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Construction to begin on State Road 23

Business owners worry about safety, loss of customers during two construction seasons

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

State Road 23, known locally as South Bend Ave., will finally undergo improvement thanks to a \$13.8 million contract awarded by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) last Wednesday. The five-laning of the street from Cleveland Road to Twyckenham, originally set for completion in 1994, was postponed

Construction Schedule

Beginning this Spring...

By Nov. 1997 — all construction complete from Cleveland Road to north of Greenwood

By April 1, 1997 — Construction begins from the completed section to Twyckenham

By the 1998 football season — All construction will be complete from University Park Mall to Campus

due to environmental concerns regarding relocation of water utility lines.

But some community members are afraid the enterprise will create more problems than the traffic congestion it should alleviate. With businesses and residential neighborhoods lining the road, considerable pedestrian traffic flows through the area. With five lanes, safety is a concern.

"[Legislators] haven't taken into consideration the character of this area. This is a high pedestrian area and when you build a five lane highway, you're going to have pedestrian fatalities. This decision is dangerous to the community," Dave Frank, owner of Frank's Delicatessen on South Bend Ave., said.

Claire Myers, manager of Campus View Apartments, expressed similar concerns.

"I am most worried about safety, especially during home football weekends. A lot of the kids that live here don't have cars, and they have to walk to campus and other places. I know it's sometimes impossible to drive onto 23, but with five lanes, it will be dangerous to walk," Myers said.

State Senator Joseph Zakas expressed related fears, but says the anticipated benefits will outweigh the possible drawbacks.



The Observer/Katie Kroener

In an attempt to alleviate traffic congestion in the area between campus and University Park Mall, construction on State Road 23 will begin this spring, turning it into a five-lane highway.

"We [legislators] have had meetings with concerned business owners, and there is no easy solution. There was an option of getting the road narrowed slightly to four lanes, but this [five-laning] is the best option. To be honest, I've always been concerned with pedestrian traffic, no matter how many lanes," Zakas said.

He also expressed concern for the community during

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RFK, Jr. will discuss environmental defense

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Assistant News Editor

As the chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper organization and senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, Robert Kennedy Jr. has a reputation as a resolute defender of the environment.

This image has been built on his successes in the areas of prosecuting governments and companies for polluting the Hudson River and Long Island sound and for suing sewage treatment plants to force compliance with the Clean Water Act.

Kennedy will bring his message to Stepan Center tonight in his talk titled, "Our Environmental Destiny."

"We brought Robert Kennedy, Jr. to campus because we felt that his speech about social responsibility would be relevant to an audience of Catholic students concerned about their role as citizens in our society," said Thomas Matzzie, president of the National Association of Students at Catholic Colleges and Universities (NASCCU).

Kennedy's speech will be the keynote address of the NASCCU's Seventh Annual National Conference. The focus of the conference is "Social Justice Activism on the Catholic Campus" and will bring 70 stu-

dents from Catholic colleges and universities across the nation together to discuss the role of the student in discussions about the Catholic identity of colleges and universities.

The senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, Kennedy is also a clinical professor and supervising attorney at the Environmental Litigation Clinic at Pace University School of Law in New York.

He has worked on several political campaigns and was state coordinator for Edward Kennedy's 1980 presidential campaign.

Kennedy is also noted for his work in assisting several indigenous tribes in Latin America and Canada in successfully negotiating treaties protecting traditional homelands.

The New York City Watershed agreement is another of his highly publicized environmental activities as it is regarded as an international model in stakeholder consensus negotiations and sustainable development.

Graduating from Harvard University, Kennedy studied at the London School of Economics and received his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School.

The speech will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for the general public.

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Thomas Matzzie

■ STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Saferide to debut tonight

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
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At 10 p.m. tonight, Saferide will take its first passengers from an off-campus location to their homes.

The service, established by student government, realizes one of the priorities set by Student Body President and Vice President Seth Miller and Megan Murray at the beginning of their administration.

"This was something we talked about when we were considering running for office last year," said Miller. "We started it into motion in late October."

"It was a lot of work to get it done," added Murray. "But we



Miller

are ready to go. We have imagined every possible scenario and everyone has been very cooperative, from ROTC to the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education and Student Affairs. It has really been a community-wide effort."

The service will run from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Although organizers ask that all students sign insurance waivers in order to ride, they will put a temporary system into place for the first few weekends.

"We will give people temporary waivers that they will have to sign when we pick them up," said Molly Detgen, the organizer of the program. "Then, the next day they will be asked to fill out the actual waivers. But we decided that it was safer if we not leave students waiting in a parking lot."

Notre Dame students can call the dispatch number (631-9888)

from any off-campus location within two miles of the University.

"We will pick students up from the movies, the mall, Beacon Bowl, wherever they may be, and drive them home," said Miller. "It is not just for alcohol and bars."

Unlike its predecessor, Weekend Wheels, Saferide only drives students to their homes and does not follow a schedule. "With the old service, you had to be at a specific place at a specific time," Detgen said. "It would be at Bridget's at one time, Corby's a few minutes later and so on. We do not take students from bar to bar, we just take them home."

Currently, the service is only open to Notre Dame students. But, according to Detgen, "we are working out the details with Saint Mary's student government to get them included in the program soon."

Latin church influences America

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
News Copy Editor

The growing relationship between the churches in Latin America and the United States was the focus of a lecture presented yesterday afternoon.

Father Robert Pelton, professor in the Notre Dame department of theology, opened by explaining the Latin American project undertaken by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Pelton explained that the project included three main steps to determine the influence of the American religious community on Latin America:

1) A survey conducted by the Notre Dame social science training lab to analyze the role of parishes, dioceses, the religious community, and colleges and universities; 2) A video documentary to show personal footage of missionary work in different Latin American communities; 3) A book project commissioned by the conference to document the findings of the study.

"We are concentrating on our role and our response [in Latin America] in the context of the bishops and the Catholic Church," Pelton said.

Pelton began by presenting "Sharing Faith Across the

Hemisphere," the 28-minute video documentary produced by Golden Dome Productions. The video was designed to portray a personal view of the Church's influence in Latin American countries. It explained that beginning in 1961 with Pope John Paul XXIII, the United States began an outreach program to help Latin America become more self-sufficient.

"There is a stereotype that poor people are only defined by their poverty," the video explained. "But they can give us so much. Life is not about

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

No virtue in the government

Recently, I had a particularly moving experience at the Grotto. I still am not entirely sure what it meant, but I know that many have shared some of their most beautiful or tragic moments with the God they seek among those stones and candles. In reflecting on that night, I remember feeling as if I had an increased sense of perception on my walk home afterwards. The religious artwork on God Quad seemed to stand out in a way that it hadn't before. From the statue of Jesus to Mary on the Dome to the stained glass windows of the Basilica — they all seemed to be more defined than usual.

We take that artwork for granted here at ND. We forget what it stands for. One concept for which it stands, among many others, is virtue. It seems wholly appropriate at a Catholic school to be surrounded by images possessing a virtuous connotation. One place it certainly does not seem appropriate today is in government.

Our nations leaders have lately been swept with an astonishing number of ethical charges. From Rostenkowski to Gingrich to President Clinton — the list is mind-boggling. I certainly am not trying to come off as holier than thou. God knows that I am not. All people make mistakes in their personal lives and none of us is without blame. However, no matter what, there should be a distinction between what goes on in the private lives of our leaders and what goes on in the public corridors of our government.

The latest possible scandal concerns allegations that the Chinese embassy may have received U.S. secrets or policy benefits in exchange for campaign contributions to the Democratic Party. This scandal could potentially involve the Clinton administration all the way through to the Commerce department. Among all the heated controversy surrounding Aldrich Ames, another instance of U.S. officials, especially in the White House, aiding and abetting foreign spies would be devastating.

No one needs to jump to any conclusions about the veracity of these allegations. There is a long and recent trail of preceding scandals marring our current government. We can not take them lightly. John F. Kennedy may not have been a saint in his personal life, but, as far as I know, he always maintained an ideal of civic virtue and a virtuous republic. Similarly, King David had Bathsheba, but he always tried to lead Israel to God.

Long ago Plato identified the death of democracy with the inability to maintain virtue. He saw democracy as possessing a natural tendency towards succumbing to its base desires and manipulation of the people for the perpetuation of power, leading eventually to tyranny. James Madison believed the only way to avoid this was to preserve a moral republic led by virtuous leaders with each feeding off of the other. In no other way could our Constitutional experiment succeed.

There was a time when this government was respected around the world simply for this virtue, not for its power or its wealth. Yet we have strayed from the ideal of a republic that puts what is right over political expedience — and we wonder why some third world countries in Latin America and the Middle East despise the U.S. flag. Maybe we should sponsor a Capitol field trip to the Grotto.

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Military fears 165 Sri Lankan refugees dead

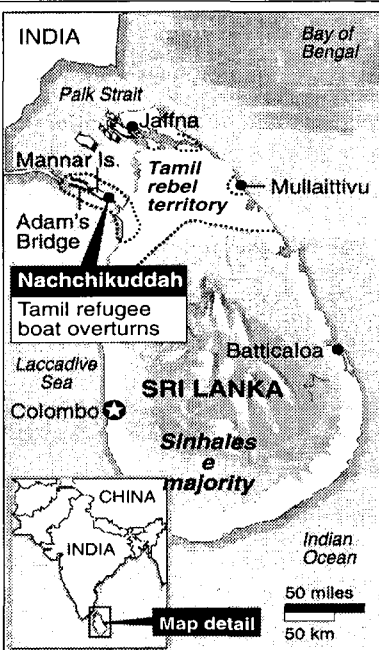
COLOMBO, Sri Lanka
A boat carrying ethnic Tamils fleeing Sri Lanka's civil war overturned Thursday off the north coast of the island nation and 165 people were feared dead, the military said.

Intercepted radio messages from Tamil rebels indicated 95 bodies had been recovered, military officials said. Seventy people were missing, including 22 children, the officials said on condition of anonymity.

The disaster could not be confirmed independently because the government does not allow reporters into rebel-controlled regions and there is no telephone link to the area.

The boat, carrying refugees to India, nearly 35 miles away, sank soon after it left the rebel base at Nachchikuddah village early Thursday, the officials said.

The rebels control the area and Sri Lanka's navy did not send rescue craft because it wanted to avoid a confrontation.



tion. The military says rebels have been encouraging ethnic Tamils to flee to India since government forces started gaining ground in a series of offensives in the past 18 months.

Last October, 14 people, including eight children and four women, drowned when another boat carrying Tamil refugees capsized.

More than 50,000 Sri Lankan Tamils are living in refugee camps in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, 20,000 of them having arrived there in the past year.

Since 1983, the Sri Lankan military has been fighting Tamil rebels who want a homeland in the north and east of the country.

The rebels allege widespread discrimination by the majority Sinhalese, who control the government and the military, against minority Tamils. More than 47,000 people have been killed in the fighting.

Mandela starts education campaign

SOWETO, South Africa

A potentially thorny moment passed smoothly Thursday when President Nelson Mandela's ex-wife, Winnie, showed up at a ceremony attended by Mandela and his girlfriend. It was the first time all three were seen at the same public function. But if there was any discomfort, all hid it well. Mandela and Graca Machel sat together, laughing and whispering at times, on a podium for the ceremony kicking off Mandela's "culture of learning" campaign to promote education in South Africa. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela arrived late and walked to an open seat on the podium, with three chairs between her and Mandela. She and Mandela didn't speak and hardly looked in each other's direction. Madikizela-Mandela and Machel also had no contact. Mandela, 78, divorced Winnie last year, four years after their separation in 1992. Since the divorce, Mandela and Machel, 51, have gone public with their relationship, which was rumored for months before the divorce. Machel is the widow of former Mozambique leader Samora Machel, who was killed in a 1986 plane crash. Both she and Mandela say they have no plans to marry again.



Former rapist commits murder

TAMPA, Fla.

A neighbor walked over to Lawrence Singleton's door and saw pretty much what Californians feared 10 years ago when they drove Singleton out of town: There was Singleton, his face and chest covered with blood, a naked woman dead on the living room floor. Singleton, 69, was arrested on murder charges Wednesday, a decade after being released from a California prison for raping a teen-age hitchhiker and hacking her forearms off with an axe. Back in California, people responded with a collective I-told-you-so. In Florida, officials said they were angry that Singleton was out on their streets but said there was little they could have done to monitor him. "It's a sad commentary on our criminal justice system that a person of this notoriety who has committed a crime this heinous is out on the streets," sheriff's Lt. David Gee said. California Gov. Pete Wilson called the slaying a needless tragedy.

'Doonesbury' makes fun of Trump

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

Donald Trump is seething at "Doonesbury" artist Garry Trudeau, whose comic strip is taking up Trump's efforts to dislodge neighbors blocking expansion of his Trump Plaza casino. "It's a low blow," said Trump, whose oversized ego and lavish lifestyle have been targets of Trudeau's lampoons since the 1980s. "He's a third-rate talent. And it's too bad that he's allowed to write this garbage. The good news is he's been covering me for years and it seems very few people read what he writes." Trudeau's comic strips, which will hit about 1,000 United States newspapers all next week, show Trump seeking advice on how to grab Sabatini's Restaurant, a tiny Pacific Avenue eatery. "So I grab their property through eminent domain, but they fight it. Tie me up in hearings for three years! Problem: How to get these yo-yos to fold and get out," Trump says to the Duke character in one panel. He also schemes to take advantage of the owners' heart conditions. "I just want you to meet with the Sabatinis and do that Antichrist thing you do," Trump tells Duke in the strip. The dialogue is made up. The situation isn't. Trump, who owns four Atlantic City casino hotels, has been frustrated by a handful of stubborn property owners in his attempts to expand.

Animals augment farm injuries

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Modern farmers operate various kinds of heavy equipment. However, of all the dangers farmers face every day, not many people would believe that a large number of farm injuries are caused by the animals themselves. According to a recently published survey organized by epidemiologist Debora Boyle, dairy cattle are a major cause of injury to numerous farmers, at least those in parts of the midwest. Boyle, a University of Minnesota graduate, said the idea from her recent study came from an earlier study conducted in 1990. "There was a study that found animal injuries were a main source among farmers," Boyle said. "Our study focused on cattle-related injuries and the activities in which farmers obtained them." Both studies consisted of interviews with randomly-selected farmers from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. Over 13,000 Midwest farmers were interviewed for the 1990 study.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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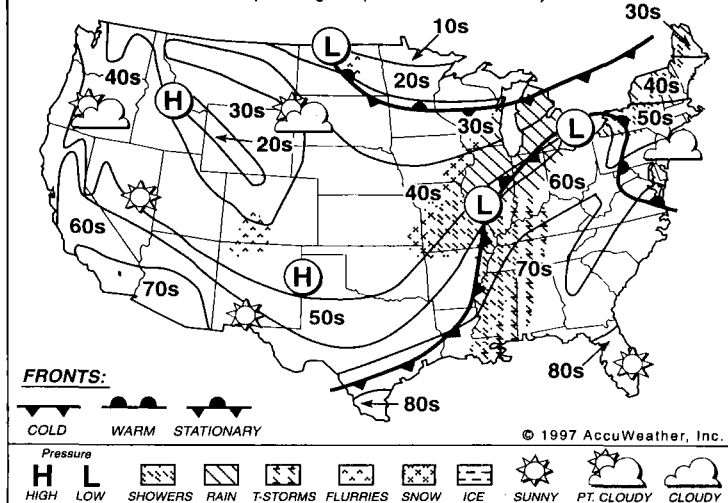
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Chicago	28	23	Kennebunk	49	44	San Francisco	60	46
Denver	39	13	Miami	83	75	Seattle	52	36

Falk: States need humanity

By ANNE HOSINSKI
News Writer

A need exists to restore a compassionate state to the forms of world governance, according to Professor Richard Falk of Princeton University in his lecture yesterday.

He noted that the problem comes from the lack of humane governance, a form of government that is suitable to the needs of the people in the state and is prepared to cater to those needs in international politics.

Calling the compassionate state a "metaphor intended to

signify the state as a political actor that has a range of possibilities for projection, power and influence," Falk stressed that compassionate politics depends on the role of non-state actors in institutional settings of government.

He said that the quest for humane governance must be rooted in the reality of human suffering, if it is to be credible.

"Humane governance cannot be premised on speculation of detached reason and cannot be content with prescribing moral abstractions," Falk said.

Falk noted that the solution to establishing humane gover-

nance worldwide is not a simple, fabricated policy but must be a compassionate, genuine response to the needs of the public.

The solution, according to Falk must "generate action and engagement to the extent to which we cannot foretell the future and so are responsible to create the future."

The lecture, "Democracy and the prospects for Humane Governance," was a part of the third annual Theodore Hesburgh Lecture on Ethics and Public Policy at the Hesburgh Center of International Studies.

Security arrests man in D2 lot last night

By LIZ FORAN
Editor-in-Chief

Notre Dame Security made an arrest following a break-in in the D2 lot last night, according to Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Security.

The arrest alleviates some of the frustration surrounding the rash of thefts from vehicles parked in student lots. Security had increased patrols, done hours of undercover surveillance, and even added additional lighting in the lots prior to last night's arrest, with no results.

"This doesn't mean we aren't going to continue to patrol the lots," Hurley stressed. "We aren't positive he's connected [to the other break-ins]."

Shortly before 11 p.m. Thursday night, an officer patrolling the D2 lot saw broken glass near a car. The officer

stopped a man in close proximity to the car who was walking away.

When searched, the 23-year-old South Bend resident was found to have a screwdriver concealed inside one of the gloves on his hand, Hurley said. The man was taken into custody and transferred to St. Joseph County Jail.

He was charged with conversion and remained in prison as of 3 a.m., according to St. Joseph County Captain Greg Labis.

"We contacted the student and had the car brought to Security," Hurley said. "We discovered evidence connecting this person [with the break-in]."

The man denied any involvement in other cases when interviewed by Security, although "the manner of operation was similar to other vehicles," Hurley added.

ND to host second business conference

By MICHAEL LEWIS
News Writer

A group, described as the nation's best international business council, will host its second annual conference this weekend at Notre Dame's College of Business Administration.

International business students from several different universities will be on campus Friday through Sunday for the Notre Dame Council on International

Business Development's Intercollegiate Consulting Conference. The group was founded in 1989 by six business students, and today, has more than 250 members.

In describing the purpose of the conference, Intercollegiate Consulting Conference Committee member Katy Loughney said, "It's really an opportunity for those who are

interested in International Business to meet people who are successful in the industry."

"It serves as a sounding board, and we can bounce ideas off each other," Loughney said.

Katie Bellock, co-director of the council's Business Services Division, described the meeting.

"The conference is student run. It gives us a chance to see what other colleges are doing and what goals they have versus what goals we have," Bellock said.

She continued that the conference promotes the exchange of new ideas and provides a basis of comparison between Notre Dame's council and that of other schools.

"It's basically a chance to get together to share ideas, and I think it gives the students a sense of confidence," Megan Stifel, the council's vice-president of development said.

Um, I think it's a...



The Observer/Katie Kroener

Students admire a sculpture at yesterday's opening of Patty Bunner-Pitcher's exhibit at the Snite Museum's Isis Gallery. The artist is a teacher at the University of Southern Michigan and her art will be on display on campus until March 14.

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the two construction seasons, both in 1997 and 1998.

"The project has been much needed due to the fact that congestion has been much worse in past years. But my other concern is kind of a new awareness — the certain cost to people's everyday lives when you do this kind of work. Time and aggravation is a social cost," Zakas said.

Although the road will never fully close, negating need of detours, closures will occur to through-traffic at separate intervals at the Edison, Douglas, and Ironwood intersections.

Community business owners, including those at Coach's sports bar, are concerned about the adverse effects of construction on their businesses.

"I'm concerned about how my business is going to survive during the construction. I'm worried if people will even bother trying to fight the traffic to come. We've got to do something so our business doesn't fall apart," said Donna Murphy, Coach's general manager.

Claiming to understand the plight of business owners, State Representative Michael Dvorak notes the benefits for owners after the construction.

"This is the best form of economic development we can provide to this community. If you look at the macro [economic] picture, in the short run this may cause some chaos, but it's going to be in the best interests of everybody in the long run," Dvorak said.

For businesses to continue their success, roads often need to be repaired, according to Darlene Bauman, INDOT representative.

"Unfortunately, sometimes construction does get into the way of business, but business owners need to understand that sometimes the reason that their business is doing so well is the fact that they are located on a good road, and that road maintenance is a natural part of that road's life. We do try to work with business in terms of giving a patron access to them during construction," Bauman said.

The department is also posing a "disincentive program" to the contractors, Walsh and Kelly of Griffin, to ensure that the work is finished on schedule, before the 1998 football season, according to Tom Stoffl, area engineer for INDOT.

"What we say is not that they will be rewarded for being done early, but that if they don't get done by such-and-such a date in 1998, they will face liquidated damages. It's a kind of disincentive to get the project done on time," Stoffl said.

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having, but about giving."

The documentary delved into individual communities by showing the impact that specific churches had. For example, the community of San Lucas in Guatemala was greatly aided by the diocese of New Ulm, Minn. Over 1,000 new homes and 21 new schools were built with New Ulm's aid, as well as a medical clinic, an orphanage, and a seed orchard. Most importantly, the literacy rate of this community has risen from three to 80 percent.

"We are blessed to have a stream of volunteers who bring their skills," explained Raymond Luker of New Ulm. "[The volunteers] then get to experience the culture, faith, and poverty first-hand."

The video documentary was followed by a Power Point presentation delineating the statistical findings of the conference's survey. Anne Venter, a member of the conference, explained several of the survey's conclusions.

"This survey was meant to be descriptive in nature," Venter stated. "Our conclusions should help structure the nature of the Church's involvement in the past few decades."

Venter presented statistics that showed the primary involvement of American parishes, dioceses, religious communities, and universities was financial aid. However, all four groups also showed an increase in human involvement in Latin America, especially among college students and faculty members.

"Student experience has

really grown in the past 35 years," said Venter. "The financial support has not increased nearly as much as the number of actual people universities are sending to Latin America."

Sr. Mary McGlone, a visiting professor from Avila College in Kansas City, Mo., attempted to tie the statistical conclusions with the more personal outlook presented in the documentary. Commissioned to write the book "The Story: Pastoral Theological Implications," which comprises the final stage in the conference's project, McGlone explained the three aspects of the Church's involvement in Latin America: attitudes, activities, and theology.

"There is a clear sense that there is generosity in the United States," McGlone said. "We need a sense of connection. As people get involved they get on a trajectory. . . people who get beyond the initial fear move from generosity to raised consciousness."

McGlone emphasized that although the contribution of the United States to Latin America was indeed significant, the Church and the community must not lose sight of what the Latin American community gives back to us.

"When I've touched their hands, seen their tears, something happens. . . when the Spirit is awakened in our people the positive dimensions of relationships can grow."

Concluding with a question session to clarify statistics, Pelton and McGlone stressed the importance of the relationship between the churches of the United States and Latin America.

"Something new is being born among us," stated McGlone, citing an old Peruvian song. "This is not the old mission; we are moving toward community."

The lecture, "The Influence of the Latin American Church on the North American Church," was held yesterday afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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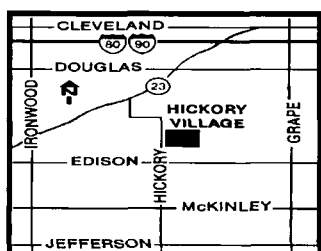


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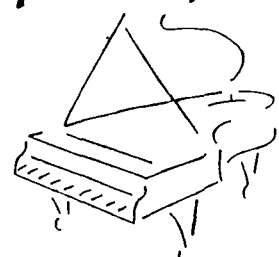
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Pianist to give concert Sunday

Special to The Observer

Pianist Paul-Andre Bempechat will perform a recital on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Annenberg auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. A pre-concert lecture will begin at 1 p.m.

The program will include Franz Schubert's "Sonata in G Major," Johannes Brahms' "Seven Fantasies," and "Three Intermezzi."

Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$2 for students and senior citizens, and are available at the door or in advance by calling 631-6201.

The year 1997 marks the 200th anniversary of Schubert's birth and the centenary of Brahms' death. Bempechat's program consists of late works by these composers.

Bempechat, frequently praised for the depth and integrity of his interpretations, visits many university campuses yearly, giving recitals and masterclasses as well as lectures.

His recent seasons' performances, which gained him international recognition, have included appearances at the Vienna Festival, the Rotterdam, Stockholm and Helsinki Philharmonic Halls, Geneva's Salle Ernest Anserment, and Berlin's Konzerthaus.

ND grad fights drug war in Navy

By CHAD McKIMSON
Special to The Observer

CARIBBEAN SEA

The Navy spends its time defending U.S. interests, often on the other side of the world. However, for the crew of the guided-missile cruiser USS Princeton, protecting America's interests on their current deployment will keep them a little closer to home.

Instead of keeping the peace in the Arabian Gulf, the crew will be in the Southeastern Pacific and Caribbean Sea waging war on what many people feel is an even larger threat to the United States than international disputes — illegal narcotics.

Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Griffin, a 1986 graduate of Notre Dame, and the rest of the crew of the Ticonderoga-class cruiser departed their home port of San Diego in mid-January for a counter-narcotics mission off the coasts of Central and South America. Griffin feels it is important for the Navy to help protect the U.S. from illegal drug smuggling.

"To combat this tremendously well-organized and well-financed adversary [drug lords] requires the resources of more than

the country's law enforcement agencies alone. They are not adequately equipped or trained for blue water search operations of the high seas. That's where we come in and bring out expertise in this medium to the fight," Griffin said.

Griffin, the combat systems officer on the Princeton, supervises the ship's combat systems personnel.

The Princeton is equipped with powerful engines and a state-of-the-art Aegis combat system, a computer operated command and control system. Aegis is an integrated system designed to simultaneously collect, evaluate and display combat information, launch and guide missiles to their targets and share tactical information with other ships and aircraft.

Along with the Aegis system, the Princeton possesses a variety of air, surface, and land-attack missiles, torpedoes and rapid fire guns. The versatility of the 9,500-ton cruiser enables it to build a defensive shield around a naval battle group, conduct offensive strikes against land targets, and undertake surveillance, search and rescue and counter-narcotic operations.

Because of the Princeton's multi-mission

capabilities, the Pacific Fleet is able to maintain a constant involvement in monitoring international waterways for drug trafficking. The Princeton spent the last several months preparing for the deployment, and Griffin feels the training will serve him well during the operation.

"The last several months of training has prepared me very well. The ship's primary focus remained on training and preparing for the types of operations we can expect to encounter while deployed overseas," Griffin, a 10-year Navy veteran, said.

The deployment will be hard work for Griffin and will require some long hours, but he has some goals he wants to accomplish.

"What I hope for on this deployment is for the ship to have a positive impact in the war on drugs, specifically to help stem the flow from Central America into the United States," Griffin said.

"Personally, I hope this deployment prepares me for my next at-sea assignment as an executive officer of a naval warship."

While living and serving on a warship like the Princeton can be a difficult lifestyle, Griffin still values the experience.

"The most rewarding aspect for me is contributing to the national security and the defense of the United States by ensuring that the ship's combat systems are ready for conflict if called upon," Griffin said.

Chad McKimson is a Navy journalist assigned to the Navy Public Affairs Center at Naval Station, San Diego.

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Cerny to give 'American' recital

Special to The Observer

William Cerny, professor of music at Notre Dame, will perform a spring concert recital on Sun., March 2 at 2 p.m. in the Anneberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art.

Entitled "American Centennial Celebration," the concert is dedicated to the works of American composers. The program will highlight composers born in 1896, including Virgil Thomson, Howard Hanson,

Robert Sessions, and William Grant Still. The recital is free and open to the public.

Included on Cerny's recital program are "Three Visions" (1936) by Still, "Five 2-Part Inventions" (1946) by Sessions, "Three Miniatures and Clog Dance" (1932) by Hanson, and "Sonata for Piano" (1967) by Peter Mennin.

A graduate of Yale University, Cerny was a professional accompanist in New York City early in his career. He was on the faculty of

Eastman School of Music for 13 years before coming to Notre Dame in 1972.

While at Eastman, he performed the complete 62 Haydn sonatas, the 19 Mozart sonatas, and the complete 32 Beethoven piano sonatas.

His solo performances have taken him to scores of university campuses, and his weekly radio program has been carried by 30 National Public Radio stations throughout the country.

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DynamO to play in ND theater

Special to The Observer

DynamO Theatre, a professional company from Montreal, Canada will perform an original play, "The Challenge," Feb. 27 through March 1 at Washington Hall.

In addition to the performance, DynamO will conduct two workshops for theatre students.

DynamO Theatre has performed for audiences in Canada, the United States, South America, Europe, and Asia for more than 15 years with a unique form of perfor-

mance art the company calls "theatre of acrobatic movement."

It blends aspects of drama, circus, and dance into a form that transcends language, says Bruce Auerbach, Notre Dame's director of theatre and associate professional specialist in communication and theatre.

According to Auerbach, DynamO was included in the University's mainstage season primarily because its style of theatre is very different from

the styles with which Notre Dame students are familiar.

"This will be a great stretch for our audience, and our students will see and work with a new physical form."

"The Challenge" is a tale of exploration and risk in which a pack of thrill-seeking youths heads off to see if "something might happen."

"Its compelling narrative," says Auerbach, is driven by electrifying physicality and evocative images.

Hubble astronauts: 'We had a blast'

By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL — Their restoration of the Hubble Space Telescope completed, Discovery's astronauts aimed for a rare, middle-of-the-night shuttle landing early Friday.

Their scheduled arrival time: 3:32 a.m. They were supposed to land 1 1/2 hours earlier, but low clouds moved in at the last minute and kept the shuttle in orbit.

Another option being considered, if the weather did not improve, was to send Discovery to the backup landing site at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Only eight of the 81 previous space shuttle flights have ended in darkness. At astronauts' request, NASA recently installed 52 halogen lights down the middle of the 15,000-foot runway to make nighttime landings safer.

Co-pilot Scott Horowitz

said Thursday: "We had a blast."

The seven astronauts left Hubble behind with sharper eyes, a better brain and balance, and extra thermal skin.

A record-tying fifth spacewalk was required to patch peeling insulation on the telescope; permanent repairs will be made during the next service call in three years.

The crew also boosted Hubble into a 385-mile-high orbit during the 10-day mission, the highest the telescope — or a space shuttle — has ever flown.

"I'm still really pumped and probably will be for a long time," said Joe Tanner, who performed two of the spacewalks.

Steven Hawley, the crew's lone astronomer, expects the next eight to 10 weeks to go slowly as ground controllers calibrate each Hubble instrument one by one.

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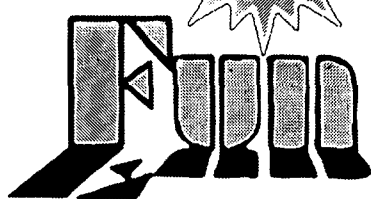
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Panel: Marijuana could help patients

By PAUL RECER
Associated Press Writer

BETHESDA, Md.

Sparse but promising evidence indicates smoking marijuana may ease the suffering of some seriously ill patients, but more study is needed before the drug's medical value is understood, a panel of experts said Thursday.

At a news conference interrupted repeatedly by pro-marijuana demonstrators, the experts assembled by the National Institutes of Health spoke of intriguing hints that marijuana smoking helps some patients with cancer, AIDS or glaucoma. But they cautioned there is little hard scientific evidence.

"For at least some indications (medical uses), it looks promising enough that there should be some new controlled studies," said Dr. William T. Beaver, a professor of pharmacology at Georgetown University School of Medicine and the panel's chairman.

Although a final committee report is not complete, "the general mood was that for some indications, there is a rationale for looking further

into the therapeutic effects of marijuana," Beaver said.

The eight-member committee appeared at a news conference after two days of hearings during which members reviewed the scientific literature on medical use of smoked marijuana and heard from other experts.

Dr. Alan Leshner, head of the National Institute of Drug Abuse, organized the meeting after California and Arizona enacted state laws that allow medical uses of marijuana.

Those state laws also prompted White House drug czar Barry McCaffrey to issue a warning that doctors who prescribe marijuana could lose their federal authority to prescribe medicine. One California doctor already has been warned by the Department of Justice that he is under investigation.

Despite McCaffrey's tough stand, however, Leshner said the NIH would finance medical marijuana studies, if proposed research is approved by the agency's peer-review process. He said his institute is empowered to issue legal marijuana to researchers.

"Our policy is that if other institutes (at NIH) support a

study, then we will provide the marijuana," he said.

Allowing doctors to prescribe marijuana is popular with Americans, favored by 62 percent to 33 percent in a CBS News poll released Thursday. But legalizing marijuana for personal use is opposed by 70 percent to 26 percent in the poll of 1,276 adults taken Jan. 30-Feb. 1.

Results have a 3-percentage-point margin of sampling error, CBS said.

Thursday's news conference was interrupted four times by ACT UP, the AIDS activist group, and members of the Marijuana Policy Project. In shouted accusations, the demonstrators accused Leshner of using a "stall tactic" to block marijuana research and of ignoring existing research.

"We don't trust you," screamed one demonstrator. "People with AIDS need marijuana to survive."

Security officers removed each demonstrator in turn, and the news conference continued.

Beaver said the scientists did not consider the politics or legal problems of doing marijuana research.

Technology could tell if gun killed King

By WOODY BAIRD
Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

New technology exists that could determine whether James Earl Ray's rifle killed the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, a judge said today.

Judge Joe Brown's decision must now be reviewed by the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals before Brown can rule on Ray's request for a new test of the weapon.

Ray is asking for that test in an attempt to take back his guilty plea and go to trial.

Brown could not say when the appeals court will make its review.

Ray, 68, pleaded guilty to murder in 1969 but reversed himself almost immediately and has been requesting a trial ever since. He claims he was set up to be the fall guy for the real killers.

He contends the hunting rifle found at the murder scene with his fingerprints on it was put there by conspirators trying to frame him.

To have new tests, Ray's lawyers must first convince the courts that improved technology can determine if the rifle found at the scene killed King. They would then have to show that test results in Ray's favor help prove his innocence.

Ray has drawn support in his bid for a trial from civil rights leaders and from the family of King. Both his widow, Coretta Scott King, and son Dexter King urged Brown to put Ray on

trial.

"Even if no new light is shed on the facts concerning my husband's assassination, at least we and the nation can have the satisfaction of knowing that justice has run its course in this tragedy," Mrs. King said at today's hearing.

Robert Hathaway, an assistant forensics examiner for Rhode Island, said new technology could prove another rifle fired the shot that killed King on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in April 1968.

That technology is a scanning electron microscope, which Hathaway said wasn't available until the mid 1980s.

"Knowing that the magnification is much greater and better it is an additional tool that can be used to possibly resolve the conflict over whether it was fired from this gun," said Hathaway, who spent 17 years in the crime lab for the Connecticut State Police.

Hathaway said the FBI used technology available at the time to test the bullet and rifle, but there has been "no matching of the death slug to the rifle itself."

The U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations had the King rifle tested in the 1970s, but because the slug was so mangled, could not establish beyond a scientific doubt that it was the murder weapon.

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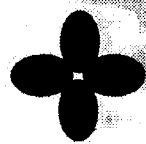
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■ CHINA

Nation carries on without Deng

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING
Young entrepreneurs hustled to work and old men practiced tai chi on side streets. Confronting a new world Thursday without Deng Xiaoping, Chinese gave silent testimony to his call for them to get rich.

Beijingers gathered in little groups around portable radios, listening to broadcasts hailing Deng as a patriot and mourning China's loss.

Newspapers, delivered hours late because front pages were held until early morning, were posted on boards, attracting crowds who pored over the black-framed eulogies.

But China did not grind to a halt. The two stock markets that Deng allowed to open still traded, albeit shaken by the

passing of their most important supporter.

People expressed sadness and shock, but there were no forced public displays of grief like those after the death of Mao Tse-tung in 1976. Deng deliberately avoided the cult of personality that marked Mao's rule.

"China's future looks good," said 17-year-old Johnson Chiu, munching fries at a McDonald's in Beijing. With his denim jacket and a name taken from his sports hero, Magic Johnson, Chiu has known only life under Deng.

"The generation above us had a tough life. But our generation has been luckier, and that's because of Deng," he said between bites.

In Shenzhen, a metropolis of skyscrapers on the Hong Kong border that Deng made the crucible of his economic reforms,

thousands of people streamed to a park to lay wreaths and weep before a huge smiling portrait of Deng — one of the few of its kind in China.

"Deng is like my real grandpa," said Wang Xinen, 16, weeping and hugging her classmates. "To us and Shenzhen, Deng is the great man. Without him, we couldn't have what we are enjoying today."

Shenzhen was a fishing village in the late 1970s when Deng picked it as the first of a series of Special Economic Zones. In 1992, when conservative Communists were trying to slow his revolution, Deng returned to Shenzhen to launch a counterattack that reinvigorated his reforms.

All day, in bright winter sunshine, people came to the park on foot or bicycle, carrying huge bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums.

Safety board calls for plane alteration

By RANDOLPH SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Federal safety investigators are stepping up the pressure to redesign the rudder controls on Boeing 737s, the world's most widely used airliner.

Control problems are suspected in a pair of deadly crashes involving the jets.

The National Transportation Safety Board called Thursday for a speedup in the control redesign and also urged additional training for flight crews in dealing with sudden rolls caused by unexpected rudder movement on the airliners.

In particular, the board said, crews should be warned that under certain conditions the plane's rudder can reverse itself.

The rudder is the large movable surface on the tail of an airplane that controls left-and-right movement.

Recent tests indicate that the jamming of a control valve leading to sudden reverse rudder "during normal pilot response can no longer be considered an extremely improbable or an extremely remote event," the safety board reported.

There "is no history of a rudder reversal in flight," responded Tom McSweeney, the Federal Aviation Administration's director of aircraft certification.

Boeing spokeswoman Susan Bradley said the company is "already working to an aggressive schedule and would do everything we could to cooperate" with authorities.

Cuban exiles mark anniversary

By LAURA MYERS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

The United States urged Cuba on Thursday to exercise restraint during a fly-over by exiles to mark the anniversary of the shoot-down of two of their planes.

At the same time, the State Department cautioned organizers of Monday's demonstration that they would be "playing with fire" if they violated Cuban airspace or waters.

"What we've been assured is that they have no intention of

violating Cuban territorial seas or airspace. And that's a very important promise or pledge that they've made," said Glyn Davies, a State Department spokesman.

Davies said the United States informed the Castro government that the Brothers to the Rescue have the right as Americans to hold a peaceful demonstration, about 20 miles off the coast of Cuba.

Communist Cuba has ignored international law before, however, Davies contended, including when its military shot down the two unarmed, civilian aircraft Feb. 24, 1996, killing four peo-

ple. The shoot-down resulted in stiffer U.S. economic sanctions against Cuba.

"When you're talking about Castro's Cuba, given what happened on Feb. 24th of last year ... you know you can be playing with fire if you do go into Cuban territorial airspace," he said.

In Havana, Marianela Ferriol, spokeswoman for the Ministry of Foreign Relations, told reporters Cuba would adopt "all necessary measures to impede any violation of the air, land or maritime space of the country" during the anniversary demonstration on Monday.

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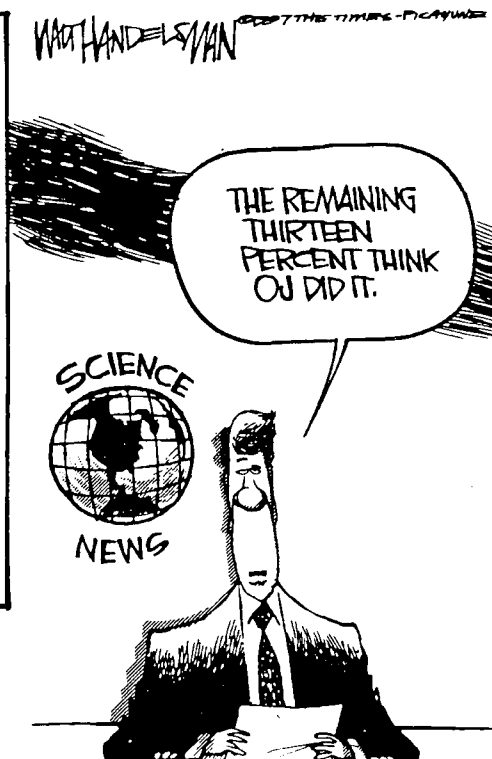
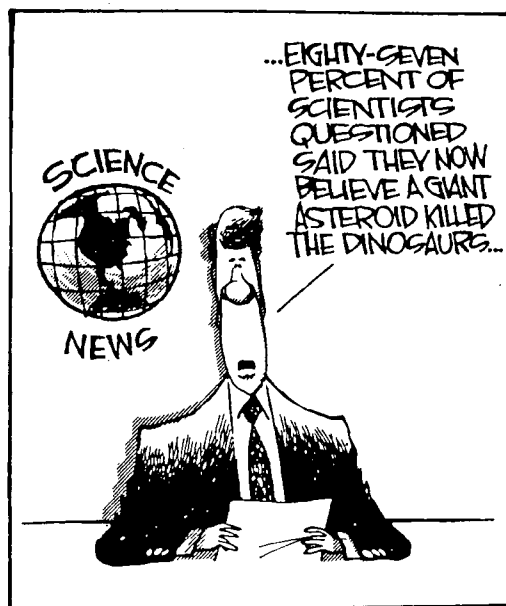
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EDITORIAL

Search for president should consider gender

The presidential search at Saint Mary's College is nearing an end, with the secrecy continuing to shroud the proceedings. You need the highest security government clearance to even find out the gender of the candidates, let alone their names, as the College protects the "confidence" of the candidates.

If they have come this far in the process, with the new president set to be named in a matter of weeks, shouldn't the candidates also be willing to inform their current bosses that they might be taking a stroll to greener pastures?

While the College continues to protect the anonymity of the finalists, The Observer can only hope that they choose the most qualified candidate for the position — and that they consider that the most qualified candidate to lead a women's college might indeed be a woman.

Who better knows the issues at a women's college than a woman? It is most important to consider the best and most qualified candidate for the job, whether that be a man or a woman. However, as a president often serves as more of a figurehead of the institution, whether that seat is occupied by a man or a woman makes a serious statement. What does this say about an all women's college if a man again occupies the presidency of an institution founded entirely for women? It indirectly says that no woman was qualified for the position of such leadership. It says that the institution could not find a woman capable enough of representing a place founded entirely for the education and personal growth of women. The person occupying the presidency stands for everything that the college is about — women. Logic says that the new leader should be of the same gender.

If Saint Mary's "pays particular attention to the rights and responsibilities of women in the worlds of work, church and community" and "cultivates a community life which responds to the needs of women and cherishes their talents," as the mission statement of the college says, then SMC should honor this dedication to women and show a woman in the prestigious position of president. This way, the College is practicing what it preaches. Choosing a woman for the presidency of the College is an exemplary way for the Saint Mary's to show how women effectively exercise leadership roles, which is what the College supposedly trains women to do.

The United States of America made a similar move recently by placing a woman in one of the most powerful positions not only in our country but in the world. Madeline Albright would be in line for the presidency in her newly appointed position as Secretary of State if she had been born in the U.S. If America can take steps to show the rest of the world that women are capable of handling huge responsibilities and delicate situations, then Saint Mary's (while playing hide and seek with the candidates' "delicate" profiles and backgrounds) can surely find a role model for women in the hunt for a new president — if they have not done so already.

Twenty-five years ago perhaps the best qualified candidate for the Saint Mary's presidency was William Hickey, and he has done a tremendous job. This paper does not attempt to take anything away from his accomplishments or honorable reputation. But 25 years later women have come a long way, and it's time to give Saint Mary's their due and show them that the College practices what it preaches.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ND women fail to support female electoral candidates

Dear Editor:

Women of Notre Dame, you dropped the ball.

Frankly, you made it overwhelmingly clear when you elected Matt Griffin and Erik Nass as your new student body leaders in the recent presidential election. (For those of you who supported the Szabo/Gillard ticket, I applaud you, and I invite you to bear witness to the diatribe I have prepared for your backstabbing peers.)

I hold you responsible for this ill-conceived mistake because in every female dorm except two (Knott, where Mary Gillard lives, and Howard), the Griffin/Nass ticket received the majority of votes by an average margin of 23 percent over its competitor.

The Notre Dame men performed quite differently, however; the Szabo/Gillard ticket won every male dorm (by an average margin of victory of 12 percent) except Stanford and Keenan, where Griffin and Nass reside, respectively. In fact, I would even argue that the men humiliated you by supporting the female candidate that was to be your voice in student government.

Yes, yes, you're right; it would have been pitifully provincial of you to vote for Mary Gillard just because she was the only woman running for office in the final election. But if you read Allison Koenig's February 10 Observer Inside Column entitled "Waiting for a leading woman," in which she describes the lack of female leadership and initiative in student government executive office, you should have felt compelled to vote differently. So if you still weren't convinced by the Szabo/Gillard platform, then why did you vote for the opposition?

Was it because Griffin and Nass had the word "experience" plastered all over their pithy little campaign posters? Well if that's the case, you really screwed up,

because Koenig states that "from a leadership and government involvement standpoint, [Mary Gillard] is more qualified to lead the student body than any of the nine candidates."

Or was it because they proclaimed themselves, in hackneyed fashion, "your voice?" Wrong again—the Szabo/Gillard ticket was the only ticket, from the very beginning, to advocate improved gender relations efforts.

So far, we haven't come up with any intelligent reasons for your misguided actions, so let's pose a few inane (but much more likely) explanations.

Perhaps you thought we needed some cute guys in office. Perhaps you like the trendy sweaters they were wearing in their campaign posters. Perhaps your friends told you how cool those guys are because they go to Bridget's all the time. Perhaps you're entrenched in a high-school mentality that demands that you vote on the basis of sheer popularity. This, of course, is all conjecture.

If you can't yet see where I am going with this, let me spell it out for you. You were afraid to break away from the pack, afraid to take a chance, afraid to live up to changing gender roles.

You have strong spokeswomen on this campus and powerful feminist ideologies at your fingertips, but you chose to ignore all of them in this election. The time has come to emancipate yourselves from social conservatism and to take the risk of ruffling some feathers. This was your big chance, and you blew it.

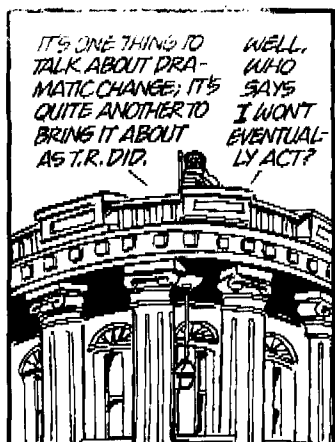
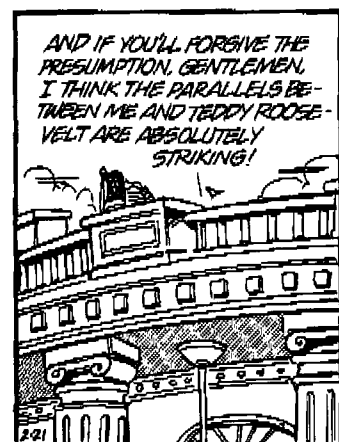
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."

—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

■ DISGRESSIONS, DISTORTIONS, AND GENERAL RAMBLINGS

Shoppers, on your mark, get ready, get set, go!

It's beautiful... touching, really, when a father decides to impart to his child the vast complexities of his aggregate life knowledge and philosophies — especially when they concern toilet paper!

I was twelve years old when my father decided to share with me his authoritative theories on shopping. "Kath," he said, "in order to be a winner in the

Kathy Scheibel



sport of shopping, you must understand the intricacies of the game. For example, products such as toilet paper, toothpaste and kitty litter should always be bought in mass quantities at discount prices, because things are cheaper by the gross, and toilet paper just doesn't spoil. Concentrate on the details, and victory will greet you at every blue light special."

Doesn't every father have a similar session with his daughter as she comes of age? Well... no, probably not, because not every father is priming his daughter to inherit his legacy as Strategic Stockpile Shopping Champion of the World. In fact, most fathers probably don't even know that shopping is a highly intense, mentally stimulating and physically demanding game of strategy. My dad, however, does — and he engages in this game once a week... all week long.

Play officially opens at an atrociously early hour Sunday morning (before the Joneses or their cat would even *think* about being awake) when the paper boy launches the 30-pound weekend edition of the newspaper through our dining room window. While Mom sweeps up the shattered glass, Dad pounces on the paper in a race against time, inventory supply and opposing Stockpile Shoppers. He tears past the front page, the comics, even the sports page, until his hands land on the sacred glossies... the four-inch-thick, for-suckers-only, we-dare-you-to-try-and-find-the-deal-before-it-expires advertisement section.

"Wow! Soap is only \$1.50 per bar at Wal-Mart this week! Ooh! And Kmart has a buy 36, get one free special on laundry detergent! And, good gracious — they've got kegs of pickles for 49 bucks at Sam's Club! You can't beat that with a stick! Geez ol' Pete — here's a 5-cent coupon for molasses at Food Barn! We need molasses, don't we honey?"

"Yes, dear — I think we just opened the last gallon yesterday."

"Holy cow! Would you just look at these outrageously low prices for olives!"

"You're allergic to olives, dear."

"And dirt-cheap baby formula! And kitty litter!"

"Our children are grown up, and the cat died four years ago, dear."

Obviously, the object of the game is not necessarily to purchase items truly *needed*, nor is it to actually *get* a bargain, but rather the importance is placed on the quantity of *perceived* bargains scouted and the extent of absurdly extreme measures taken in obtaining and exploiting these perceived bargains.

After this invigorating and inspiring

scouting stage comes the most challenging, yet the most integral part of the game — the organizational phase... when mere dreams are transformed into possible realities. This, incidentally, is the favorite stage of the spectator. All three of us kids will routinely drag our lifeless bodies out of bed several hours before sunrise just to witness Dad's metamorphosis into Superhuman Strategist. It's a vivid visual experience: His heart begins violently convulsing, and the blood rips through his veins at lightning speed, sparking random neuron firings and turning his entire body an interesting shade of purple. The mice inside his brain begin to run like mad on their little wheels (and it must be pretty steamy in there, because smoke invariably filters out of Dad's ears), and his eyes grow wide as the spirit of inspiration enters him.

He whips out his chalkboard and begins diagramming furiously. "Okay, team — here's the plan: We hit the Wal-Mart in Tallahassee first, then we shoot on over to Denver and visit the Venture on Main Street, then we'll head up to Big Bob's Ball-Point Pens in Vegas; we'll loop over to Crazy Harry's in Dubuque..."

According to Dad (and he is the reigning Champion of Strategic Stockpile Shopping), failure to cross over several time zones and burn at least eight tanks of gas is a clear and flagrant violation of the rules.

"...and finally, we'll blitz Sam's Club and buy all of their remaining toilet paper, that is unless any unforeseeable bargains should present themselves along the way. Are ya with me, kids?"

We sleepily and collectively mumble, "Ummm, we gotta... uh... do some stuff,"

and, satisfied with the amusement of Dad's smoking head, we wander back to our beds to sleep until normal people do. Mom, who seems to be our sole gene contributor, follows soon after us.

So, Dad gives explicit directions to the dog to make sure to clear a loading zone for the loot and to continue on as usual without him, assuring him that he will return victorious.

So, the family carries on through the rest of the week, noting the severe weather patterns developing over most of North America and knowing that Dad is certainly enjoying the extra, added challenge of atmospheric turbulence.

On Saturday evening, Dad's return is announced by the grating sound of metal dragging on pavement, as his car, now several tons heavier than last Sunday and riding only a fraction of a centimeter from the ground, crawls up the driveway. Mr. Jones storms the field to get the post-game interview with Dad, while the reserves (i.e. the family) rush in to transfer the goods to the disaster prep sight (i.e. the basement, which holds enough supplies to sustain the entire neighborhood for several decades in the event that World War III should occur). The car thanks us profusely as we relieve it of 46 bags of charcoal, 258 rolls of toilet paper, 73 bottles of shampoo, 300 pounds of gerbil food...

"Gerbil food?! Dad — we don't have any gerbils!"

"They're in the trunk... they were on sale, too!"

That's good for the extra point. And the crowd goes wild!

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■ CAPITOL COMMENTS

Are quotas the answer to Notre Dame's lack of diversity?

Tucked nicely together on the back cover of the most recent edition of Notre Dame Magazine is the symmetrical pattern of sixteen photographs of students from the Class of 2000. Nine males and eight females represent the gender balance of the student population on campus. About one third are people of color or easily-recognizable ethnic minorities.

Gary Caruso



Diversity and political correctness exudes in this public relations triumph.

Wrapped across the front and back of the most recent edition of "Alumni, The Newsletter for Notre Dame Alumni," is the 1997 Ballot for the Alumni Association's National Board of Directors. This board is the highest alumni organization at Notre Dame, and alumni can only serve one three-year term in their lifetime. Obviously, the ballot layout is not as slick as the Class of 2000 cover, yet the ballot is very distinct in its own way. The fourteen candidates are all white males.

I have a grouchy, sometimes bitter classmate from Chicago who could "give a damn" about the national board as he continues over the years to fade from a Notre Dame Rah-Rah to a Notre Dame Indifferent. In fact, he claims to have a sure-fire method of choosing the alumni board winners. He asserts that to be given the opportunity to run on the ballot only means that the candidate has become a "good ole boy" with someone at the University. My classmate can tell who will win by first eliminating the ugly photographs. He swears that each year at least two candidates loose

because they are too fat or too stiff looking.

Secondly, while my friend always votes for the younger of the two opponents in each region, he estimates that the older candidate will win eighty percent of the time. Says he, "The guy who serves for almost twenty years on his local club's board is the guy who is driven by all that Notre Dame rah-rah 'stuff.' He only lives to attend every Notre Dame 'game of the century' each season and to finally serve a once-in-a-lifetime term on the national board. I'd vote against anyone who served more than two years as president and more than six years on any club board. What ever happened to serving a while and letting a younger person have the same opportunity and experience after you?"

Finally, my classmate reads the biographies and statements of the remaining "open seats" on his ballot. He favors engineers over attorneys, but will vote against anyone who uses "God and country" together in a statement. He will drop the candidate with the most "schmaltz" in a statement. Most emphatically, though, he will exclude a candidate who seems to be "too rigid or Notre Dame white Catholic stereotypical."

After a careful inspection of this alumni ballot, one could also assert that age diversity is nonexistent. One third of the candidates running for seats with no age restriction are from the Class of 1969. Again excluding the At-Large seat reserved for young alumni, only two candidates have graduated less than ten years ago.

It is ironic for the campus to recently spend days celebrating events to understand and promote multicultural diversity, and then publish an alumni ballot void of ethnic, age or gender diversity. Regardless of how many women currently serve on the national board, the fact remains that none were on this ballot. Regardless of the fact that the first

African American was recently elected president of the alumni board, no candidates represent any ethnic diversity. Regardless of the fact that candidates have graduated from each decade from the 1950s to the 1990s, a third are from the Class of 1969. It is mathematical equivalent of having 33 U.S. Senators from Alaska.

My grumpy classmate is having a field day with this issue. He just got over his obsession with Notre Dame issuing stadium parking passes to contributors of \$3,000 or more on football weekends. Now he wants to know why the staff of the Alumni Association Office does not offer some sensitivity, continuity and guidance to the currently sitting "good ole boys" who place the next generation of "hand-picked boys" on the ballot?

In many ways, his question is quite valid. My sister was one of the first freshmen classes of women to enter Notre Dame. She fought against a tradition of male preference that was ingrained in Notre Dame for over a century. She endured immature college "boys" insulting her on the quads. She suffered the indignities of being bypassed to be editor of a campus publication, not on her merits, but on her gender. Have women finally won a place in the campus classrooms, but not in other university settings?

Three weeks ago a freshman, Class of 2000, wrote a courageous, poignant letter to the editor about living on both sides of the ethnic bubble. He is a Cuban, but passes as the white, Catholic, stereotype that dominates the University's student population. He considers himself lucky to be able to see both sides, that can comfort, but which also contain fear, anger and bigotry.

Notre Dame chooses to be so homogeneous, reserving a quarter of each freshman class for children of alumni. Unlike Georgetown, for example, which barely has half of its enrollment Catholic, Notre Dame could be called the

Oral Roberts of Indiana. That choice to be so Catholic, in itself, is not necessarily bad. However, it is incumbent upon each administrator, staff member and student to conscientiously strive each day to embrace as much diversity as possible throughout the university system. The real world demands it.

Everyone recognizes that more men than women have graduated from Notre Dame, although surely the Class of 1969 did not have one-third more graduates. Most will also recognize that while the gender representation was very accurate, the ethnic and cultural representation of the Class of 2000 on the Notre Dame Magazine was not quite the actual makeup of the class, but an honest effort to be inclusive. Yet can anybody believe that not one woman or a person of color was qualified nor available for the alumni ballot this spring?

Advocating quotas makes any conservative shiver, especially the far-right conservatives in the Notre Dame administration. However, this is another classic case of the age-old quota dilemma, "How can the Alumni Association be inclusive if it does not impose some type of quota for women and minorities?"

As my "Oscar The Grouch" classmate might explain it, "You expect these ole boy types to be sensitive on their own? Hell, they'd sell Kangaroo meat to the dining halls if they could find some hand-picked boy to supply it. You tell everyone I said that, you hear? And see if you can mention the football stadium parking passes they give out to anyone with money instead of the alumni who deserve it."

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Furry Con

By LIZ FORAN
Editor-In-Chief

Sometimes the lure of soft brown or blue eyes, an adorable face, cute body and winning disposition can get you in big trouble.

In some cases it can even get you evicted. "We don't allow students to have pets other than small caged animals or fish," stated Beth Hoffman, manager of Turtle Creek apartments, a largely student populated complex to the east of campus. "We're not being discriminatory, but on a whole students cannot take care of a pet to the extent that they need to be taken care of."

Hoffman, who volunteers at South Bend animal shelter Pet Refuge, claims the number of stray animals, mostly cats, around the apartment complex are descendants of pets abandoned by students who were graduating or going home for breaks.

"Some of them are third or fourth generation (strays). We have caught some of them, but they are wild now," she added. "It's very, very sad."



Responsible ownership

Not all students are irresponsible regarding pet ownership, according to Billy Giles, a senior who lives in Turtle Creek. When he attempted to bring a puppy back from his hometown of New York to the complex, he was told he could not keep the pet and his lease at the same time.

"I'm a city kid who grew up in Manhattan, and I always wanted a dog," Giles said. "My parents said it was cruel to have a dog when you live in the city, and I agreed, but there seemed to be something fundamentally American to have a dog."

"My roommate and I adopted a dog from a shelter in New York. She was cute, spunky, friendly, she didn't bite — completely not the type of dog you would expect from a shelter."

"I knew people in Turtle Creek who had cats and dogs, but I called just to be sure," he said.

He was told the apartment had stopped allowing pets two years before, and that only residents with pets before the ban were allowed to keep them through a grandfather clause.

"They (the management) wouldn't listen to me. I asked them to just look at the dog — that she wasn't destructive. I told them I would take care of her, that I was a model tenant at Campus View for two years. I offered to pay extra rent, to rake leaves and shovel snow if they would let me have a dog."

Giles ended up bringing the dog back to school with him and finding a home for her on a nearby farm. He disagrees strongly with the policy that groups all students as irresponsible and unable to care for a pet.

"You should be able to prove yourself," he said. "You should be able to provide references."

Finding a way

Where's there is a will, there is a way, say two students who have an unauthorized dog at an apartment complex close to campus.

"The landlord doesn't know we have her," said one of the students, a senior at Notre Dame. "They don't live on the premises."

The roommates acquired the dog, a five-year-old small mixed breed, from Pet Refuge, an agency which does require proof of an acceptable environment before placing their animals in homes.

"We had Pet Refuge call our friend, who pretended she was the landlord," he said. "She told them it was all right for us to have a dog in the apartment."

"Then we had them (Pet Refuge) call our friend's mother in New York, who pretended to be [one of the student's] mother. She said it was okay with her for us to have a dog, and that she would take the dog if one of us couldn't after graduation."

The roommates do plan to give the dog to one's parents or a brother or sister if one of them cannot keep her upon graduation.



The official route

Lying is often the only way for a student to receive an animal from a pet shelter, according to Rosemary Hutchins, office manager at the South Bend Humane Society, who said they do get a number of requests from students each year interested in pets.

"We do a lot of checking," she said. "We always check to see

if they can handle them."

The Humane Society does not refuse pets to students, although they must make sure the apartment or dwelling will allow them and the animals will be provided for after graduation.

"I don't want to give away all our secrets," Hutchins said, "but you can tell if a student is lying."

She could not give a percentage of students who inquire who do eventually end up with pets.



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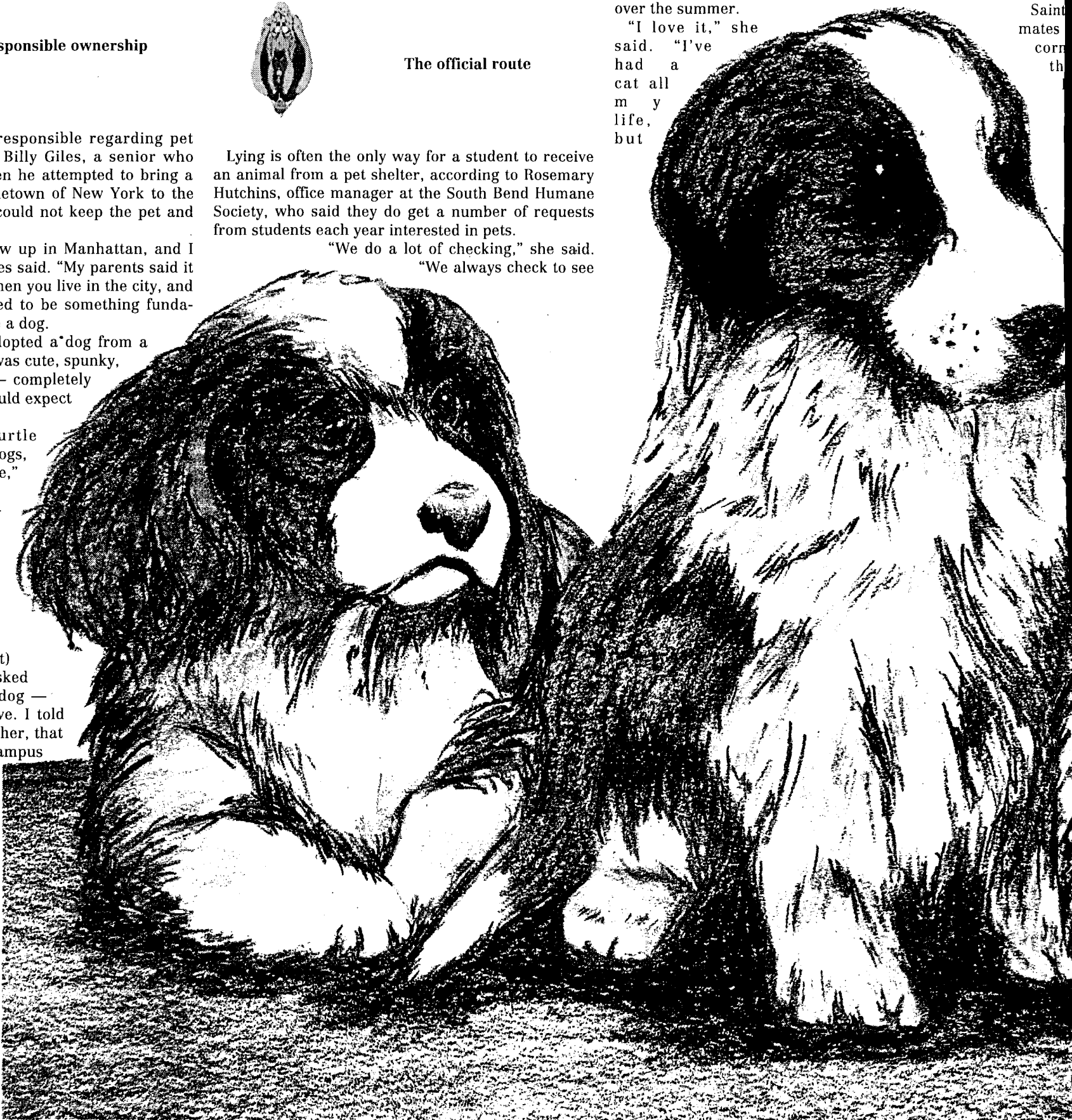
Avoiding student dominated apartment complexes, which do typically not allow pets, is often the only option for student insistent upon having animal companionship.

Erin Sayer, a Saint Mary's senior who lives in Candlewood Apartments in Mishawaka, has had a kitten since she first moved in over the summer.

"I love it," she said. "I've had a cat all my life, but

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the first time I've had one on my own." expense and occasional inconvenience of ownership are not major issues for Sayer, who spends an \$10 in food and supplies for the cat weekly. On short breaks from school, she has neighbors care of the cat, while on longer breaks he makes his home to Long Lake, Minn., with her. Sayer's graduate plans do include the cat — no matter what she ends up, Sayer is determined to take her friend with her.



For safety's sake

Several reasons prompt students to welcome pets to their already crammed full of classes, work and extracurricular activities. Taking on the responsibility of an animal, especially a dog, is a high degree of maturity and dedication.

Mary's senior Erin Whealan and her roommates decided to get a puppy for their house on the corner of Corby and Hill streets. They decided their cute and fuzzy friend would be a Rottweiler/German Shepherd mix.

"In a way she's a watch dog, even though she's only a puppy," Whealan said. "She barks if anyone even walks by the house."

For five women living in one of the more crime ridden areas of student dwellings, she is the perfect addition, although Whealan is quick to add that she serves not only that purpose.

"She keeps the tension down," she laughed. "When people are fighting, they just go play with the dog and they usually feel better."

Financial affair

Even students who rent houses instead of apartments are subject to the will of the landlord as to whether or not they can keep pets.

"Our landlord never said anything about it," Whealan said. "But he's seen the dog and he hasn't said anything about it."

Sayer must pay \$150 a year to have a cat at Candlewood Apartments.

"That's just in case they pee on the carpet," she said.

But Hoffman said animals at Turtle Creek can cause more damage than students realize. Animals damaged thousands of dollars of property per year back when the apartment allowed animals.

"The reasoning (behind not allowing pets) is financial as well," she said. "We've replaced thousands of dollars worth of carpeting."

Not fair to who?

The reason Hoffman returned to time and again as to why students should not have pets was the health and welfare of the animals, citing abandonment, improper care and the erratic hours students keep as being unfair to the animal.

"When I told a girl last year that she couldn't have a puppy, she picked the dog up, walked outside the apartment and dropped him into someone's backyard," Hoffman recalled. "She told me, 'Now I no longer have a puppy.' We had to take him to the pound."

At the time of this interview, Hoffman was just about to leave to remind another tenant of the no pets policy.

"The maintenance man discovered a cat," she said. "We were just about to go over with a copy of the lease."

"We see the results," she added, when cats are outside freezing during the winter after being abandoned. "We found one cat this year that was very sick and pregnant."

"It's not fair to the animals," she stressed. "In this community, it's what works best for us."



■ STUFF TO DO

On Campus

The University of Notre Dame String Trio will perform a recital tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the 20th Century Gallery of the Snite Museum of Art.

The trio consists of three Notre Dame faculty members: associate professors of music Carolyn Plummer (violin) and Karen Buranskas (cello) and assistant professor of music Christine Rutledge (violin).

Included in the program will be selections from Franz Schubert, Bohuslav Martinu and Irving Fine.

Recently, the Trio was awarded a grant from the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts to produce a recording of Paul Hindemith's "String Trio."

Admission is free but seating is limited. Seats can be reserved by calling 631-6201.

Paul-Andre Bempechat will perform a piano concert at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon in the Annenberg Auditorium.

Schubert's "Sonata in G Major" and Johannes Brahms' "Seven Fantasias" and "Three Intermezzi" will be featured.

A pre-concert lecture begins at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for the general public, \$2 for students and senior citizens.

A new exhibit entitled "Portraits on Paper: Selections from the Permanent Collection" will open at the Snite Museum of Art on Sunday.

The exhibit explores the complex relationship among artist, subject and viewer as expressed in different cultures and periods using various media on paper.

Drawings in the exhibit will include pastels by the 18th century artists Rosalba Carriera and John Russell. Artists from the 19th century on display include Jacques-Louis David, Edgar Degas, Puvis de Chavannes and Adolph von Menzel. Augustus John's "Portrait of Cyril Connolly" is a notable drawing from the 20th century.

Woodcut prints by Max Beckman and Leonard Baskin will be included with works by Jacques Villon, Kathe Kollwitz and Alfred Leslie.

Twentieth century photographs by Arnold Newman, Diane Arbus, Richard Avedon and W. Eugene Smith will also be exhibited. Their subjects include famous artists, soldiers, street children, Native Americans, prostitutes and the dead.

The exhibit runs until March 30.

Around Town

Barnes and Noble on Grape Road welcomes screenwriter and South Bend native Larry Karaszewski for a discussion and book signing Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Karaszewski and college pal Scott Alexander wrote the screenplay for the Oscar-nominated "The People vs. Larry Flint," starring Woody Harrelson and Courtney Love. They have also written the screenplays for "Ed Wood," "Problem Child," "Problem Child 2," Disney's recent release "That Darn Cat," and "Mars Attacks!" Their upcoming projects include an animated musical, "Cats Don't Dance," and a live-action version of "The Jetsons."

For those who couldn't get enough of "Star Wars: A New Hope" and had to go see it five or six times, "The Empire Strikes Back" opens tonight on four screens in the area.

Movies 10 in Mishawaka will be showing "Empire" at 11 a.m., 12, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15 and 10 p.m. "Star Wars" will continue to run on one screen at 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:45 and 10:30 p.m.

Scottsdale 6 at Scottsdale Mall is screening "Empire" at 9:45 and 10:45 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Regular showtimes are 12:45, 1:15, 3:45, 4:15, 6:45, 7:15, 9:45 and 10 p.m. "Star Wars" runs at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 and 10:15 p.m. everyday.

Feel the Force.

Miller

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play Division I basketball out of high school but walked on to the Irish squad as a freshman, playing in 25 games and getting attention not for his offense, as most shooting guards do, but for his defense.

He was awarded a scholarship in his sophomore year, but the money was only guaranteed on a season-by-season basis. The guard saw a bit more time, but played behind Ryan Hoover and Keith Kurowski, two of Notre Dame's better athletes. He retained the scholarship for his junior year and played the same role as a back-up.

He began to become a scoring threat with his deep shooting, but injuries affected his season and forced him to the bench.

But in Miller's senior year, he entered school without a scholarship forcing him to leave the team to help finance his education.

"It was a weird feeling not to be on the team," Miller confirmed. "I'd played basketball since I'd been in third grade. All of a sudden to have that gone without expecting it to be gone... it was hard. It's been nice to come back and know that I've got one year left."

An injury to Kurowski, the last in a long string of ailments for the guard, opened up a scholarship for Miller, allowing him to suit up again. What has followed his reinstatement is an appointment to a team co-captain position, as well as a spot in the starting line-up.

Funny how things work out. "It's been a strange twist of events," he admitted. "I guess you never know how things will

work out. I guess the best thing to do is try your best when you have the chance and maybe things will work themselves out."

Like most outside shooters, Miller has been streaky this season, going through some games where the hoop seems as big as an ocean and others where it's as small as a thimble. But off-days are not the result of a lack of effort.

"Probably, I like to be in a gym by myself the most, practicing on my own, working on my shot," he revealed. "I think the extra work has really helped me out this year."

"I originally wasn't going to be on the team this year, so when I got the chance I decided that I'd try to make the most out of it. I think that I've put in a lot of extra work, and it's paid off a lot."

"Pete puts a lot of effort into being a basketball player," MacLeod said. "He takes hours and hours of time practicing his shooting. If nobody wants to shoot with him, he'll grab a ball and go by himself. He's got a singleness of purpose that really is rare."

Miller, known as a freshman as a tenacious defender, likes that challenge as well.

"I take pride in playing defense. I think defense is just the determination to stop your opponent. It's a lot of hustle. You've got to have a lot of heart to play defense, and I like that."

"Every game in the Big East is a challenge, and there's always going to be a talented opponent. It's never very hard to get motivated against them."

"Pete goes up against the best, or one of the best, athletes from the other team in every game," MacLeod offered. "He doesn't back down; he rises to

the challenge."

Such players have included Derek Anderson from Kentucky. Neil Reed from Indiana. Felipe Lopez from St. John's.

Guys that are highly touted, expected to go to the pros. Miller wasn't even expected to play college ball.

Two seniors start in the back court for the Irish, Miller and Admore White. White was expected to take the reins of the team as a freshman, but never came into his own until this year. But the two have worked together, figuring out the other's court habits, and have turned into a tandem that works.

"We know each other's tendencies really well. Admore has really come into his own as a player this year. I feel comfortable playing with him. What's really helped us this year is that he's become an offensive threat. So now he penetrates, I can spot up on the wing, and he'll kick it to me and I'll be wide open."

"Pete and Ad have given us everything they've had this year," MacLeod evaluated. "There's a real bond that's developed between them that's picked up steam for four years, and it's really fun to watch."

Miller, besides the concussion against the Mountaineers, has had stitches in his head and presently has a broken nose. It seems that Miller likes a bit of contact in his game. Perhaps not of the injury kind, but he likes to get his hands dirty. Do the little things. Contribute whatever he can to the effort. Not expect attention, but get the job done. He thinks that this may be a forgotten art.

"Today you get these guys who have been told since they

were in high school that they're all-stars, the greatest. When they get to college they think that everybody is going to kneel down before them and let them do whatever they want. People tend to lose focus on what's really important about the game of basketball."

"It's a team game, and the way basketball should be played is that each guy contributes to the team. There's so many guys concerned today about individual stuff, their own statistics, their own future, when what's really important is how the team does. When I came out of high school, no-

body expected me to do anything."

"And so I came into college with the attitude that I would do whatever I could to contribute to the team. And I think that's what's really kept me going."

Miller walks onto the court every game just as he did when he was a freshman without a scholarship. He epitomizes the phrase "there is no I in TEAM." He does his job.

Miller doesn't receive very many standing ovations. He probably doesn't even want them.

Refreshing, isn't it?

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Netters fall short to No. 8 Pepperdine

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's women's tennis team, ranked No. 11 in the country, lost a 5-2 decision to No. 8 Pepperdine on Thursday in the first round of the USTA/ITA Women's National Championship in Madison, Wisconsin.

The loss drops Notre Dame's record to 4-2 on the season while Pepperdine remains undefeated at 5-0. The Irish will still compete in the consolation phase of the tournament, which runs through Sunday.

Despite the loss, the Irish will still compete in two more matches during the tournament against two of the top sixteen teams in the country.

In the same tournament last year, the Irish lost in the first round to then No. 1 Florida before coming back to win the next two rounds against the No. 6 and 12 teams.

The first Irish doubles team of Jennifer Hall and Tiffany Gates posted an 8-5 win over Angela Lawrence and Isabella Petrov.

However, Pepperdine came back by winning the next two matches, claiming the doubles point.

In the singles matches, Hall and Gates both struck again. Hall defeated Petrov 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, in the first match while Gates defeated Pepperdine's Anna Svedenhov 6-2, 7-6 (2) in the third. However, Pepperdine secured the next three matches for the win.

Classifieds

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■ MEN'S TENNIS

Irish set for tough challenge

By JIM ZALETA
Sports Writer

The 8-2 Notre Dame men's tennis team will face the what may turnout to be its toughest match of the season on Sunday.

The Tar Heels of North Carolina travel the Eck Tennis Pavilion to face the No. 29 ranked Irish.

The No. 13 ranked Tar Heels are coming off of their fifth consecutive NCAA appearance season.

The Tar Heels team is one of the most well-balanced in the country, according to Irish Coach Bobby Bayliss.

"Their mid to low part of the lineup is exceptionally strong, where most teams drop down in this area, their whole team is very talented," he said.

"The Tar Heels are known for their hard and powerful serves. They have three players between 6-foot-3 and 6-foot-6 and

are strong and belt the ball. They will dictate play on Sunday."

North Carolina is led by tri-captain senior Paul Harsanyi. He and Rob Tedesco won the No. 3 doubles title last year. His overall record last season was an impressive 22-9.

Four other players had 20 win seasons last year for the Tar Heels including juniors Tedesco and Tony Thomas.

Tedesco, off to a good start this season, looks to repeat as an All-ACC player again this year.

In his career, he has spilt victories with Notre Dame junior Jakub Pietrowski.

Irish freshman Trent Miller believes the team is ready to face off against the Tar Heels.

"We are coming in strong after two straight wins," Miller said after their victory against Indiana on Tuesday.

"They hit hard, but we are

prepared to face them."

On Thursday the Irish practiced returning tough serves in preparation for the match.

The top-ranked play of the Tar Heels will be similar to the two opponents Notre Dame faced over the weekend.

With a close loss on Saturday to Texas and an upset win Sunday against Duke, the Irish have proved that they can compete among the best.

The Tar Heels are undefeated, but they have not faced the top opponents like Notre Dame has.

"They are a well-balanced, well coached, respectable team," Bayliss said.

Bayliss' outlook for the rest of the season is mostly positive, but the Irish have to work for it. The remaining opponents are not going to be easy matches.

"We are not an overwhelming team. We can beat a ranked team one day, Duke, and have a rough time with an easier team another."

As long as the Irish continue to play up to their ability and work hard they should continue to win the remainder of the season.

"As long as we are ready to play, stay healthy and are hungry to win, we should win the rest of our matches," Bayliss said.

The toughest one ahead of them is the Blue-Gray National Classic over Spring Break.

The tournament will include 12 of the top 16 teams in the country and will provide a good test for the Irish.

Seniors

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books as they have been focal points in many firsts for the program while fulfilling those expectations.

"Last year was our best season ever, and now this year is our best. So they have really reached two high watermarks for the program," McGraw said. "I think it is great for them to be able to look back and say 'I did what I came here to do and made a great contribution to the program.'"

This season, the Irish have been in the top 25 all year long, and they cracked the top ten for the first time in school's history earlier in the year when they knocked off two top ten squads. They also made their national television debut earlier this year. Last year they picked up their first NCAA tournament victory last season with an upset over Purdue.

This class is unique in that it has the two most prolific scorers in history who are also two of the best women's basketball players in the land. Beth Morgan became the first to score over 2,000 points, and her classmate Gaither is the next closest as she was the 12th player in Irish history to score over 1,000 points. Both have received national recognition and are considered All-American candidates. Unlike Morgan and Gaither, you will not find Bohman or Augustin's names written all over the record books, but they can be found at the heart of wins.

"Both Rosanne and Jeannine have really stepped up their game this season," Morgan said. "They are playing the best basketball of their ca-

reers."

"The most important thing is that they have accepted their roles," McGraw said. "Jeannine is a great defensive player and great point-guard, and she'll give the ball up. Rosanne will play great defense and do a lot of the blue collar work."

With the dynamic duo of Morgan and Gaither and Bohman and Augustin filling their roles, the team has a complete mix.

"When other teams have focused on me or Katryna, they have stepped up," Morgan said.

With just two more regular season contests remaining, McGraw will look for her squad to make some noise in the post season behind the tremendous leadership that the seniors bring. The busy Irish schedule has not allowed them to think about what tomorrow represents. But they realize that their contest against the Pirates (whom they sank the last time out by 40) will be their last in the Joyce Center.

"These four years have gone by so fast," Morgan said. "I haven't really thought about it, but I am sure it will hit us when we walk on the court with our parents."

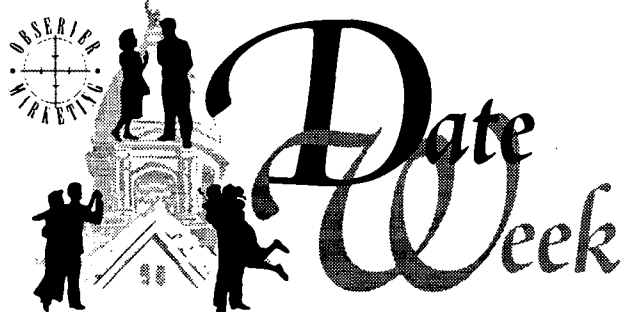
The Irish will not be caught up with these sentimental thoughts for long as they know they will tip-off several more times in their career.

"We still have some unfinished business," Morgan said. "We want to dominate the next two games and go the Big East championship and play UConn. Then we hope we'll get a good seed in the NCAA Tournament."

So the group that has already rewritten the history books still has a couple of empty pages that have yet to be touched.

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■ FENCING

Siek epitomizes ND values

By DAVID FRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fencing represents one of the finest traditions in college athletics.

For the past thirty-five years, no other fencing squad has been as consistently dominant.

If one individual were to personify the Notre Dame excellence on and off the strip, senior foil captain Jeremy Siek is the one.

Siek's accomplishments astound: three-time All-American, top foilist of Notre Dame squad for four years, twice captain of the foil squad, eighth on the all-time Notre Dame win list, twice Midwest foil champion, and member of the 1993 United States Junior Pan-American fencing team. But, numbers do not represent the value of a star like Siek.

"Jeremy is a great leader for the foil team, especially with a predominantly young squad," said head coach Yves Auriol.

Leadership is a new found quality for Siek, who has transformed from a quiet kid his freshman year to a dominant presence in his final season.

"I've really tried this year to be more emotional so that the rest of the team can feed off of my energy," said Siek.

"Jeremy has really improved in his confidence as a captain this year, and that has been helpful to all of us," said sophomore foilist Stephane Auriol.

A different sort of transformation occurred for Siek on the strip. While he always showed a great deal of brilliance each year, this year

he has added a consistency that strikes fear in the heart of opponents.

"This season is Jeremy's best. In the past, he has been inconsistent. This year he has put it all together, and I think his best performance will be when the NCAAAs come around."

"I think he is recognized by his opponents as a strong candidate for the NCAA championship. He can beat anyone," said the elder Auriol.

"I feel really good about my fencing. I've put myself on another level this year by adding consistency. I feel stronger and faster," said Siek.

"But, to win a championship will be tough with the stiff competition"

One person who has witnessed Siek's greatness for the past four years is fellow fencing star, senior sabre captain Bill Lester.

Both have been two-time captains for the team, and together have combined for a whopping 386 wins to only 59 defeats. Though Lester has a slight lead in win total, Siek holds a higher win percentage.

"Jeremy is amazing. For all the things I do, he does them better. He's a top fencer, great student, and just a great guy overall. He deserves more credit than he receives," said Lester.

The prowess in the classroom is represented in his 3.44 GPA in Mathematics as an Honor Student.

With the heavy demands of the fencing travel schedule, this number is nothing short of amazing.

"Every semester, I look back and wonder how I managed," said Siek.

The sky is the limit for Siek following his graduation. His heart is torn between following a possible Olympic dream, and continuing his education at graduate school.

"I told myself in high school that if I was one of the top eight fencers in the nation, I would give the Olympics a shot. At some point I will have to make a decision, but right now I'm just focusing on the season," said Siek.

Notre Dame fencing is as good as they come. Excellence, leadership, and scholarship are all qualities which have been associated with the squad in the past and present.

Jeremy Siek takes these qualities and personifies them in every aspect of his life. Siek is a true student-athlete, and a credit to Notre Dame.

Fencers head to Northwestern Meet

By DAVID FRICK
Sports Writer

The fencing team returns to action this weekend by competing at the Northwestern Meet. The final four week stretch run for the championship begins this weekend, and the team feels confident about their chances.

"It was nice to have a break, but now we have to get back to work. This will be the final tune-up before the Midwest Team Championships," said head coach Yves Auriol.

The team appreciated last weekend's rest following a difficult five week road stretch. The break gave the team a chance to recuperate and to practice.

"The extra rest is nice. Five weekends on the road is tough to handle by any standards. It is difficult to stay on top of everything when you are gone on the weekends," said senior sabre captain Bill Lester.

Not only were the competitions tiring, but the travel also wore on the stamina of the squad.

"The travel gets to be really tedious. It is tough to maintain any energy level when you are competing from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It wears on your mind and body when you are looking at such a long day," said Lester.

The team will face one more challenge in preparation for the stretch run. Northwestern will be just one of the stopping blocks on the road to the NCAA Championships.



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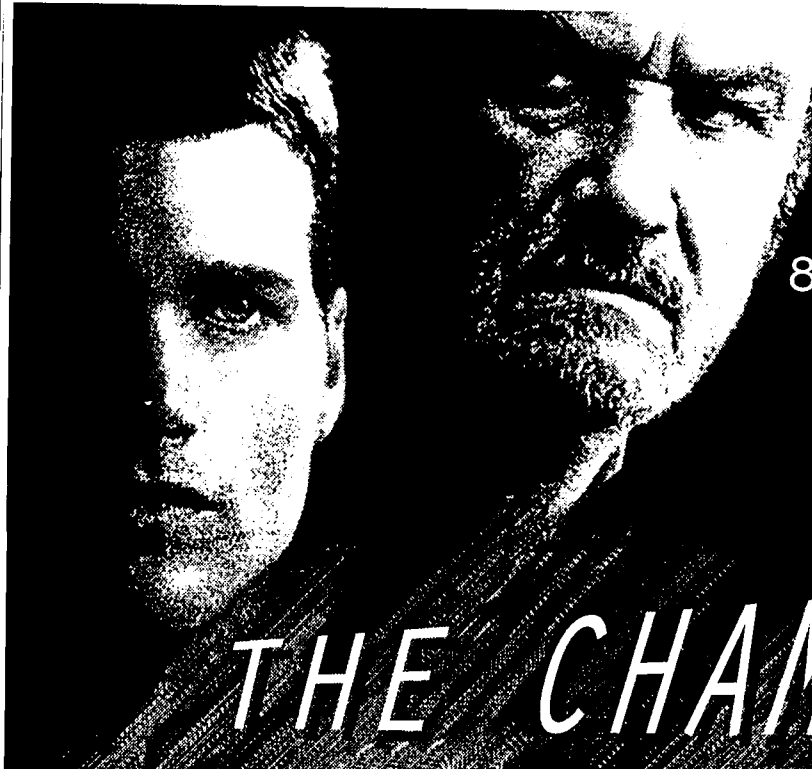
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■ HOCKEY

Icers hope to end season with less pressure, more fun

Season winding down as playoff hopes disappear

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

With their season concluding and with their playoff aspirations contingent on circumstances beyond their control, the Irish hockey squad may implement a new strategy for this weekend's games against Western Michigan.

"We're going to focus on going out and having fun," stated freshman sensation Ben Simon. "Even if we win our three remaining games, we still could miss making the playoffs [the Irish currently trail the last playoff spot by four points].

"So we're just going to go out and have fun. Earlier in the season, we were focused on little things and got distracted. But now that's going to change."

Don't take Simon's words too lightly. By "fun" he doesn't

mean exchanging jokes on the bench.

He means playing without worrying; he means scoring goals, winning games, and enjoying the process.

"Losing isn't any fun," he observed.

If losses are the yardstick of measurement for fun, then this year's hockey season has been like a funeral.

The Irish are 8-23-1 overall and 5-18-1 in the competitive Central Collegiate Hockey Association and currently are mired in an eight-game losing streak.

The most recent losses came last weekend against a big, bad Michigan team, which is currently ranked first in the country. The Wolverines soundly beat the Irish, 3-1 and 6-1.

"Earlier in the week some of the guys' spirits were down," stated sophomore forward Brian Urlick, whose exciting play has been one of the highlights for Irish hockey fans this season.

"On Monday," added Simon, "we were all kind of bummed. Not everyone came to practice

mentally ready to play, and Poulin [head coach] threw us off the ice. But we came back on Tuesday ready to go."

"As the week wore on, guys started to forget about last weekend and just began to concentrate on this weekend's games against Western Michigan."

What went on in practice this week, aside from being tossed off the ice?

"We worked a lot on one-on-one battles in the corner," stated Urlick.

"That's probably the biggest thing we've worked on. We've also practiced our shooting and scoring, because that has been problematic for us at times this season."

"We just worked on the fundamentals," added Simon. "We're a well-conditioned team, but it's a long season and some guys are tired. The last couple of weeks of season can be tough."

Notre Dame currently trails Ferris State, which sits in eighth place, the last playoff spot for the CCHA tournament, by four points and with three games remaining. Two of these remaining contests will be played this weekend against Western Michigan.

Tonight, the teams square off at the Joyce Center at 7 p.m., and on Saturday evening the Boys of Winter travel to Big Rapids for the part II of this double header.

Notre Dame's final game is at



Sophomore Benoit Cotnoir battles in the corner with an opponent. With their playoff chances out of their hands, they will skate with a new attitude.

The Observer/Brandon Candura

home against Michigan State, a difficult opponent. Ferris State, however, plays three games this weekend away at Alaska-Fairbanks, a team that is at the bottom of the CCHA and a team that Ferris State is not likely to lose many games to.

Even if the Irish win their next three games, Ferris State would have to lose two of their final three games for Notre

Dame to make the playoffs.

A tie and a win by Ferris State in their final three games would guaranteed them a spot in the playoffs.

Though the playoff outlook for the Boys' may not be bright, Simon gave some good advice. Now is a great time for the young Irish squad to learn to enjoy playing hockey and, more importantly, to win.

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■ TRACK

Irish host Alex Wilson Invitational

By WILLY BAUER
Sports Writer

There is no rest for the wicked or for really fast people.

After improving on last year's standing at the Big East indoor track championships and after competing in five consecutive meets, the Irish host their second meet of the season, the Alex Wilson Invitational.

"This is a low-key event," said women's track coach Tim Connelly. "There will be some good events but not every race will be like the Mayo meet where every race was loaded."

This is one bit of good news for the indoor trackers, a sort of respite from the grueling weeks of stiff competition that has preceded the Alex Wilson.

Both of Notre Dame's teams will look to take their respective successes from the Big East meet into this weekend. The women finished seven places higher than it did last season in sixth-place. The finish was largely due to the impressive class of freshmen, who should continue to tear through competition.

Freshman Emily Bienko saved her best performance for "the big time." She placed fourth at the Big East meet with a season-long throw of 43-2 1/2. No one qualified for the women at the Alex Wilson last season.

Two other freshmen, Dominique Calloway and Jennifer Engelhardt, have been on the victory stand all season. Both will be using the Alex Wilson Invitational and the subsequent meets as preparation for the NCAA Indoor Track championships, March 7 and 8.

Others will be looking to improve on last year's results at

the Alex Wilson. Sophomore Nadia Schmiedt finished in second place in the 500-meter dash, her premier event. Her time last weekend was nearly two seconds faster than that of last year at this point of the season.

Sophomore Kelle Saxen won the Alex Wilson high jump event with a leap of 5-8. She will be pressed by Engelhardt in the event this weekend. Both tied for second at the Big East meet with 5-8 jumps.

The men also placed higher than they did last season at the Big East championships, carrying away the second place.

Senior Jeff Hojnacki and junior Errol Williams will be among those who have already qualified for the NCAA's who use this meet as a preparation. They also hope to improve on last year's performances.

Williams placed fourth last season in the 55-meter hurdles but is considerably faster this year. His time of 7.44 seconds in the 55 at the Big East meet was .13 seconds faster than his time last season.

Senior pole vaulter David Gerrity has also improved on last year's jumps. He placed seventh in the previous Alex Wilson with a vault of 15-9.

The Big East meet was the scene of the return of Allen Rossum. After spending nearly two years away from the track, Rossum posted a 6.23-second time in the 55-meter dash. The time is .03 seconds off of Raghieb Ismail's record for the Mayo track in Loftus.

"This is an all-comers meet," said Connelly. "There will be bits and pieces of a lot of teams."

With dispersed talent visiting this weekend, Irish track stars should shine brightly in Loftus.

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND tips-off against Providence

By DAVE TREACY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame did not fare well in its last outing against Providence College, to say the least. In what can only be termed a massacre, the Friars pressed the Irish into an 82-59 decision. But that was over two months ago, and Notre Dame is a different team now than they were then.

"We've gotten a little more confidence since we last played them," guard Pete Miller assessed. "People know their roles, and we're playing more together as a team."

Guard Jamel Thomas led Providence in scoring in the last contest, a testament to their finesse. Irish coach John MacLeod sees many layers to the Friars that make them tough to handle.

"The combination of speed, quickness, power, and finesse that they have is really tremendous," he commented. "They've played well on the road against Wisconsin and Texas, and those are two teams that are not easy wins, but they got them both."

Hopefully, the Irish will learn from previous mistakes in order to prevent history from repeating itself.

"Last time we had a lot of problems with their pressure right away," guard Pete Miller recalled. "They're really quick, really athletic, and they put a lot of defensive pressure on us. We didn't handle that well, and we never got into our offensive flow. We're really going to have to concentrate on beating the trap and taking care of the ball a little better."

The trap is only one area of the game that the Irish will try to improve. MacLeod cited better shot selection and offensive rebounding as areas that his

squad will concentrate on against the Friars.

Sitting atop the Big East 7 standings with a 10-5 conference record (19-7 overall), Providence has not slowed down this season. Forward Austin Croshere, a 6-9 senior forward, is showcasing his talents, and has led his team in scoring in six of their last seven contests. He also has led the squad in rebounding three times in that same span.

"Austin is a tough competitor. He's really playing well for them, and he'll be a great match-up for Pat (Garrity)."

Garrity has continued to put up numbers befitting of a potential Big East player of the year, and, like Croshere, is counted on to clean the glass as well. The match-up may be one of the best that'll be found in the Joyce Center this season.

Notre Dame has puzzled many a basketball fan as of late. After chugging through three straight wins over St. John's, Connecticut, and West Virginia, they suffered a tough loss at the hands of the Villanova Wildcats last Sunday,

then followed it up with a loss to Seton Hall, playing the second half in a funk. Which team will show up to face Providence?

"We have to get over that loss (to Seton Hall) right now," Miller recognized. "We only have three games left (before the Big East tournament), and we can't make excuses. The way we lost that game (to Seton Hall) was not acceptable, but we can't sit back and feel sorry for ourselves. We have to come out Saturday and put that game behind us."

Part of the problem has been the lack of a killer instinct. But it is a problem that the team knows it needs to address.

"We have to learn not to let a team back into a game. Coach always says you've got to take away their will to live, and that's something we're going to have to do over the next three games," Miller said. "It's the time when the good teams step up and the one's that don't are the ones that stay home. So it's time for us to step up right now."

Sounds like fighting words.



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■ SOFTBALL

Softball squad sets sights high despite graduations

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

Losing a core of seniors led by a two-time All-American pitcher could loom like an ominous cloud over the future of a softball team. Unless, of course, you're Notre Dame, who returns one of the strongest senior classes in school history for the 1997 season.

Headlined by 1996 Big East player of the year, Meghan Murray, the senior class seeks to provide leadership and experience for the Irish. Co-captain Katie Marten, Notre Dame's career stolen bases leader, Joy Battersby, a hard throwing right-handed hurler, Liz Perkins, a strong-armed versatile athlete, and Kara McMahon, a 1996 first-team all-Big East selection have their sights set on a fourth straight NCAA tournament appearance and a Big East title.

"There is no question the experience of knowing how to win game after game is going to be a valuable asset to our team this year," said Irish head coach Liz Miller.

Miller will rely on returning starters, sophomore Angela Bessolo and Battersby to pick up where they left off last season to lead the Irish pitching staff. Bessolo garnered 1996 Big East co-rookie of the year honors after a 19-8 campaign, including a 1.46 ERA and five shutouts. Battersby, a 1996 second-team all-Big East selection, was a flawless 5-0 against conference competition and a career-best .643 winning percentage on the season. Junior right-hander Kelly Nichols rounds out a talented staff with pinpoint control. Nichols led the NCAA in saves the past two seasons and needs four more saves to become the NCAA all-time saves leader. Her control wreaked havoc on Big East opponents in 1996, holding conference foes to a .068 batting average and not allowing any runs.

On the receiving end of Notre Dame's stellar pitching staff, sophomore Kristina McCleary and junior Korrie Allen look to provide leadership behind the plate. McCleary's solid play earned her a starting position

in 53 games last season, in which she caught ten would-be base-stealers and picked off 11 baserunners.

"Kristina brings great intensity every time she is behind the plate," said Miller.

Look for Korrie Allen to continue her trademark defense behind the plate, along with clutch offensive performances. Allen sparked the offense as a pinch-hitter in 1996 connecting for 8 RBIs on 15 hits. Freshman Tara King could also see action at catcher this spring.

Behind the talented battery mates, Notre Dame returns the entire infield, anchored by co-captain Meghan Murray at shortstop. The senior became the first Notre Dame softball player to hit over .400 in a season when she batted .402 in 1996. Murray, last season's team leader in batting, hits, RBI, triples and home runs, looks to power the Irish offense once again.

Third-baseman Kara McMahon guards the hot corner with a strong arm that places her fifth on the all-time Notre Dame assist list with 233. Junior Kelly Rowe started 23 of the last 24 games of 1996 at first base, posting a .970 fielding percentage. Sophomore Dawn Cunningham played 59 games at second base last season, starting in 53, and displaying her fleet feet with nine stolen bases in nine attempts.

"Dawn is one of our quickest players and it shows when she is on the bases," said coach Miller.

Sophomore Amy Laboe and freshman Lisa Tully should also see time in the infield for the Irish this spring. Both bring versatility and intensity to the lineup.

Familiar faces anchor the outfield again this season, as Liz Perkins and junior Jennifer



Photo courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information
Kristina McCleary looks to improve on her freshman campaign.

Giampaolo come back to left field and center field, respectively. Perkins provides offensive power, bringing 33 career doubles to an already solid team. Her 15 assists last season prove her ability to cover the left side of the outfield.

Giampaolo's speed in center translated to success in 1996, as Jennifer received first-team all-Big East accolades. Her aggressive offensive play contributed to a .387 average and 82 hits, both second on the team last season.

Junior Joanna Zuhoski and freshman Sarah Mathison will fight for the starting job in right field, a void left by Academic All-American Jenna Knudson. Zuhoski's speed helped the team in 1996, as a pinch runner with 15 runs scored and nine stolen bases. Katie Marten

will also see time in the outfield, although her strength is mainly as the designated hitter.

Coach Miller will rely on the entire team to fill the voids left by the class of 1996, but offense plays a particularly important role as a key to success for the 1997 campaign.

"With our team balance and contributions from every player on the team, we are looking to score more runs this year," said Miller.

The Big East pre-season South Division leaders take to the road this weekend for the Arizona State Tournament. They face Wisconsin and host Arizona State today and square-off against Indiana and Iowa on Saturday. The tough competition here will set the table for a 1997 season full of expectations.

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Newcomers will get their shots in

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Writer

With the large majority of newcomers to the Bouts, learning has been the major emphasis in these weeks leading up to the actual tournament.

Some newcomers have risen to be possible contenders in their respective divisions, such as junior Josh Akers. Akers has been a real surprise in the 170-pound division.

"If you are looking for a newcomer, Josh Akers is tough," said defending 170-pound champion, senior Pat Maciariello.

"He is very muscular, he hits hard and he is a left-handed boxer. And being a left-handed boxer can be an advantage."

Maciariello is the favored in his weight class, and he earned himself a bye in the first round. Junior Norm Beznoska and senior Seth Roy also will be forces to reckon with.

Roy made it all the way to the finals in last year's bouts, but fell to John Christoforetti in the finals of the 165-pound division.

"The two guys that are tough in this weight class are Seth Roy and Norm Beznoska," said Maciariello. "Those are the most experienced guys in this

weight class."

"This is one of the toughest brackets that we have got just looking at the people," said Beznoska. "The top four seeds are all really good. Pat Maciariello is the defending champ, and he is definitely one of the best out there. Seth Roy is real good. He is a power puncher, and he has good skills."

"The No. 4 seed Josh Akers, is a first year kid, but he is really tough. He should do really well this year. Charlie Vorae is a freshman, but he should do real good. I think that he might surprise some people this year."

When it comes to experience, a majority of the boxers will agree that Christoforetti has the most experience of all.

He has to be the favorite in the 165-pound division. He captured the 165 title last year and looks to repeat.

"I know that by just having John (Christoforetti) in the bracket makes it a very tough bracket," said junior captain Ryan Rans.

"Obviously just the level of intensity that he brings to a fight, is just more than most guys have. Also he brings in experience, which is key in a fight."

Although, there are several who are looking to give Christoforetti quite a challenge, including one of his fellow captains, Rans. Rans got the No. 2 seed and is set to face another contender, senior Keith DeBickes.

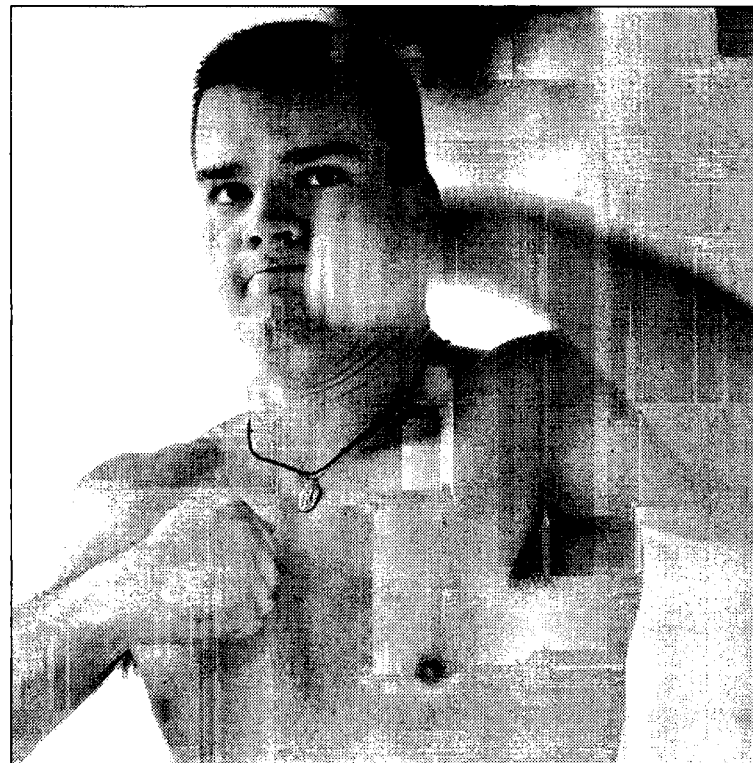
"Obviously the No. 2 seed, Ryan Rans is the big talk in this (bracket) because we are great friends," said Christoforetti. "He is an awesome junior captain, and so hopefully if we both do well all the way through, that's what we are both looking at."

"Both Keith DeBickes and Ben Rost are first year guys. They both have been here every day and have been working very hard. The major challenge in the bracket for me would be having to fight Ryan (Rans) because he is such a good friend."

The 175-pound weight class looks to be stacked with talent also. Chris Dobranski characterizes this specific weight class as quick yet strong.

Junior Bryan Harkins is first year fighter, but he looks to be another solid athlete.

Senior Matt Dowd is looking to repeat his finals appearance. Last year he made it all the way but failed to seize the championship.



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Favorite Mike Mantey prepares to defend his 190 pound title.

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Gaffney's main competition looks to come from returning finalist Mike DiBiase.

"DiBiase is a great all-around fighter," said Butz. "He's got some of the best technique in the club."

"Everybody in that weight class is tough," said Butz. "It's maybe the most stacked class."

The same cannot be said, at least right now, about the 190-pound class.

Basically, it's two-time champion Mike Mantey and everybody else.

"There's a lot of guys who don't have much experience," Mantey said. "I'm not sure, but I don't know if any of them competed last year."

There are a few things that worry Mantey, though.

"They are young, so you never know. Plus, there are a few lefties and that can throw you off."

Much the same can be said of the 200-pound weight class, where there is one known-quantity, Phillips, and a bunch of newcomers.

"The new guys have improved a lot so it's a pretty good class," Phillips said.

Much of that improvement comes from the help of Phillips. "He's just tough," Butz said of Phillips. "Plus, he's a great guy. He's always helping."

Butz may be Phillips' biggest challenge.

"One guy that I have noticed is Dave Butz," said Mantey. "I've sparred with him and he can hit."

Though the experience isn't quite there in many of the heavier classes, the numbers are. And that is important.

"The coach (Tom Sudded) was really excited because we have a number of guys at 200," Butz noted. "In the past, they haven't had too many big guys."

"It's all like a cycle," Mantey added. "Right now, a lot of guys are young, but if they stick with it, then they'll be experienced down the road. I just hope they enjoy their experience."

Someone is bound to enjoy his experience in the heavy-weight division. Last year, the champion (Tim Regan) won the title without having to fight (bye, forfeit), but this year, there are four contestants battling to take home the title.

"No one really knows a whole lot about these guys," Phillips said. "We'll find out Sunday."



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Senior John Kametz goes through one last practice before he will step in the ring for real when this Sunday rolls around.

BENGAL BOUTS

Crowded classes force adjustments

By BETSY BAKER
Assistant Sports Editor

In boxing, the weight classes between 150-pounds and 160-pounds usually combine just enough size with an even greater amount of speed. Add some experience to that and you've got a good match. Such is the case for the 150 to 160-pound weight classes for this year's Bengal Bouts.

When the 67th annual run of the event kicks off this Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center, you can plan to see some exciting matches come from the 150, 155, 157 and 160-pound weight classes.

If it seems strange that there be four weight classes so close together, don't worry, it is an unusual occurrence. However, due to the great turnout, the 1997 Bouts have had — over 90 boxers will step in the ring on Sunday — and the density within these four classes, they had to create the 157-pound class.

It is not unusual to see a large number of fighters gravitating to these classes, but senior officer John Kmetz gave an added reason for this.

"A lot of guys cut away from Christoforetti," Kmetz said of fellow officer and roommate John Christoforetti, a two-time Bengal Bout Champion who will compete in the 165-pound weight class. "So they all end up in the 155-160 classes."

Still, the 150 to 160-pound classes boast some talent and experience of their own.

Kmetz, a two-time finalist, will compete as the No. 2 seed in the newly-created 157-pound class and hopes to finally get a taste of victory. Standing in his way, however, is defending champion, senior Chris Sikora. Kmetz must first get by a sizable sophomore, Mike LaDuke.

"He's taller than me and he has a great reach," Kmetz said of his first opponent.

Kmetz remains confident, though, and hopes to see a match-up between himself and the top-seeded Sikora in the finals.

"Sikora and I both fight very skilled and clean fights," Kmetz commented. "If we fight in the finals, it will be the kind of fight the fans love but the officials hate because you'll get seven or eight good punches in a row, and you can't tell who's hitting who."

Kmetz also generalized that comment to include the 157-pound class as a whole.

"There are a few weight classes that I wouldn't want to be a part of, and mine is one of them," he added. "But I don't think you'll see any sloppy fighting in our weight class."

The 160-pound class looks to be one of the most competitive classes in this year's bouts.

"That [160-pound] will abso-

lutely be the toughest class this year," Christoforetti said. "All the way down the bracket, there are really solid fighters."

Heading the class is graduate student, Richard Molloy, who in his first year has made an impressive showing, so impressive that it earned him the top seed of this highly-touted class. On his heels, however, will be two-time finalist Chip Farrell. Farrell, a junior, has made it to the final round in both of his previous years, but is ready to claim it.

"I feel like I have something to prove to myself," Farrell said. "I've seen the promised land, but haven't reached it."

Farrell knows the challenge that lies ahead of him.

"There aren't going to be any easy fights for anyone," he added. "The No. 1 seed is a great boxer. It's only his first year, but he's very talented."

Throw in Tom Biolchini, who hails from one of the most famous families in Bengal Bouts history, and it is understood why this class is supposed to be the most competitive.

Down to the 150-pound class, defending champ Doug Pollina is the man to watch, but expect newcomer J.R. Mellin to make a run at the title.

"I expect it to be real competitive," Pollina commented. "You never know what to expect, and I think it's a tough weight class."

Students drop books in exchange for gloves

By MIKE DAY
Assistant Sports Editor

When the first punch is thrown Sunday to officially open up the 67th year of Bengal Bouts, students will have the opportunity to view their classmates as they've never seen them before.

Right before their eyes, normally reserved, mild mannered students will be transformed into a group of aggressive, yet disciplined fighters, slugging it out with one another for three heart-stopping rounds.

For more than six weeks, the boxers have been building up to Sunday a day when hopes and dreams will be put on the line in front of classmates, faculty and fans.

And as is the case with the 145-pound class, there will be plenty of faces that they haven't seen before.

Out of a group of eight boxers, only junior Fred Kelly, sophomore Thomas Cronley and senior Ted Pagano have experienced the Bengal Bouts tradition.

Freshman Brendon Walsh, senior Mathew Ramarge, freshman Brian Daigle, junior Dicky Johnson and sophomore Kevin Buccellato will be competing for the first time.

Kelly, the defending champion of the 145-pound class, will face Walsh, while Daigle will

take on Ramarge in the top bracket of the quarterfinals.

"Even though I lack experience, my determination will make up for it," said Ramarge. "My conditioning has helped me a lot, and I've been determined to work as hard as I could to make up for my lack of experience."

Pagano, the runner-up last year in the 140 pound division, will encounter Buccellato, while Cronley will face Johnson.

"He (Johnson) is a southpaw, so that makes it a bigger challenge," said Cronley. "Lefties are difficult because their power punch comes at you in a different way."

"I'll just have to stay within myself and fight my type of fight."

In the 135-pound class, junior Lucas Mollina, sophomore Tom Will and junior Sean Sharpe fought in last year's bouts.

But like the 145-pound division, there are five new competitors this year.

Will, the defending 130-pound champion and early favorite, is slated to fight freshman John Froman.

Sharpe, a semifinalist a year ago, will encounter senior Pete Meyer in the top half of the bracket.

"He's (Sharpe) a little taller than me, probably about three or four inches," said Meyer. "He's definitely got some reach on me. I should be a little quicker inside."

In the battle of newcomers, sophomore David Murphy will knock gloves with freshman Michael Maguire, and Molina will face sophomore Dominic Fahey to round out the division.

Molina, who competed last year in the 155-pound class, has trimmed down considerably and is expected to challenge Will for the title in the competitive division.

"I've done a lot of running and bag work to build my endurance," said Molina.

"I think my endurance and experience should be a big factor."

With junior Matt Peacock, sophomores David Seerveld, Chris Owens, and Brian Dillon as the only four in the 125-pound class, the group will not fight until Wednesday's semifinals.

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FOOTBALL

Dream quickly turns to reality

By TIM SHERMAN
Sports Editor

Becoming the head coach at Notre Dame has to be a dream for many football coaches, no matter what the level. After 15 years in coaching Bob Davie has achieved that dream.

Now, the nightmare starts. "You don't feel pressure (as the head coach)," Davie said. "You feel obligation. You sense and realize how many people are affected by Notre Dame football. You feel an obligation to do the right things. I felt that as assistant but being the head coach you feel the obligation to make decision. Someone told me a long time ago, it's easy to make suggestions, it's hard to make decision."

Well, Davie is fast getting accustomed playing the role of decision-maker but that doesn't mean he's totally settled into much of a comfort zone.

"To be honest, you have to have some success (as a head coach) before you truly feel comfortable," said Davie. "I'm totally comfortable in my abilities, but let's face it, you're judged on what happens next fall. The real evaluation lies ahead. The long-range is to build a foundation, but first you have to win some games."

While September 5th is the date circled on everybody's calendar for the winning to begin the preparation has already begun. Currently, the squad is well into the annual winter conditioning program and Davie has already left his mark.

"We're focusing on more speed drills this winter," Davie said. "In the past, we've done a lot of agility drills but now we're working on speed, trying to improve 40 (yard dash) times. Also, we're doing a lot of the type of drills they do in the NFL combines. We're calling them 'combine drills.'"

There will also be some variations come spring practices.

"We'll probably hit a lot less," Davie explained. "It will be almost all teaching. We're going to really try and teach a

lot of schemes and game a. We're going to teach third-downs, goal-line, and situations like milking the clock at the end of the game."

There is one more change that will surely make people take notice. "The quarterback will wear a red shirt," Davie revealed.

Ron Powlus surely doesn't need the extra media attention that is bound to come with the red shirt, but he's going to be the one to get it.

"I think it is the case that Ron is No. 1," Davie confirmed. "Ron ended the season last year as the number one quarterback and I everywhere I've ever been, the guy that ended up the prior season as the starting quarterback came back the next season as the No. 1 quarterback."

When it comes to other personnel, though, there will be handful of possible changes.

"Brad Williams is going to play nose guard," Davie said. "After talking about it with Coach Mattison and knowing what we need and knowing Brad, his best position is nose guard."

Other possible candidates for position changes mentioned by Davie were Joey Goodspeed and Mike Gandy. Goodspeed could possibly move to a line-backer position, while Gandy, recruited as a tight end, may shift over to defensive end.

"You can only make changes if the players want to make changes," Davie stressed.

One player who will be staying still is freshman safety Deke Cooper.

"He's getting bigger and stronger and looks good in the weight room," Davie observed.

That's good news for Irish fans, as is the assertion Davie made regarding transfers.

"There's not going to be any transfers," Davie stated. "Everyone is solid. Now, you can't get inside everyone's head. But everyone is excited about opportunity. Change leads to opportunities."

Williams, along with Jarious

Jackson, was the subject of much talk regarding a transfer.

"I've addressed it with each one," said Davie. "Just the situation with people assuming things with Ron Powlus back. Just the situation itself, people think there is something there. And with Brad Williams, it's totally false. I don't know where that's coming from. I think somewhere from the West coast. I'm not saying a player will never transfer, but there are no red flags on everyone."

Transfer talk is one area where the intense scrutiny surrounding Notre Dame football is quite apparent. Davie is fast realizing that he is the focal point of it all and everyone wants to hear what he has to say.

"That all comes with the job," Davie conceded. "I've spoken to the Alumni Club in Chicago and to the Monogram Club. I have things like that all throughout the month."

And if Davie follows the hectic speaking tour predecessor Lou Holtz followed it's only going to get worse. But that may not be a safe assumption.

"I'm going to sit down and think all that through," said Davie regarding extensive weekly engagements such as Quarterback Club luncheons and the pep rallies.

"They'll all continue but I may not play as strong of a role on a weekly basis. I'm going to think th it and see what I'm most comfortable doing. My focus is going to be on the players and day to day things. Everyone is different."

"So far, I've accepted very few speaking engagement. It's been one step at a time. The important thing is building a foundation, so I've been slow to do things outside of football."

How long he can maintain such an outlook is the question.

"The challenge is the time management. If you come into the office without a specific plan, you can get sidetracked so easily."

The nightmare has just begun.

SWIMMING

Swimmers make splash at Big East

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's women's swimming and diving team stands in second place and the men in seventh after the second day of action at the Big East swimming and diving championships. Competition resumes Friday at the Werblin Recreation Center at Rutgers University and continued through Saturday February 22. Miami leads the women's competition with 284 points, with Notre Dame second with 244 points, and Villanova third with 213. Pittsburgh leads the men's division with 244 points while Syracuse has 226. The seventh-place Irish have 11.

Notre Dame's women's swimming and diving team had two swimmers post NCAA consideration times in the 500 freestyle as junior Linda Gallo set a new school record as she took second in 4:51.51. Freshman Alison Newell was

fourth with her NCAA consideration time of 4:54.59 while freshman Allison Hollis placed 14th in 5:03.33. In the 200 individual medley, Notre Dame's Molly Beeler, Liz Barger and Anne Iacobucci placed sixth, seventh and eighth while Shannon Suddarth was 13th.

Another school record fell in the 50 freestyle as Courtney South swam 23.93 to break the 24-hour old record of 23.97 set by Laura Shepard on Wednesday in the 200 freestyle relay. Shepard took seventh in the 50 freestyle in 24.18.

The Irish continued their relay success they had on Wednesday with first and second-place finishes as they were second once again this time on Thursday in the 400 medley relay. The team of Erin Brooks, Brittany Kline, Liz Barger and Courtney South posted and NCAA consideration time of 3:47.25, another school record.

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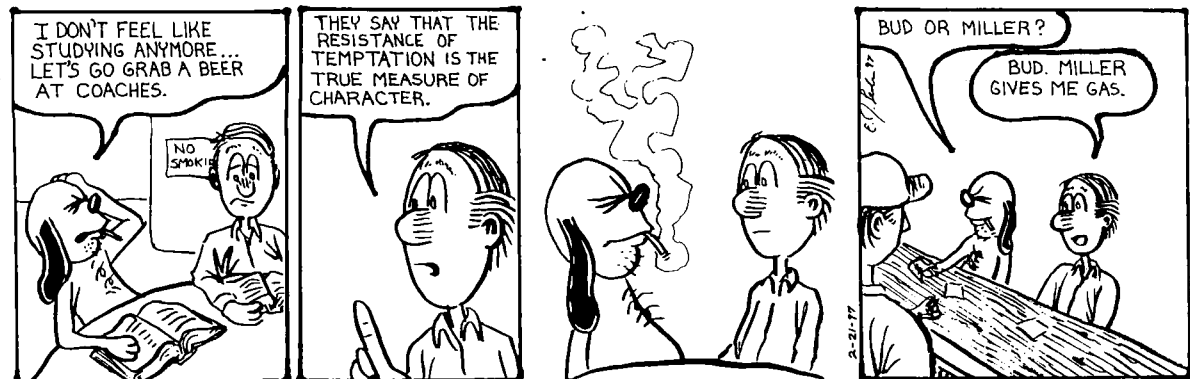
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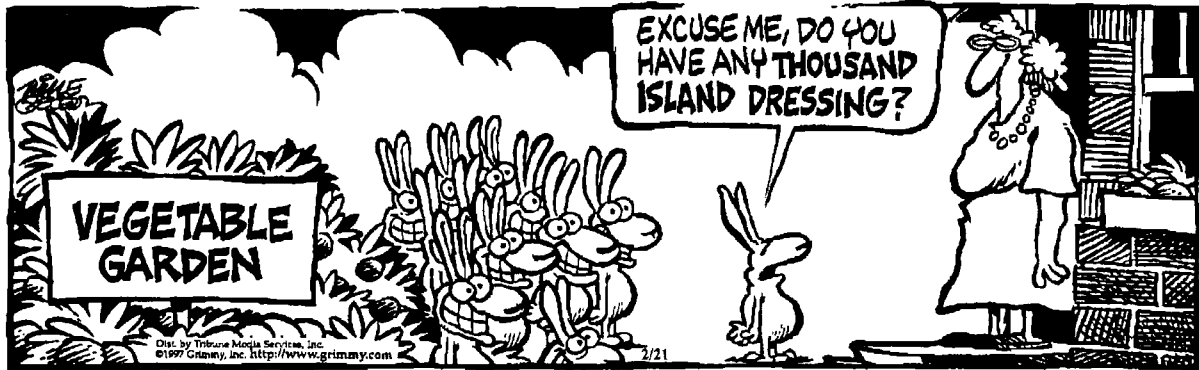
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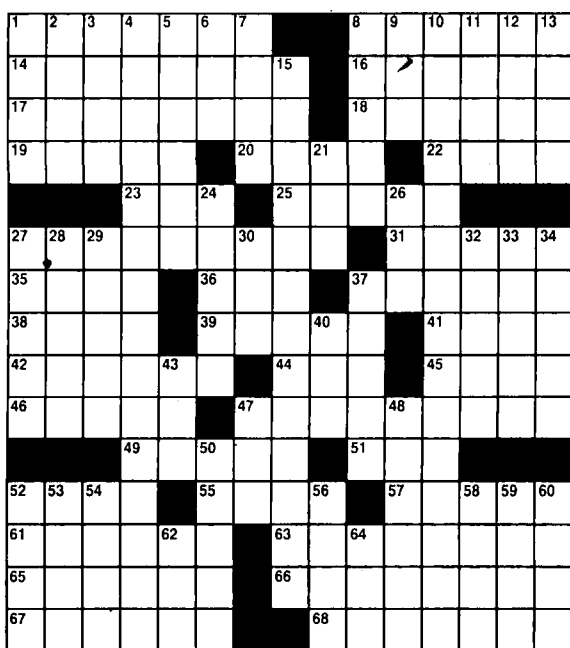
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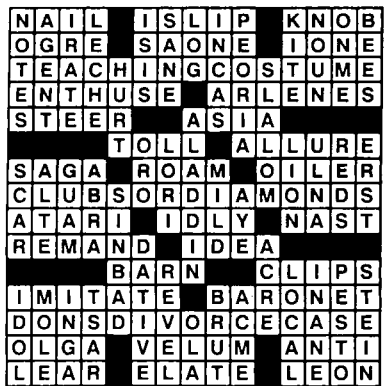
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 - Where the Mikado once lived
 - Relative of "Fudge!"
 - "Show Boat" composer
 - Focal point
 - Politico Bella
 - Overly strict
 - Kind of buddy
 - Rate — (be perfect)
 - Vote in Québec
 - "Life of Christ" painter
 - Diana of "The Avengers"
 - 46-Across, e.g.
 - Senior member
 - Abbey Theater name
 - Brigitte is one
 - About
 - Four-time Emmy-winning series
 - Elimination game
 - Detectives' info, possibly
 - Health grp.
 - "Heartbreak House" writer
 - Transportation Secretary beginning 1993
 - Wouldn't hurt
 - He coined the phrase "Harmony in discord"
 - Holdings
 - Compliant one
 - Lifting device
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 - Defrauded
- DOWN**
- Common quotation attribution: Abbr.
 - Unsubstantial
 - Italian body of water
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 - Prove to be successful
 - Suffix with señor
 - None-too-gentle landing
 - Frequency unit
 - Jeff Lynne's rock grp.
 - See 4-Down
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 - Client
 - Cousin of a gull
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Puzzle by A. J. Santora

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- Office assistant
- Japan's Bay
- "Terrace at Le Havre," e.g.
- Kind of radiation
- Hardly old-fashioned
- Farm animal
- Schoenberg's "to Napoleon"
- "Melrose Place" role
- Impersonators
- Worn out
- Wanderer
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: actress Tyne Daly, jazz singer Nina Simone, baseball player Alan Trammell, beloved humorist Erma Bombeck.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Beware of get-rich-quick schemes. Someone who is envious of your success may want to take over your contacts and resources. Keep your investment strategies to yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If hoping to win the heart of a sensitive individual, keep your more aggressive impulses in check. Your charm convinces someone to say "yes" to an important question.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): An employment offer features an element of risk. Investigate a company thoroughly before agreeing to climb on board. Higher-ups will be impressed when you meet a difficult deadline.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A domestic project may be more complicated than anticipated. An important lesson learned in the past can be applied to the present. An old school chum has good news to share.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your excellent instincts will help you get a real estate venture off the ground. Pooling resources with an ally lets

you feather your nest. Networking leads to valuable business connections.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put a financial plan into motion without delay. Influential people will be astounded by your business acumen. Your intuition guides you to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make certain all financial details are worked out to your satisfaction. Spending quality time with your loved one draws you closer together. Keep a low profile if you attend a social function tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Teamwork will boost productivity and profits. Be diplomatic with those you need to win over. A co-worker's support will ease any doubts. Get out and socialize this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your best ideas or products on display today. You have something that no one else can offer. Take a chance on romance. Less courageous types are awed by your daring.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A new pairing looks promising. Give it your all, even if you must reschedule important appointments. An encounter with a stranger could leave you with certain questions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your legion of fans continues to grow. Take a business trip. Your superb conversational skills will help you drum up business. You and an ally see eye-to-eye.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A renovation project will soon be completed. Look around for other areas where improvement is needed. Putting your energy into a physical fitness program will produce delightful results.

■ Of Interest

The Notre Dame String Trio will present a program featuring works by Schubert, Martinu, and Rine at 7:30 p.m. in the 20th Century Gallery of the Snite Museum of Art. The concert is free and open to the public; however, seating is limited. To reserve seats in advance, call the Dept. of Music Publicity Office at 631-6201.

Pianist Paul-Andre Bempechat will present "A Schubert and Brahms Anniversary Concert" at 2 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium, the Snite Museum of Art. A pre-concert lecture will begin at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$2 for students and senior citizens. For tickets or more info, call the Dept. of Music Publicity Office.

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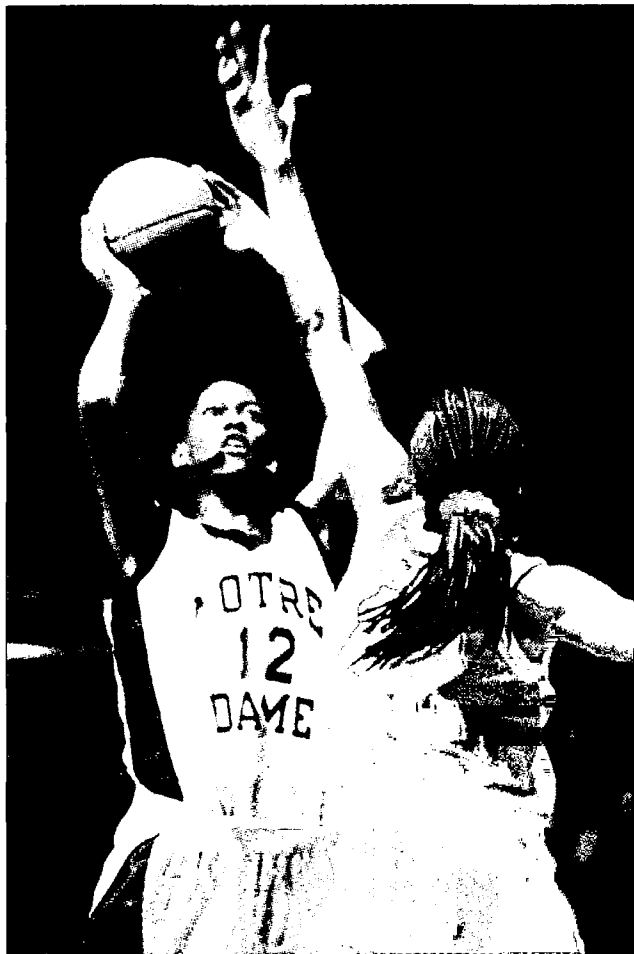
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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Stellar seniors make last stand



The Observer/Rob Finch

Katryna Gaither, second on Notre Dame's all-time point list, will roam the paint at the Joyce one last time tomorrow.

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

Tomorrow night the Notre Dame women's basketball team will take to the Joyce Center floor for the last time this season. At the end of the contest with the Seton Hall Pirates, four of those dressed in Blue and Gold will walk off and leave the Joyce Center court behind them for the last time, and they will also leave behind a legacy.

"They (the seniors) have brought in the talent and the work ethic to raise the status of the program and really help us compete nationally," head coach Muffet McGraw said.

Before the Class of 1997 stepped on campus, the Notre Dame women's basketball program was a solid program in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference. Since their freshman orientation, the women's basketball team has compiled an 89-30 mark. McGraw has seen the program burst onto the national scene and come to dominate the Big East conference with the Connecticut Huskies.

"When we came in here four years ago, we all hoped to raise the status of the program and had those expectations," Beth Morgan said. "Over those years, I think we have done that and it's very exciting for us."

The senior starters, Beth Morgan, Katryna Gaither, Rosanne Bohman and Jeannine Augustin along with Adrienne Jordan will be remembered in the history

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Finally, it's time for Miller

By DAVE TREACY
Associate Sports Editor

Pete Miller was helped off the floor in the recent home game against West Virginia after catching an elbow to the head and getting a slight concussion. As he made his way to the locker room, he received a standing ovation from the crowd for his efforts. Unfortunately, the banged-up Miller didn't realize what was going on and doesn't remember being noticed.

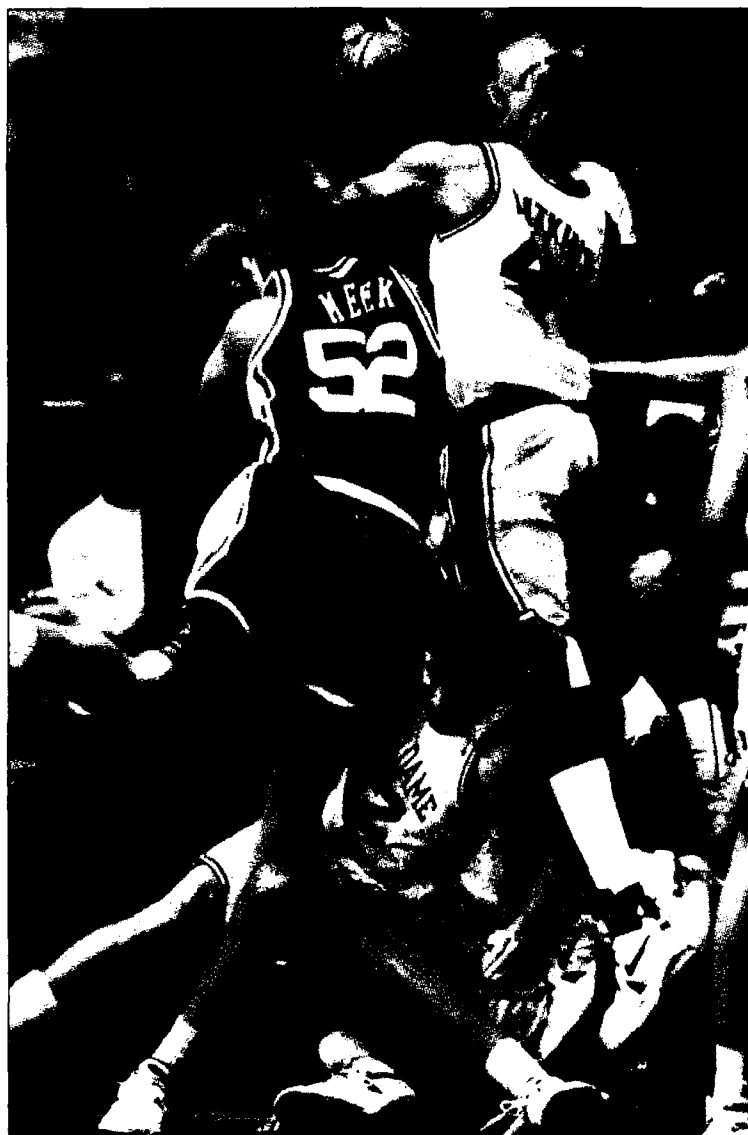
It's funny how that works. For three years, Pete Miller really wasn't recognized for his contribution to the Irish program. And when the applause finally came, he was barely conscious enough to get off the court under his own power, let alone appreciate the tribute.

But for Miller, the tribute isn't what's important. He doesn't care about applause or accolades. He cares about whether or not the team wins.

Notre Dame beat West Virginia 90-76.

"Pete Miller believes in the team," agreed head coach John MacLeod. "He's willing to put the team first, before his own statistics and before everything else. He's smart enough to know that if the team wins, then everything else follows, including individual attention."

There are quite a few strange twists to Miller's saga at Notre Dame. He was not recruited to



The Observer/Rob Finch

Senior guard Pete Miller (center) has seen his share of ups and downs but has earned a starting role on this year's squad.

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■ BENGAL BOUTS



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Senior Troy Phillips eyes a second straight Bengal Bouts title. The long road back begins this Sunday.

It's time for the main event, Bengal Bouts

By TIM SHERMAN
Sports Editor

Crowds will flock to the Joyce Center Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. primarily with two things in mind.

First, they will be supporting the great cause of the Bengal missions in India.

In addition, they will go hoping to see one thing, knockouts. It is a safe bet that the missions will receive what they want, but don't be so sure that the knockout hungry fans will get a lot of what they want.

"The crowd wants to see people going toe-to-toe but your best chance of winning is staying back and thinking and being patient and using your jab," said 200-pound Bouter Dave Butz.

"A lot of people like to watch the bigger guys fight because one lucky punch can end the fight," sophomore Butz said. "The coaches tell us to throw 80 percent jabs, especially for us first-year guys. They say box, don't fight."

But if there's one pugilist who may have a bit of trouble listening to that advice it's 1996 185-pound champion Brian Gaffney.

One of the two favorites in this year's 180-pound division, Gaffney made a name for himself last year as a true free swinger.

It was effective but he's attempting to become a more complete fighter.

"He's worked on moving a little more and his defense," observed returning champion Troy Philips, who has sparred with Gaffney. "But you never know, that may all go out the window once he gets in there and gets hit."

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