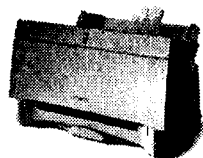
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■ NBA

Rodman lashes out... again

Cameraman takes groin kick, now takes legal action

By RON LESKO
Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS
This time, Dennis Rodman might be facing more than a suspension.

Prosecutors were considering assault charges Thursday against the Chicago Bulls star for kicking a court-side cameraman in the groin during a game at Minnesota the previous night.

"He wants to say that it's not OK for (Rodman) to do that," said Gale Pearson, the lawyer for cameraman Eugene Amos. "If we were on the streets, it would not be OK. You've got to call it what it is, and that's an assault."

The NBA said Thursday it is reviewing the incident and considering a suspension, which would be the second of the season for Rodman.

Although the extent of Amos' injuries weren't known, they weren't believed to be serious. He was treated and released at the hospital Wednesday night.

Minneapolis police spokeswoman Penny Parrish said no charges would be filed Thursday. Pearson said she and Amos planned to meet with prosecutors Friday.

The investigating officer, Sgt. Pete Jackson, was off Thursday and Parrish said the process will take several days, including attempts to contact Rodman. Clair Cole of the Minneapolis city attorney's office said charges wouldn't be filed before next week.

Rodman said he didn't intend

to hurt Amos, but doubted the severity of the injuries.

"I thought I hit him in the thigh, then all of a sudden he went back," he said. "I said, 'What's wrong with you? I'm sorry I hit you.' Then all of a sudden he says, 'Get away from me.' All of a sudden he passed out. I'm like, 'Yeah, right.'"

The incident was the latest in a growing list of transgressions and erratic behavior by Rodman. Pearson said she was receiving calls from media nationwide Thursday, including representatives of Geraldo Rivera.

"You've got to call it what it is, and that's an assault."

Gale Pearson

Amos, described by Pearson as a Chicago native and lifelong Bulls fan, is an in-house cameraman who was working on a freelance basis at the Target Center.

He filed an assault report Wednesday night after talking to police at the Hennepin County Medical Center, where he was taken for an examination after being carried off the arena floor on a stretcher.

If a charge is filed, it most likely will be fifth-degree assault, a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$3,000 fine. Cases resulting in serious injuries can be upgraded to third-degree assault, a felony which carries a maximum sentence of five years and \$10,000.

The cameraman's lawyer said Rodman had no right to kick Amos, no matter where the blow landed.

"He was really disappointed

in this type of activity," Pearson said. "He couldn't believe that Rodman would take his frustrations out on him. That's the bottom line. He can't believe this happened. He's really disappointed. It's a fallen-angel kind of thing."

Rodman was suspended by the Bulls for two games without pay — costing him about \$104,878 — last month after a profane tirade on television after a game. Rodman's comments after Wednesday's game also contained profanity and were broadcast live.

Last season Rodman, who has won five straight NBA rebounding titles and earlier this week reached 10,000 rebounds, was suspended six games for head-butting a referee.

"As with all situations that we review, we'll look at videotape, our security will talk to all parties involved," NBA spokesman Chris Brienza said Thursday. "We'll wait to get as many camera angles as we can and then we'll make a decision."

Rodman was unavailable for comment Thursday after practice in Deerfield, Ill. He said after the game that he was kicking at a camera and complained that photographers sit too close to the court along the baseline, endangering players' safety.

This was the second time in less than a week that Amos had been involved with a player at court-side. Los Angeles Clippers forward Rodney Rogers fell on Amos during a game Saturday, and Amos told colleagues before Wednesday's game that he had been given medication for back pain.

Pearson declined comment on those injuries, saying only that Amos would be examined by doctors.

Irvin accuser faces misdemeanor charge

By TERRY WALLACE
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS
A woman charged with filing a false police report implicating two Dallas football players in a sexual assault was a rape victim, her lawyer contended Thursday.

Nina Shahravan, 23, turned herself in at the Dallas County jail about 5 p.m. Thursday and posted \$500 bond on a misdemeanor charge of perjury.

Police had accused her earlier this week of filing a false police report, a Class B misdemeanor, but prosecutors increased the charge to Class A misdemeanor perjury, which carries a stiffer penalty.

Shahravan refused comment as deputies ushered her in the jail's back door, but her lawyer, David Smith, denied that she had lied in her accusations against Cowboys stars Michael Irvin and Erik Williams.

"I don't believe my client is guilty," Smith said. "My client

doesn't believe she's guilty of any offense. I represent the victim of a rape."


Shahravan filed a police report Dec. 30 — after first going to a television reporter — accusing Irvin of holding a gun to her head while Williams and a third man, who was never identified, raped her in Williams' home. She also accused Irvin of videotaping the attack.

Irvin and Williams denied the claim from the start. They were never charged.

Police said Shahravan recanted the allegations last Friday after she was confronted with evidence that Irvin couldn't have been at Williams' house on the night of the alleged attack.

Police sources confirmed to The Associated Press last week that Shahravan signed a statement recanting her original story.

"That's what the police say," Smith said. "Let me put it this way. I don't believe she's guilty of an offense."



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■ NFL

Ticket prices skyrocket as Super Bowl XXI draws near

By MARY FOSTER
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS
Callers who reach Superdome spokesman Bill Curl's voice mail these days are greeted with a terse "No, I don't have any."

Tickets to the Super Bowl, that is. The push for Super Bowl tickets, face value \$275, is intense.

People wearing placards requesting tickets lined up this week across the street from the New Orleans Saints training

camp in suburban Jefferson Parish. They were hoping to buy tickets from winners of a lottery held among Saints season-ticket holders for a limited allotment of tickets.

Although it is illegal to scalp tickets in New Orleans, four columns of classified advertisements in the Times-Picayune offer cash for tickets. Prices range from \$750 for seats in the upper levels of the Superdome, to \$2,000 for lower seats as well as for tickets to various Super Bowl-related parties.

"I hear tickets to the commissioner's party are going for \$2,000 each," said a man who placed one of the ads. "We may go that high before it's over, but right now we're paying \$1,400 each."

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UConn benches key starters

Coach Calhoun loses Moore, King for Kansas game

By CHRISTINE HANLEY
Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Conn.

Point guard Ricky Moore and center Kirk King, two of Connecticut's best players, were declared ineligible Thursday amid accusations they accepted improper gifts.

The university and the Big East Conference agreed that Moore and King would not play until all questions are answered regarding the allegations. They will miss at least Sunday's game against top-ranked Kansas.

The school and Big East did not identify the gifts. Published reports Thursday said King and Moore had accepted airline tickets in 1995.

"It's not an easy time for us," coach Jim Calhoun said. "People say it's not a big violation — but it's still a violation. ... They did receive benefits they were ineligible to receive."

UConn, which on Wednesday acknowledged it was looking into a possible violation, plans to submit a report to the NCAA by Friday detailing the results of an investigation conducted by the school and the Big East.

"The university, along with the Big East Conference, will work with the NCAA to determine when the student-athletes' eligibility to compete will be reinstated," the school said in a statement.

King, a senior captain, is the Huskies' starting center. Moore, a sophomore, is the starting point guard.

Calhoun said he was "very

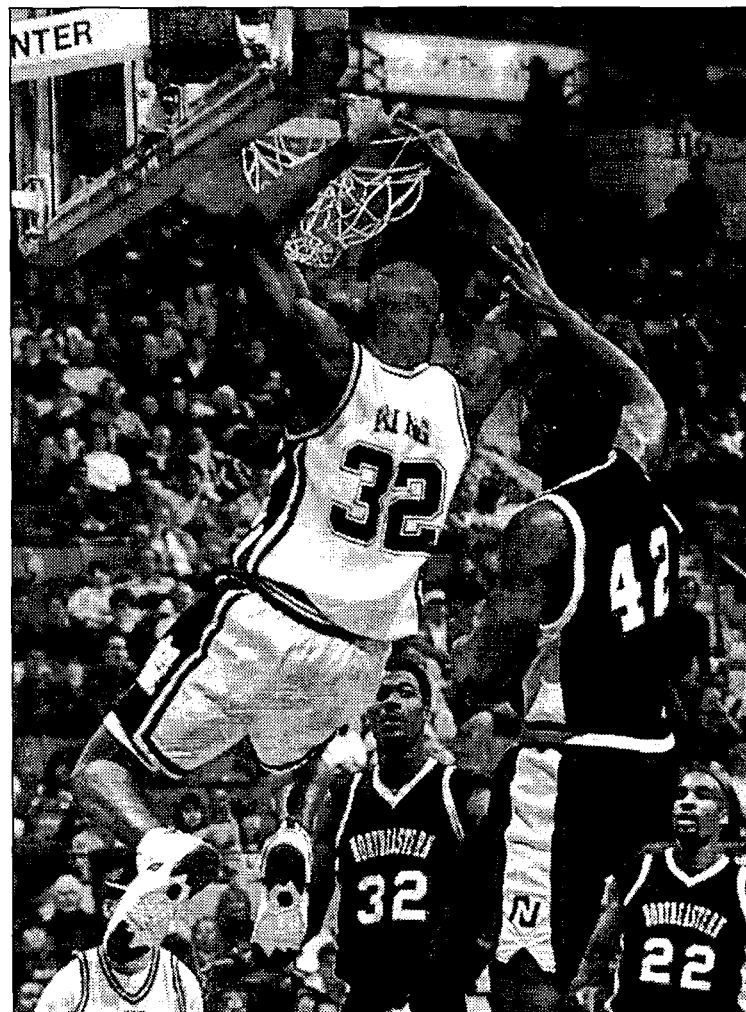


Photo courtesy of University of Connecticut Media Services
UConn center Kirk King (above) will be grounded due to reports that he and teammate Ricky Moore accepted "gifts" of airline tickets.

disappointed, initially, that they allowed themselves to be put into the situation."

"I still love them and care about them, but I'm very disappointed in them," he said.

The university has not revealed how it learned of the possible violations, only saying it became aware of them earlier this week and wanted to deal with the situation as quickly as possible. Athletic director Lew Perkins has insisted that no UConn games

would be forfeited.

News of the infractions surfaced Wednesday shortly after the cancellation of a news conference involving players and coaches from both the men's and women's basketball programs. The event was to promote public safety posters.

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■ SUPER BOWL XXI

Beebe looks to erase bad Bills memories

By ARNIE STAPLETON
Associated Press Writer

GREEN BAY
Nobody on the Green Bay Packers can appreciate the all-or-nothing nature of the Super Bowl like receiver Don Beebe, who lost four consecutive NFL championships with the Buffalo Bills.

"It's an awful experience. That whole off-season is awful. You dominate teams all year and then you lose in the Super Bowl and you're labeled as losers," Beebe said.

"At Buffalo, if anything, we were winners. But that's not how we'll go down in history. And that's a shame because I don't know if anyone will ever get to four straight Super Bowls again."

Coach Mike Holmgren turned to Beebe and backup quarterback Jim McMahon, his only other player with Super Bowl experience, to help prepare the Packers (15-3) for the Super Bowl against New England (13-5) on Jan. 26 at the Louisiana Superdome.

McMahon was the starter for Chicago in the 1986 Super Bowl, when he took New Orleans by storm. Among other activities, he mooned a helicopter, paraded down Bourbon Street in the wee

hours, feuded with Bears management over his use of an acupuncturist and finally led his team to a 46-10 rout of the Patriots.

"We had a players meeting Wednesday and I got up and talked about the things not to do and Jim got up and talked about the things to do," Beebe said. "So, that's a little ironic, don't you think?"

Defensive end Sean Jones said the meeting was as diametrical as it sounds.

"I guess they had Beebe, who is a Christian," Jones said. "And then they had McMahon, who's the anti-Christ. But Beebe lost four times and McMahon won. So, they're on different ends of the spectrum."

"But they had great insight. Hopefully, everyone heard what they said."

Beebe's first bit of advice was a warning about the chaotic days ahead. He advised his teammates to finish up such matters as family travel and ticket arrangements this week.

Then he told them not to have too good of a time in New Orleans, leaving them exhausted physically or mentally on game day.

"You've got to be in the eye of a tornado, where it's calm,

and not on the outside because it'll be hectic," Beebe told his teammates.

"I remember my first Super Bowl, it was overwhelming — the media and everybody wanting tickets and phone calls. Once the game came I was just shot. I was able to learn from that, and, shoot, my last Super Bowl was the best mentally I ever played."

McMahon, who was falsely accused of saying disparaging things about the local populace at the 1986 Super Bowl, said he told his teammates to watch what they say and do because the spotlight is white-hot.

"Basically, I told them to stay away from you guys. Because you guys are going to start all the problems, not the players," McMahon said.

"I said, 'Just watch your backs when you're down there because I know there's going to be a lot of people out and around town. Make sure you know where you're going, where you're going to be at, have some friends with you, too, so they can verify your stories that (the media) make up.'"

With Beebe's history of Super Bowl losses, some teammates cracked that maybe it's time for him to return to Aurora, Ill.

"Some of the guys were saying, 'OK, Don, your job's done. You can go home now. We don't want you for the Super Bowl,'" Beebe said.

Beebe, of course, wouldn't miss this for the world. He put off having surgery on a broken right ring finger during the season even though it means he risks losing flexibility in that finger forever.

"I said, 'If I had to get surgery and not play in the Super Bowl if we go? It's worth it to me. I'll just cut it off,'" Beebe said.

When Beebe signed with

Green Bay for \$325,700 last summer, he was a long-shot, low-risk acquisition who could provide experience, stability and insurance.

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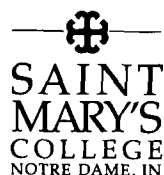
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■ HOCKEY

Icers must sweep Alaska series

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The consensus among Notre Dame hockey players seems to be that this weekend's games against Alaska-Fairbanks are of the "must-win" nature.

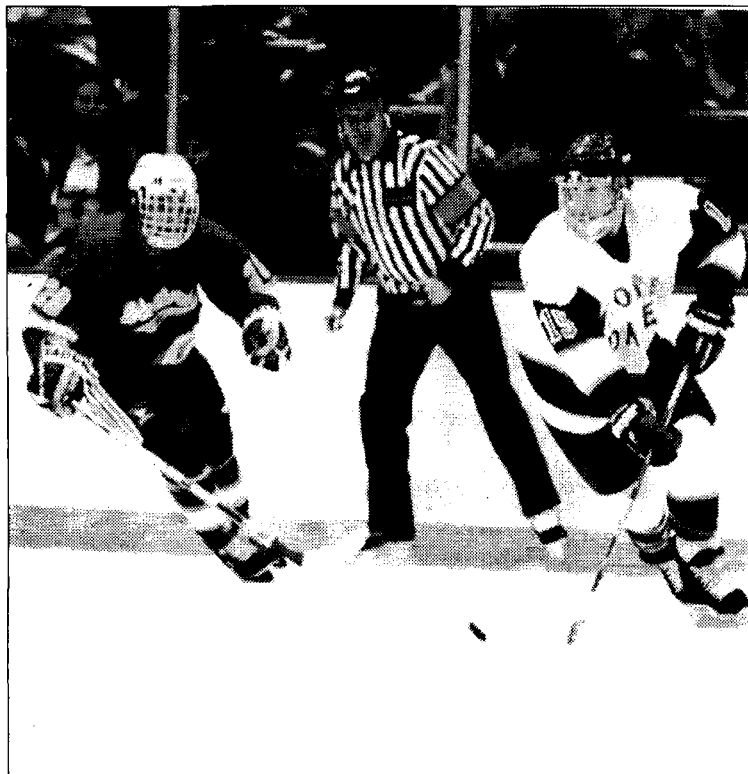
Eight teams from the Central Collegiate Hockey Association make the playoffs, and Notre Dame tenuously hangs on to eighth place in the league. Alaska-Fairbanks, on the other hand, is in the CCHA cellar, and when they roll into the Joyce Center for a pair of games this weekend, the first being at 7 p.m. tonight, Notre Dame will have an excellent chance to pick up two victories and four vital points in the standings.

"Definitely," agreed senior center Tim Harberts. "These are big games. They're below us in the standings and we need to get some points."

"We're in a good situation," reflected sophomore right wing Brian Urick. "We've got two big home games against teams below us in the standings. If we win these we should be in a good position to make the playoffs."

Notre Dame is coming off of a difficult stretch in which they've lost four of the past five games. A daunting problem that has plagued the team all season, most acutely in the past five games, has been the power play. Over the break the Boys of Winter went 2 for 23 in man-advantage situations. Numbers like those make it difficult to win.

"One of the team goals for the season was to be in the positive



The Observer/Jed Donahue
Dave Poulin will adjust the Power Play line-up as they head into a crucial series with post-season possibilities hanging in the balance.

category when it comes to man advantages [to scores more goals than you give up]," stated Urick. "We've been working on the power play, just because good special teams are essential to winning games."

Notre Dame head coach Dave Poulin has implemented several changes to address the power play quandary. First, he has made some personnel changes. He also has the team setting up differently in the offensive end, and he has implemented more set plays in attempts to generate more of-

fense. Only time and the Alaska-Fairbanks games will tell how effective the changes are.

Although Alaska-Fairbanks comes into the game dead last in the CCHA, they elicited respect from Irish players. "They're a quality team," said Harberts.

Urick agreed. "They play very well. We're going to have to play solid defense and finish our opportunities to win the game."

As well as to secure their grasp on a playoff berth.

■ SPORTS BRIEFS

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 — Students are instructed in accordance with World Tae Kwon Do Federation techniques. This semester-long course meets Sundays from 3-4 p.m. in Rockne Rm. 301. You must register in advance 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. Both classes are semester long classes with a fee of \$35. 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 for women only from 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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■ FENCING

Women's team anticipates opener as catalyst for successful season

By DAVID FRICK
Sports Writer

The fencing team returns to action with a vengeance this weekend. The women will be participating as a team at the Northwestern Invitational, while both men and women will send representatives to the individual tournament at the North American Circuit event in Louisville, Ky.

This weekend will prove crucial as the team will be participating in events the next seven weekends, six of which will be competed away from Notre Dame.

"The seven straight weekends of competition will be a test of our character," commented Myriah Brown. "This stretch will be more grueling than any during last season."

Though the competition at the Northwestern Invitational will not be as strong as other meets this year, the squad knows the importance of starting as well as possible.

"It's important for us to open the season with a strong showing and get off to as good a start as possible and go with as few

defeats as possible individually," says Brown.

The intensity concerning this weekend permeates throughout the entire team, even those who have not experienced the grueling season before.

"Even though I haven't been through the season before, I know the better the start, the better the season will go. The entire season is geared toward the NCAA tournament, and the early part is crucial to get by with as few mistakes as possible. The goal is to qualify for the NCAAs," says freshman Magda Krol.

Krol hopes to follow up her strong showing in the first two matches of the year by participating in both the Northwestern meet as well as the open event in Louisville in the epee and foil.

"With the depth of the competition, I've set a goal of finishing in the top eight in both events. This would be quite an accomplishment since there will be approximately 100 of the top fencers in the country there," says Krol.

Another newcomer, for the men's squad, has set high goals going into the weekend also.

Freshman foilist Chaz Hayes is gearing to perform well in the under 20 division of the tournament in Louisville.

"I feel that to finish in the top 16 out of the 100 or so fencers would be a good place. By participating with the best freshman, sophomore, and junior fencers in the country, I hope this will provide a good tune-up after the long layoff since the last match," says Hayes.

A secondary goal of the team is to prepare themselves for a showdown with Penn State on Jan. 24-25. This rivalry provides the team with the strongest competition in the country, as Penn State won the National Championship last year.

"No one has specifically mentioned the meet with Penn State, but it has been on the horizon of everyone's mind," says Krol.

"Certainly Penn State will be one of our toughest matches, and this weekend will prove to be a good warm-up for the big match," says Brown.

So though the team has its focus on the competitions this weekend, the overall goal of a national championship is never far from mind.

■ SMC BASKETBALL

Belles fall to Alma

By COURTNEY REAGAN
Sports Writer

The Belles tried, but the cold weather kept the Saint Mary's basketball team from warming up for Alma College. Tuesday night, January 14, Saint Mary's and Alma College went to battle, however, the Belles ended up falling to Alma College 77-66.

Although all was not bad for the night. According to Saint Mary's Coach David Roeder, the Belles "played a great first half, when we went into the second half, we were up by 10 points."

Saint Mary's did a fine job rebounding in the first half, but then the momentum changed tides.

Saint Mary's received quality playing time from Marianne Banko, who contributed 19 points. Sheila Sandine, who is Saint Mary's top returning points leader, added 14 points, while Julie McGill, who just returned from studying abroad, did an outstanding job scoring 13 points for the evening.

Sandine claimed the Belles played well the majority of the

game, but fell apart in the end of the second half. The Belles started out playing strong, but then just defensively lost the game.

"It was a big let down to lose that game," Sandine stated. Individually however, Sandine felt she did a fairly nice job on the court. "I am pretty happy with the way I played, although I could have done better on defense. The Belles are definitely starting to come together as a team though."

Sandine also did not have a bad remark concerning Saint Mary's new coach, Roeder. "The Saint Mary's basketball program has seen so much improvement this season. I like Roeder a lot. He is a great coach."

The Belles had a break at Christmas, but returned to campus a week and a half early to begin practice again. The team worked hard while practicing two times a day. Saint Mary's had returned with high hopes of facing Rose-Hulman on January 9, but due to the poor South Bend weather conditions, the game was canceled.

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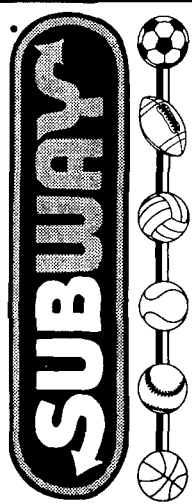
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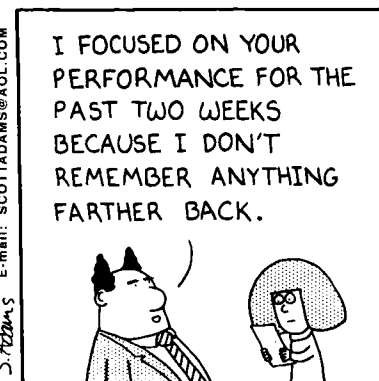
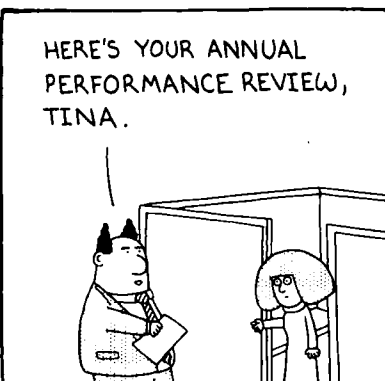
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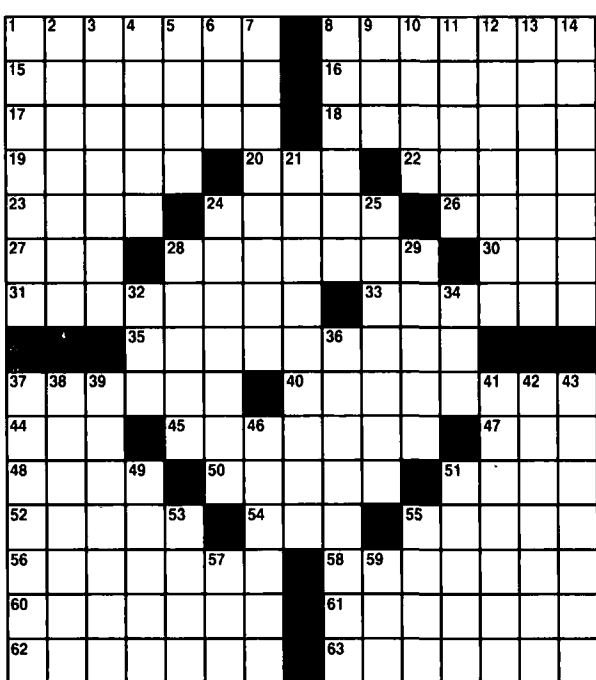
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 - Sassy
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 - In a way
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 - Dash sizes
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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Coach MacLeod's boys find themselves at the bottom of the standings as freshman guard Jimmy Dillon's prayers have been answered with nothing but losses.

Conference woes bring team to its knees

By DAVE TREACY
Associate Sports Editor

After a recent string of four straight conference losses, Notre Dame has settled to the bottom of the Big East 6 standings with a 1-5 record. The recent home loss to Villanova, which was turning into a potential upset victory for the Irish

midway through the second half before the ND offense grew stagnant, highlighted the scoring struggles that have plagued John MacLeod's squad as of late as the team shot woefully from both the floor and the free throw line. Now, it's time to hit the road again.

The good news is that the opponent the Irish will face this

weekend is the reason why Notre Dame is not 0-6.

The Syracuse Orangemen host the Irish on Saturday in the Carrier Dome, hopeful to avenge the defeat they suffered in South Bend earlier this season. With the continued absence of leading scorer Todd Burgan, Syracuse has had problems of its own putting

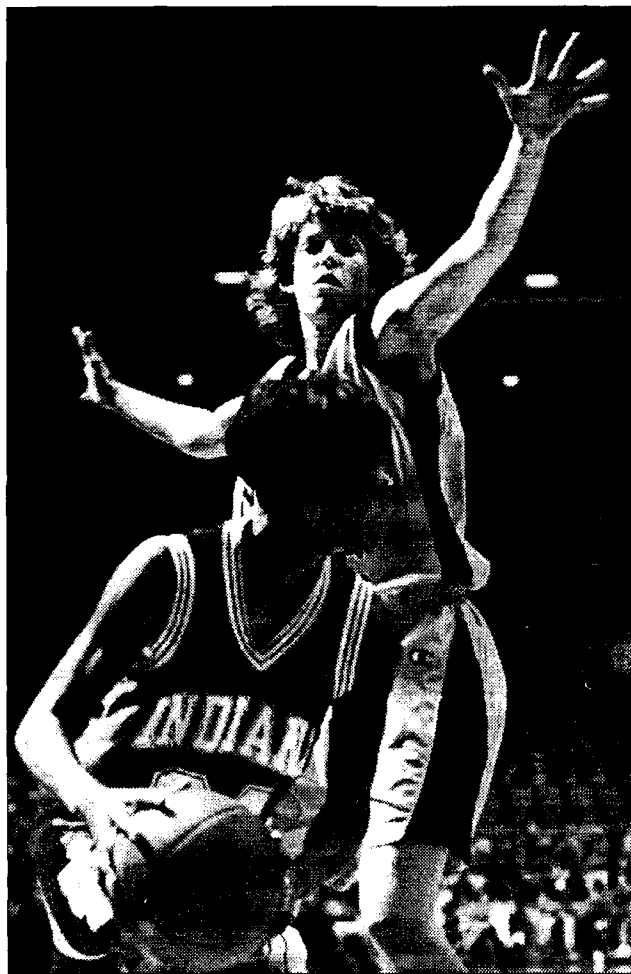
points on the board. However, recent wins against Seton Hall and Alabama have MacLeod worried that the Orangemen are not the same team the Irish played before.

"They've greatly improved since the last time we faced them," MacLeod said. "They've worked hard and are beginning to see some results. We are

definitely not going to underestimate them."

The Irish will have to keep an eye on center Otis Hill, an undersized but effective force at 6-8. Hill led the Orangemen in scoring against the Irish with 17, and has provided much of SU's firepower in Burgan's

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The Observer/Rob Finch

Beth Morgan will look to dominate the Pittsburgh Panthers again as the Irish compete for their fourth win in a row.

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish ready for Homecoming

Weary squad hopes to use homestand for rest, recuperation

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's basketball squad will be on unfamiliar soil this weekend. Ironically, it will come as a relief as opposed to pressure as they return to the Joyce Center for just their sixth home contest of the season.

"It will definitely be nice to play at home again," commented senior guard Jeannine Augustin. "We were on the road for most of the break and this will give us a chance to get settled down and not worry about traveling."

And traveling has certainly been something to worry about recently. The squad returned last night from their game at Syracuse Wednesday night after a "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" experience that saw them travel through Michigan by bus after their flight from Syracuse.

The Irish will play their next

three contests under the Dome before leaving town again at the end of the month. Playing the three games over this sixteen day span will give the depleted and worn out team a chance to recuperate as they dress only nine players.

So far, the Domers are showing no ill affects of competing with less people. They have a 14-4 record and look to remain undefeated in Big East play this Saturday against Pittsburgh.

"I think we're doing fairly well," remarked Augustin. "We all have to be in excellent shape and we just have to be more cautious and not get into foul trouble because we are not as deep as we were earlier this year."

Coach Muffet McGraw's squad is hurting on the outside, literally. Sophomore guard Danielle Green and freshman guard Niele Ivey are on the shelf for the year with injuries. Green ruptured her achilles tendon back in October and Ivey tore her anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee in the sixth game of the year. So perimeter performers Augustin, junior

Mollie Peirick and sophomore Sheila McMillen have had to be on top of their games while running the offense and playing more minutes.

Despite the injuries the home team is in good position as none of their next three home opponents came close to the Irish last season.

In last year's campaign the Pittsburgh Panthers finished in the cellar of the Big East 7 division with a 6-24 mark. Current Senior Beth Morgan led the Irish in a sweep of the Panthers a year ago as she totaled 44 points in the two contests where Notre Dame blew Pitt out of the building with wins by 39 and 38 points.

Coming into the contest the Irish have been flying high on the wings of Senior center Katryna Gaither who won Big East player of the last week and is among the nation's leaders in points per game and field goal percentage. At 6-3 Gaither has been dominate in the paint as she ranks among the league leaders in rebounds as well as points.

The Irish will begin their three game homestand this weekend.

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