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■ STUDENT SENATE

Despite arguments, senate accepts new constitution

CONSTITUTION CALENDAR

- Feb. 14 *Amendments from subcommittee chairs due.*
- Feb. 16 *Writing committee completes revisions.*
- Mid Feb. *CCC/Student Activities/SUB informally agree*
- Feb. 18 *HPC proposal.*
- Feb. 19 *Reform finalizes new constitution.*
- Feb. 25 *HPC vote.*
- Feb. 26 *Proposal to senate of reform package.*
- Mar. 5 *Senate vote.*
- Mar.-Sept. *Implementation of reforms.*

—The Observer

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

A new era in Notre Dame student government began yesterday when the Student Senate approved a revamped student government constitution.

With a 14-2 vote, the senate cleared the way for implementing the new Student Union.

The senate vote was the final step in a reform process that began last November when Brendan Kelly created the reform committee.

The reform process has sought to address four basic problems with the current system: inaccessibility to students, inability to sustain action on key issues, lack of organizational unity, and lack of continuity.

"I'm proud that the student body has finally decided to get together and change the system for the better," Kelly said following the meeting. "This is just step one, though. Now people have to use [the new system.]"

Student Senator Mark Leen and senior class president Bill Hammonds cast the only dissenting votes.

Both senators had specific concerns which they claimed

the new constitution would not address.

"I felt that class government is being phased out by the new constitution. Senior leadership and class government need to stay an active part of student government," Hammonds explained.

Leen's concerns centered around the streamlined relationship between the new senate and the Office of Student Affairs.

"I felt, in essence, that the senate was limiting itself," Leen said. "When I ran last year, my slogan was 'The administration may not always act, but it's student government's job to make them listen.' I feel very vehemently about this issue."

The majority of yesterday's senate meeting was dominated by scrutinization of Hammonds' and Leen's concerns. Directly after calling the meeting to order, Leen opened the lengthy debate by introducing three friendly amendments to the proposed constitution.

All discussion centered around Clause 2 and Clause 4 of Article II, Section II. The most disputed passage reads,

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The Observer/Adam Andres

Student Senator Mark Leen expressed concern about facets of the new constitution, saying he "felt, in essence, that the senate was limiting itself."

Poorman: Modern sex ideas not ethical

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
News Writer

Sex should not be practiced outside of marriage: This basic rule of Christianity was the thesis of a lecture on sexual ethics by Father Mark Poorman last night. Among topics addressed were modern American views on sex and the position of the Church on sexual relations.

"There's a bit of a competition in contemporary society in the way people think about sex," Poorman said. "The Christian way is definitely not a universal or even popular way of thinking. There are hundreds of sources out there telling you how to improve your sex life or how to please your partner... I

'The deepest love shares the future... That's the kind of intimacy that matches sexual intimacy.'

Father Mark Poorman

always like to listen to how people actually think about sex."

Poorman based his discussion on the delineation of the four major ethical categories for thinking about sex. In this broad outline Poorman contrasted the Christian view of sexuality with societal definitions of love and commitment.

"We draw verbal blanks in describing relationships... when you press for a verb, especially at a place like Notre Dame, the most you will get is 'seeing.' The words 'dating' and 'boyfriend' or 'girlfriend' are almost never heard."

The first category of sexuality Poorman discussed was the

"healthy orgasm." Basically, this is the idea defines sex as a purely selfish act, a biological need that absolutely must be met. The physical and emotional need for sexual release is encompassed in this view, Poorman stressed, but there is so much emphasis on the individual that the rights of the other person are lost.

"Modern insights and Freud argue that sex has everything to do with life," Poorman emphasized. "The question within this view is this: what's wrong with

recreational sex if no one is getting hurt? The trouble here is that there is no thought of the other person."

Poorman then moved to the practice of sex if there is mutual consent. This is a

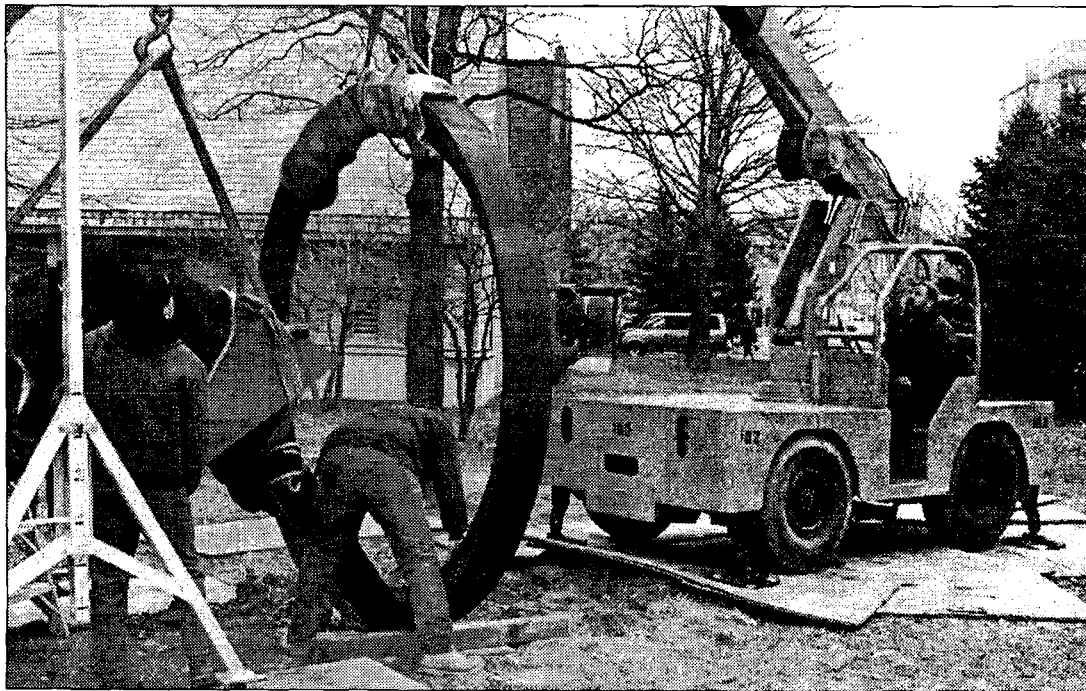
move from the healthy orgasm category, he clarified, because the rights of all to a free decision about sexual acts are considered and human dignity enters as a consideration.

However, Poorman questioned whether this type of sexual practice was really ethical: "Is sexual activity really captured by a kind of contracted mutual consent?"

Poorman went on to stress that the mutual consent definition of sexual ethics is the one most cited in modern American culture.

"A personal choice for sex or

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The Observer Photos/Adam Andres

A piece of artwork by Bruce Nauman resembling a tunnel was installed yesterday between the Snite Museum of Art and the stadium.



Tunnel stands above ground

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

Students walking between the Snite Museum of Art and the stadium will have "the imaginary experience of being placed within... subterranean pathways and tunnels," according to artist Bruce Nauman, as they pass his nine-foot sculpture which will be on loan to the University for the next six months.

The piece, a 1/60th scale model of a hypothetical underground tunnel is the third in an edition of three and is composed of two nine-foot circles connected to a seemingly suspended central pyramid by diagonally attached shafts. Made of Cor-ten, the steel used for its fabrication does not require

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

The Food Gestapo

So I went to South Dining Hall with my friend Kate.

Laura Petelle
News Copy Editor

Kate prefers her apples cut in half. I don't know why — maybe she feeds half to the mutant squirrels on the quad or something — but she does. So, not owning a stolen SDH paring knife of her own, she cut the apple in half before we left the dining hall.

Follow my logic here: two halves equal one whole. One whole apple.

As we walked out of the dining hall, we were accosted and stopped by the Food Gestapo.

"You can only take one piece of fruit out," they said.

"Oh, I just cut it in half," Kate replied, putting the two halves seamlessly together.

"You'll have to leave one of those pieces here."

"It's just one apple."

"You'll have to leave one here," the Food Gestapo maintained.

Stumped and befuddled, we considered our options. Now even I, who barely survived Calculus for Weenies, know that $1/2$ plus $1/2$ equals 1, but the laws of mathematics were obviously suspended in the dining hall.

What about philosophy? I considered putting half the apple in my backpack and claiming that since they couldn't see it, they couldn't prove it existed. But, going to the one college in the United States with no bill of rights, I figured I would be subjected to a search and seizure, and no matter what your philo TA tells you, you can not think an apple out of existence.

I considered theology. We are at a Catholic university, after all, and Catholics believe in one God as three parts. So where's the problem with two halves as one apple? I mean, *e pluribus unum* and all that stuff on the quarter: from many, one. The Trinity is way more abstract than the Apple Duality, but somehow I didn't think All God's Children in SDH would buy it.

Kate, meanwhile, was attempting semantics.

"If we called a unit of fruit a groobi instead of a piece, there would be no problem here," she argued. "It's just because we say a 'piece' of fruit. When I have two halves of a groobi, I still have one groobi, not two."

They did not look convinced.

I considered explaining that since the apple now had more exposed surfaces, it was experiencing molecular decay at a rate greater than that of an intact apple, and so was really not even one whole apple anymore, but somehow I felt that entropy was not the answer to this already out-of-control situation.

"One of the pieces is mine," I said. "She was just holding it for me while I put on my coat."

Apparently, though Notre Dame is a totalitarian state with no student representation in the ruling body, the communist notion of communal property does not apply.

"You'll have to put one back," the Food Gestapo said, shaking their heads in unison.

"Put it back where?" Kate snapped. "On the half-apple tree?"

The Food Gestapo pointed grimly at the conveyor belt.

Ah! Taking half of what we own and throwing it away! That's the University policy!

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

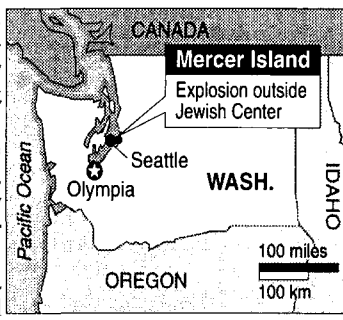
No damage, exploding device baffles police

MERCER ISLAND, Wash. A device equipped with a timer exploded outside the Jewish Community Center, rattling occupants and police but causing no damage or injuries.

No threats were received before the blast in a parking lot Monday evening, nor did anyone claim responsibility afterward, police officer Jennifer Franklin said today.

She described the force as "probably a little stronger than an M-80," an illegal firecracker packing the punch of about one-eighth of a stick of dynamite.

Bits of plastic, a mechanical timer and plywood were blown 150 feet from where the explosive device was left. But two cars 20 feet away were untouched and no



AP/Carl Fox

windows were broken.

Nonetheless, Sgt. Dennis Wheeler said, "Potentially, it could have been very damaging if people had been nearby."

The explosion occurred in a parking lot some distance from the 90,000-square-foot building while parents were picking up pre-schoolers, older children were at a youth theater rehearsal and still others were working out in the gymnasium.

The police station is just down the block in one direction and Herzl Ner Tamid Conservative Congregation in the other.

Activity at the center was uninterrupted, director Gary Pollack said.

Healthy Yeltsin returns with speech

MOSCOW

Boris Yeltsin is looking to reinvigorate his presidency with a shakeup and a major speech Thursday, itching to drop a political bombshell or two after months on the sidelines. After recovering from heart surgery and dishing out a series of tongue-lashings, the healthy "new" Yeltsin again resembles the battling Boris of old rather than a shuffling, absent leader in decline. Thursday's new beginning — a state-of-the-nation address and government reshuffling — may or may not make a dent in the country's intractable problems. But barring a last-minute relapse, there will be no doubt who's running Russia when Yeltsin towers, stern-faced, over the podium in parliament to deliver an expected 30-minute speech. That in itself is a step toward easing the political uncertainty that gripped Russia just weeks ago. Cynical Russians, many of them unpaid by the government for months, won't be impressed by a flash of Yeltsin's famous temper and a slew of new promises or new faces. But many are willing to give him another chance, after months of deep public gloom over his shaky condition and the resulting drift in the country's leadership.



Instant noodle makers unite

TOKYO

There was no mighty clash of ideologies. Their commune didn't roil currency markets. But the delegates emerging from the World Ramen Summit on Wednesday said they're confident they can meet their objective: to sell the world more instant noodles. As part of their mission to get consumers to use their noodles, the ramen producers from around the world also created IRMA: the Instant Ramen Manufacturers' Association. Pretty heady stuff for the humble package of instant noodles — the just-add-hot-water, way-under-a-dollar snack that now commands a colossal world market. Noodle-slurpers around the world take in 40 billion packs of instant ramen every year — about seven for every man, woman and child on the face of the planet, IRMA says. One of the chests swelling with pride at the global success of this Japanese artifact belonged to Momofuku Ando, the man credited with bringing instant ramen to the world in 1958. Ando, who was anointed IRMA's first chairman, said he never imagined that the convenient snack product he created would be such a success. "When the market was young, there were many who didn't accept the idea of instant ramen noodles."

Republicans renew abortion fight

WASHINGTON

Emboldened by the admitted lie of a key abortion rights supporter, congressional Republicans renewed the push Wednesday for legislation banning a certain late-term abortion procedure. A principal GOP leader in the anti-abortion movement said President Clinton, who vetoed the bill last year, should "have a chance to get it right" now that activist Ron Fitzsimmons says that he lied. Abortion rights supporters pledged to keep fighting the bill. "The facts have not changed; they've just been discovered by the media and now the general public," said Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., the prime House sponsor. "And the outrage about partial-birth abortion which began as a strong current is now at flood stage." Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers in Alexandria, Va., said last week he lied in 1995 when he said just a few hundred of the abortions were performed annually — and then only to save the mother's life or abort deformed fetuses. He now says several thousand are performed yearly, and not only in the third trimester, but on some healthy women in the middle of pregnancy. Now, congressional Republicans are calling on Clinton, who supports a woman's right to an abortion, to reverse course and agree to the ban. "I think we ought to give the president another chance to get it right," said Rep. Henry Hyde.

Extremist groups up 6 percent in 1996

MONTGOMERY, Ala.

At least 858 extremist groups were active in the United States last year, a 6 percent increase over 1995, says a group that studies hate crime activity. Klanwatch, a branch of the Montgomery-based Southern Poverty Law Center, released a study this week titled "Two Years After: The Patriot Movement Since Oklahoma City." The study found that so-called Patriot Groups, including 380 armed militias, exist in all 50 states and have improved their intelligence-gathering networks and the ability to share information through a sophisticated communication network. At least 101 openly espouse white supremacist or anti-Semitic messages, the report said. The report said more than one-third of the arrests made for extremist activity in 1996 were related to explosives, indicating indicated the pervasive effect the Oklahoma City bombing has had on extremist groups. Klanwatch Director Joe Roy said the Oklahoma City bombing also served to weed out less-enthusiastic members of extremist groups, which in turn could have made them more volatile. "While casual adherents have abandoned the cause, new groups have been formed to take their place," he said.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

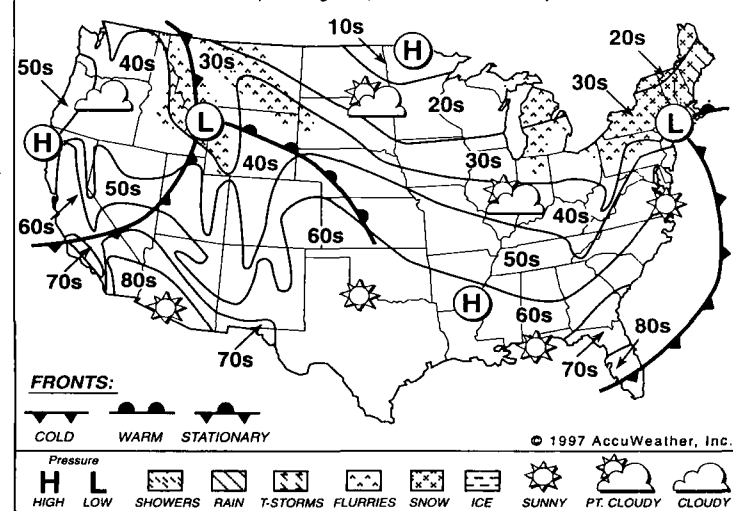
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, March 6.

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Baltimore	50	38	Columbus	39	30	Miami	85	73
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Boston	49	37	Denver	58	23	New Orleans	65	53
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Weigert: Volunteer work can enhance life

By SARAH CORKREAN
Saint Mary's Assistant News Editor

On campuses nationwide last fall, three-quarters of the class of 2000 rated its most essential goal in life to be financially well off. These results were followed by raising a family, being an authority figure in a professional field and helping others in difficulty.

While presenting these findings, Kathleen Maas Weigert, the featured speaker at Saint Mary's College Lenten Lecture Series, asked what evaluates and determines today's younger generation's goals and values.

Weigert, associate director for academic affairs research at Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns, presented a lecture on the dangers of service and the importance of including service in one's life.

Noting that entering college students' goals are a sign of the times, Weigert said students also want to make individual contributions to society as a whole.

Collectively, less than 20 percent of the students polled said they do some form of volunteer work. The majority of students time is spent working for pay, in athletic activities, and partying.

Weigert continued by posing the question, "Who does the volunteer work if the young do not?"

Pointing to the mission statement of

the Sisters of the Holy Cross which focuses on a Catholic identity concerned with academics and social action, "We are called to participate through time and service to foster a community of service."

Particularly within the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community, Weigert said service is flourishing at local shelters and missions because of family, friends and school influence.

"The volunteerism at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's is very impressive," said junior Katie Narbone, a volunteer at the Center for the Homeless. "We seem to live in an idealized world with so many volunteers concentrated here and not as many on other campuses."

"If people were to just volunteer once, perhaps they would see for themselves the self-satisfaction one receives from helping others, not to mention the invaluable lessons one learns about the less fortunate," Narbone added.

Yet Weigert noted that the danger many people find in volunteer service is the challenge in openly receiving the service of others.

"We all need to learn how to balance the giving and receiving of service to be able to give service more freely than having to think about volunteering for a period of time," Weigert said.

She went on, saying that service must start with the Church encouraging service.



The Observer/Kim Michalk

Kathleen Maas Weigert spoke yesterday at Saint Mary's Lenten Lecture Series about service work in the community. She stated that, "we all need to learn to be able to balance the giving and receiving of service more freely."

The teaching of the Church in the Second Vatican Council acknowledges the idea that Catholics must pay attention to the common good of all.

"Common good applies to people throughout the world. We cannot think only of our own individual community but the world and the vast problems that must be solved," Weigert said.

Aside from the challenges of engaging in service, Weigert noted that responding to the call of service can sometimes be overwhelming. With so many problems to address, one may feel all alone or unable to help.

"The challenge is not to do service alone, but to be a friend foremost. Many students in the college community who volunteer think they will change someone's life, but quite often the opposite happens, and the student is transformed by those to whom they offer service," Weigert said.

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Senate

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"Resolutions passed in the Senate addressing the Office of Student Affairs shall be submitted directly to the Campus Life Council."

Leen interpreted this passage as isolating vice president of Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara from the Student Senate's direct input. The new constitution reflects the current political situation by explaining that the CLC is the senate's conduit to the Office of Student Affairs.

"I want to hold her accountable to direct senate input. I'm

afraid this [clause] would provide her with an excuse not to respond," Leen said.

Kelly defended the clause, explaining that it serves to streamline the CLC's relationship with the senate.

Joe Cassidy, student government's administrative advisor explained that the Office of Student Affairs created the CLC for two purposes. The first, he told the senate, was to protect the Office of Student Activities from a barrage of petty communication. Secondly, the CLC was to insulate the senate from not having its issues responded to.

"The basic reasoning was that the student body president should be the common regula-

tor with the vice president of Student Affairs," Kelly said. "[Talking with the senate] is not efficient, from that office's point of view. That's the political reality."

From that point, debate developed into heated discussion of the subtle differences between responding to campus politics and shaping campus politics.

"If she chooses not to respond to a letter, that's just a matter of being rude. It's not policy," offered Club Coordination Council academic commissioner A.J. Boyd. "Why don't we let them have their quibble over wording?"

As the debate neared the 60-minute mark, the issue of

Student Senate/CLC relationship was still unresolved, and frustrated senate members called the issue to question.

In a 10-5-1 vote, the senate agreed not to amend to debated passages.

Next, Hammonds proposed an amendment that would give the Senior class president a seat on the new senate.

The measure, he explained, was targeted to keep class representation vital in the Student Union.

"It's totally inconsistent with what they've set up. It should have been brought up at an earlier time in the reform process," McInerney responded.

In an 11-3-2 vote, the senate

decided not to support Hammonds' amendment.

Following that action, the senate cast its decisive vote to accept the new constitution.

In other news, the senate unanimously approved the 1997-98 Student Union Board programmers. Accepted were Lisa Zimmer, Collegiate Jazz Festival; Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece, Sophomore Literary Festival; Christy Duval, AnTostal; Adam Rieck, movies; Ashleigh Thompson, Concerts; Lizzie Brady, Cultural Arts; Tina Potthoff, Campus Entertainment; Nicole Peoples, Special Events; Clare Pistey, Services; and Brian Churney, Ideas and Issues.

Sculpture

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paint and allows for only a protective layer of rust to form on the metal.

While being aesthetically pleasing, the piece should evoke specific feelings in its viewers, according to Charles Loving, associate director of the Snite.

"Viewers are compelled to visualize the underground structures suggested by the sculptures and to imagine themselves inside the tunnels. [The sculptures] should evoke such feelings as isolation and claustrophobia," Loving said.

Art professor Robert Haywood, who with his students studies works by Nauman in his modern art classes, notes the artist's post-surrealist style as well as his ability to provoke a variety of feelings.

"He portrays this sort of psychic disturbance of the unconscious. His work is very cutting and raises many uncomfortable questions, but that's what makes it exciting," Haywood said.

A respected figure in his field, Nauman "may be the most influential artist today," according to the Feb. 21 New York Times.

His work has been shown nationally and internationally at galleries and exhi-

bitions, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Smithsonian Institution.

The piece is on loan from a private, anonymous California collector who provided \$10,000 for its installation and interpretation.

The collector also donated funds allotted for the publication of an informational brochure about the sculpture and artist that will be available free to the public in coming weeks at the Snite.

In the wake of the recent vandalism of the arrow sculpture near O'Shaughnessy Hall, Loving hopes that students will understand both the monetary and cultural values of the sculpture.

"We want people to know that this piece is being lent to the University, and to respect that. We have it here due to a very generous loan and we hope people will respect that. We are also being proactive in our security," Loving said.

No barriers will be erected around the sculpture, but Loving said that Notre Dame Security will "keep an extra eye on it."

This loan complements the University of Notre Dame Public Sculpture Project, which placed 33 outdoor sculptures on campus through July 1997 and included a symposium and a museum exhibition of contemporary sculpture.

Sex

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abstinence is much more respected in American society than a sexual decision based on a religious standard," he said. "For most people, participation and mutual consent are all that is really needed to make sex okay."

The next category Poorman covered was sex within love.

"We are traversing a whole new world when we bring love into the picture," Poorman stated. "When we talk about this kind of relationship we refer to sex as 'making love,' giving it a whole new definition."

Poorman stressed that love is a required component for ethical sexual relationships, but that basing sex on love alone is too transitory.

"Love is situational, and to define love within a relationship is sort of like trying to nail Jell-O to a tree. You just can't get anyone to firmly commit to 'being in love' or having a deeply committed relationship with future projection."

Poorman stressed that placing any kind of definition on a degree of a relationship is impossible.

"Love is interest, attraction, infatua-

tion, friendship, romance, intimacy, commitment, future commitment, intended permanence, and anything else you might find in a country-western song," he said. "But what does 'commitment' really mean? You can't firmly say where the lines should be drawn."

Poorman's last category was also the one he firmly believes in: Sex within the context of marriage. He stressed that marriage was the most extreme form of commitment and should therefore be the only place for sex.

"The ultimate commitment paired with the ultimate physical intimacy: There is a congruency here and the Church's ideal is based on letting those relationships match."

"Sex can only be practiced ethically if marriage really stands for something. It is the only way that sex makes sense," he said.

Poorman entertained the argument that a marriage does not mean that people really love each other by reiterating that sex should only be practiced if every component of marriage is present, including both spousal love and a willingness to procreate.

"The deepest love shares the future; time and openness to kids defines that setting. That's the kind of intimacy that matches sexual intimacy," he asserted.

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■ ISRAEL

Arafat appeals for U.N. support

By ROBERT REID
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS
Yasser Arafat said Wednesday that Israel's decision to build a Jewish housing project in east Jerusalem brought the peace process to a "critical phase" — and U.N. diplomats are obligated to help save it.

Arafat also met with Jewish leaders, then left New York to deliver similar messages to two former U.S. presidents: Jimmy Carter in Georgia and George Bush in Texas.

The U.N. Security Council was to debate on Wednesday afternoon the Israeli decision to build the 6,500-unit Har Homa housing development in east Jerusalem.

European representatives circulated a draft resolution calling on Israel to avoid moves that threaten final talks on the status of the holy city, part of which the Palestinians want as a future capital.

Israel's acting ambassador, David Peleg, said council action would do nothing to advance peace. U.S. diplomats also said Washington opposed any binding resolution.

Arafat and his council ambassadors discussed "how to implement accurately and honestly what has been agreed upon" and "prevent any provocations" that endanger peace.

By approving the housing development, Arafat said, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was "pushing the

peace process in a very critical and crucial circumstance."

But diplomats said Arafat's message during the private meeting was restrained. He avoided threats to scuttle the peace process in retaliation for the proposed Israeli housing development.

Western diplomats who attended the meeting said Arafat told them the council had an "obligation" to play a role in the peace process.

Several diplomats, all speaking on condition of anonymity, quoted Arafat as saying that moves toward peace had reached a "critical phase." They said U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson repeated President Clinton's statement that he regretted the planned Israeli construction.

Arafat, who met with Clinton this week, held separate meetings with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, General Assembly President Razali Ismail of Malaysia and ambassadors of the 15-member Security Council.

Annan said the United Nations would "continue to work with all the parties in the search for peace."

Israel and the United States traditionally have tried to play down any role for the Security Council in Israeli-Palestinian issues.

Peleg, the Israeli official, told Associated Press Television that if the Palestinians refrained from taking issues to the Security Council, "we will move much more quickly in the promotion of the peace process."

Local kids depict heroes in contest

Observer Staff Report

Two South Bend youths took the podium in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium last night to tell a packed audience about their heroes.

They were among the 260 participants in an essay contest sponsored by the Notre Dame chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, an honor society for government majors.

The competition was divided into two age brackets — fifth and sixth-graders in one, seventh and eighth in the other — and was open to ten schools.

"We asked them to write about a person or leader they admired," explained Dan Ventrelle, secretary of the society and a coordinator of the event. "Letters were sent in November, and the deadline was early February."

The judges gave 21 honorable mentions, and awarded U.S. savings bonds, of varying value, to the top five essayists in each age category.

"It was so neat, all the kids dressed up and brought their parents," Ventrelle said. "Both the winners got to read [their essays.] too."

He also noted that in many cases, including that of one of the winners, the subjects of the papers attended the cere-



The Observer/Adam Andres

Local students who participated in an essay contest were honored yesterday at a ceremony sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha.

mony.

"Mayor [Steve] Luecke was there," Ventrelle recalled. "He hung out afterward at the reception, eating and talking with the kids."

Ventrelle cited the hard work of three fellow coordinators as being key to the success of the event.

"Matt Dull, Mike Williams, and Melissa Eastland were involved with judging, organizing, and planning the final

ceremony," he said. "Our whole membership also helped with the different stages."

He was unable to state with certainty the development of the contest into an annual project, but he was optimistic about its chances.

"As a returning officer, I can say that it will definitely be out there as an idea for next year," Ventrelle affirmed.

■ ZAIRE

Government accepts cease-fire

By KARIN DAVIES
Associated Press Writer

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The government, reeling from a series of battlefield losses, accepted a U.N. cease-fire on Wednesday, while rebels closed in on a strategic river port that would give them control of the eastern third of Zaire.

The rebels, on the verge of

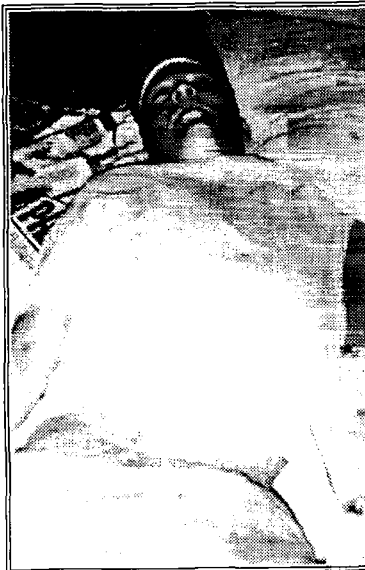
capturing the provincial capital of Kisangani after weeks of fighting, may not be ready to put down their arms right away. "First we talk, then maybe a cease-fire," said rebel spokesman Kazadi Nyembwe.

Refugees fleeing the rebel advance reported that scores of people were slain when rebels took over a huge refugee camp in Tingi-Tingi over the week-

end. One man said at least 100 refugees died.

Since September, rebels wanting to overthrow the government of President Mobutu Sese Seko have captured a 900-mile swathe of territory in eastern Zaire.

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Sarows: Beware of drug on break

By PAM CORNELL
News Writer

As spring break approaches, and the only thing on the minds of most Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students is a carefree week of relaxation, partying and fun.

But caution must be taken, says Paul Sarows, because the use and abuse of the "date rape drug," Rohypnol, has increased significantly among college students in recent years.

As part of Women's Month, the Saint Mary's Student Academic Council invited Sarows, an investigator with the South Bend Metro Special Operations Section, to speak last night in Stapleton Lounge.

Kendra Hensch, a senior at Saint Mary's, also spoke on behalf of Sex Offense Services, a community organization in which many Saint Mary's students are involved.

Both Sarows and Hensch spoke of the dangers of Rohypnol or "Roofies" and reported that it is quickly becoming the "date rape drug of choice."

"Rape is happening here on our campus, but most students aren't aware," Hensch said. "There has been an increased incidence of foul play on our campus."

According to Sarows, the biggest shipments of Rohypnol have been confiscated in southern Florida and Texas — the destinations of many local students this spring break.

Rohypnol is a very potent tranquilizer, similar in nature to valium, but many times stronger. The drug, which originated in

Europe in the 1970s as a sleeping pill and a muscle relaxer, is still manufactured in most countries of the world except the U.S., England, and China, Sarows said.

Since its introduction in the U.S. in the early 1990s, Rohypnol has quickly gained acceptance and use at high school and college campuses, particularly at college fraternities. Nationally, over 2,300 cases of Rohypnol abuse have been reported.

The drug is often combined with alcohol, marijuana, or cocaine to produce a rapid and very dramatic "high," enhancing the effect five to 10 times. Even when used by itself, users can appear extremely intoxicated, with slurred speech, no coordination, swaying, and bloodshot eyes.

"With a one milligram dose a person will still know what is going on, but after two milligrams there can be possible amnesia," Sarows explained.

The drug is reportedly given to females in hopes of lowered inhibitions and facilitating potential sexual relations.

"A person is actually awake while on the drug," Sarows explained.

"They may make neurological sounds which in turn may actually arouse the person who gave them the drug."

Because Rohypnol may cause amnesia, this makes investigation of sexual offenses very difficult.

"This drug, which has become a nightmare, makes prosecution almost impossible," Hensch said. "Rohypnol can cause a complete loss of memory."

Although Rohypnol is illegal in the U.S. and is not manufactured in the U.S., up to 180 tablets can legally be brought in to the U.S. at a time from another country.

According to Hensch, Rohypnol is colorless, tasteless, odorless, and dissolves immediately in liquid. Sedation occurs 15-20 minutes after administration. Depending on the dosage, the sedation can last three to eight hours.

Hensch advocated several ways to prevent abuse of Rohypnol: A person should keep track of her friends, keep track of her drink at all times, get her drink directly from the bartender, and if she leaves her drink, should not go back to it.

If a victim plans to press charges, Hensch also stressed the necessity of a medical examination at a hospital so that evidence can be collected. A urine test can detect Rohypnol within 72 hours of administration.

To make matters worse, according to Hensch, Rohypnol is inexpensive and is reportedly being sold for as little as \$2 to \$4 per tablet.

Many times those victimized while under the influence of Rohypnol are hesitant to go to the police because of lack of details of the incident. But both Sarows and Hensch encouraged victims to seek support and to file a police report.

"If you wake up in an unfamiliar environment and aren't sure what happened, it won't hurt to go get checked out," Sarows said.

A 24-hour crisis line has been set up in South Bend, (219) 289-HELP, with both female and male support on staff at all times.

Scalia: Catholic schools should remain moral

By JEFFREY GOLD
Associated Press Writer

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. Roman Catholic universities must teach "moral formation" and their curriculums must be

"permeated" with the church's point of view, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia urged Wednesday.

"Requiring a moral and virtuous lifestyle that is increasingly different from the surrounding society will cause Catholic universities to lose promising faculty members and promising students," Scalia told an audience at Seton Hall University, which is run by the Archdiocese of Newark.

"But the alternative is to lose their Catholic character," said Scalia, a Roman Catholic and one of several justices who have broken with court tradition by publicly discussing their religious faiths.

Scalia, whose recent speeches urged Christians to assert their faith, spoke to an audience of 700 faculty and students at ceremonies commemorating the school's state charter, granted in 1861.

"Perhaps because our society no longer has firm beliefs about what is virtuous, there are few if any non-denominational schools which even pre-

tend to pursue that task," Scalia said. "Catholic universities, however, cannot avoid that task, and indeed betray the expectations of tuition-paying Catholic parents if they shirk it."

In addition to a different moral environment, he said, "a Catholic university ought to differ from others in what it studies and what it teaches."

A Catholic medical school should be a "leader in research concerning the development of the human fetus, concerning methods of natural family planning, and concerning medical ethics," he said.

And Catholic law schools should have faculty interested in the First Amendment's religion clause and in "such cases significantly affecting public morality as *Roe vs. Wade*," the 1973 case legalizing abortion.

Scalia, who turns 61 next week, was among the four dissenters when the Supreme Court reaffirmed the right to abortion in 1992.

Born in Trenton and raised in New York City, Scalia earned his law degree at Harvard in 1960. He criticized his own undergraduate school, Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., for losing touch with its Catholic mission.

"As for curriculum, the year I resigned from its board of advisors, it had — honest to goodness — more course offerings in Judaism than Catholic theology," said Scalia, who earned his bachelor's degree in 1957.



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Floods swamp towns as Ohio River banks overflow

By ANN GIBSON
Associated Press Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. Raging at its highest level in a generation, the Ohio River swamped more towns up and downstream from Louisville on Wednesday in a slow-motion disaster that may not let up until next week.

Towering flood walls protected Kentucky's largest city from the river, which roiled 14 feet above flood stage. It was the low-lying towns along the river that were most vulnerable to flood waters that weren't going away.

"All we can do is wait for someone to tell us 'You folks can all go home,'" said Sue Colomb, 30, as she waited in a church shelter after fleeing her trailer in the town of West Point, 30 miles down river.

But the water not only didn't go down, it rose so high Wednesday that it swamped roads in and out of the town of 1,200, stranding 60 people who didn't get out or refused to leave.

Ms. Colomb and her 63-year-old mother took only what they could carry when they left earlier this week — a TV, VCR, their

Nintendo game and some meat from their freezer.

They put their bed and couch up on kitchen chairs, tables and a bathroom standing in water after day, they wondered if they will even have a home worth coming back to.

"It will never be the way it was," Ms. Colomb said.

Like a big bath tub with the water running, the Ohio River was constantly being filled by runoff from a foot of rain over the weekend. Another quarter inch of rain Wednesday didn't help.

"It's kind of sitting there," said National Weather Service hydrologist Mike Callahan. "It's going to be a very slow fall. ... It might drift up a little bit."

In fact, the Ohio is expected to crest Friday a half foot higher in Louisville, where it reached 37.8 feet on Wednesday. That's worrisome news to evacuees, who wondered when they would ever get back to their homes, and raised the fear they could be in for another round of flooding.

The flood-prone town of Shepherdsville, 20 miles south of Louisville, is just now cleaning up from floods that swamped 90 percent of its downtown and forced 1,000 people to be taken out by boat. It is on the Salt River, which feeds into the Ohio, and many townsfolk fear they could get another dose of flooding when the Ohio crests.

"The old-timers say once the river leaves it doesn't come back — but we don't know," added Jack Porter, 27, as he helped clean out a downtown

bank where floodwaters had been chest-high.

"All we're doing is hoping and waiting, hoping the Ol' Ohio doesn't throw us some more backwater," said Butch Sweat, a farmer in nearby Lebanon Junction. His two-story house, partly built with logs in 1865, had water up to the ceiling of the second floor. In much of the town, the only way to get around was by boat.

In Tell City, Ind., residents thought their town was safely protected by a 20-foot high concrete flood wall, until the river began gurgling from the ground behind the wall Tuesday night. Water was shooting through by Wednesday, and more than 120,000 sandbags were thrown into place by an army of National Guard soldiers, state prisoners and even schoolgirls.

In the hard-hit town of Falmouth, rooftop-high floodwaters finally receded to reveal homes off their foundations and sitting in the middle of streets. Everything was covered in coffee-colored muck — including the bodies of four more victims.

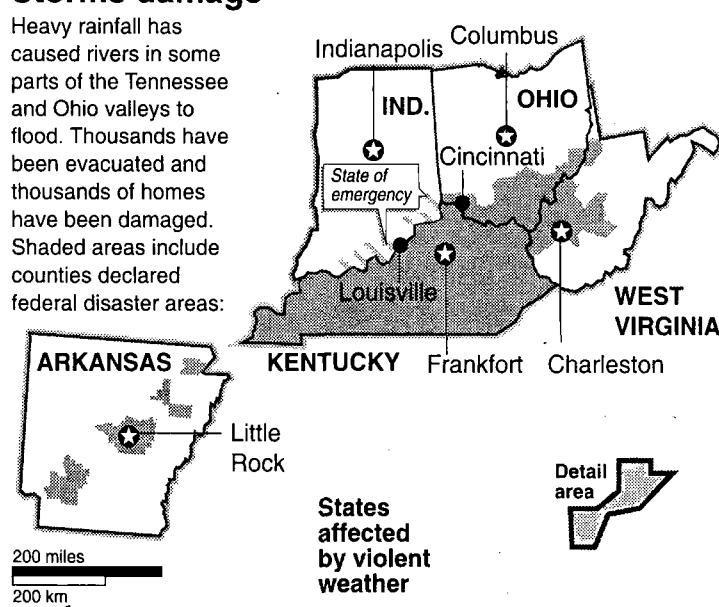
That put the death toll at five in the town of 2,700, where Vice President Al Gore was forced to cancel a tour after fog grounded his helicopter. Firefighters set up a temporary morgue and went about the grim task of searching house-by-house for more victims.

"I am praying that's all we've got," said police officer Ed Ward. "But I don't think it will be."

The floods already had forced thousands of people from their homes along the Ohio and smaller streams in Tennessee.

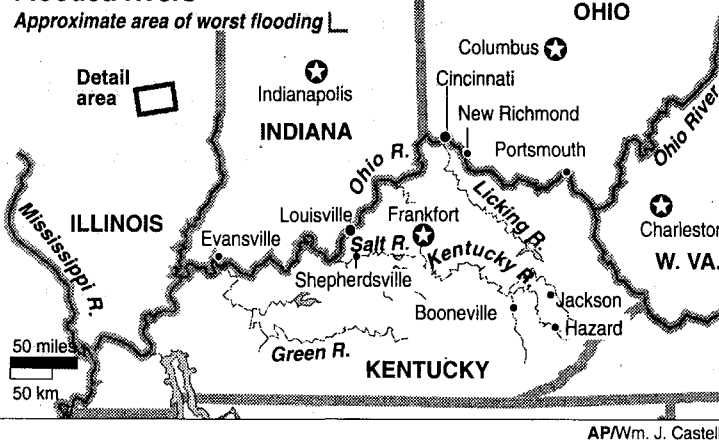
Storms damage

Heavy rainfall has caused rivers in some parts of the Tennessee and Ohio valleys to flood. Thousands have been evacuated and thousands of homes have been damaged. Shaded areas include counties declared federal disaster areas:



Flooded rivers

Approximate area of worst flooding



AP/Wm. J. Castello

Survivors find dead bodies amidst rubble

By MARK CHELLGREN
Associated Press Writer

FALMOUTH, Ky. After the floodwaters that covered this town to its rooftops finally receded, the first people to go back in Wednesday found everything covered in a coffee-colored muck, including the bodies of four more victims.

The corpses were found as emergency personnel and dog

teams went into the town's muddled buildings, many of them swept off their foundations and one of them dropped by the river in the middle of Main Street. A fifth body was found in Falmouth on Tuesday, meaning 18 flood-related deaths in Kentucky.

"I am praying that's all we've got. But I don't think it will be," said Ed Ward, a police officer in this town of 2,500.

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Monday - Friday, March 10 - 14
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St. Patrick's Day Mass

Monday, March 17
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Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, March 18
7:00PM
Campus Ministry-Badin Hall

Kairos (4th Day)

Wednesday, March 19
7:30PM
Chapel of the Holy Cross

Power Lunch:

Triduum, The Holiest of Days

Thursday, March 20
12:45-1:45PM
Faculty Dining Room

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Weekend Presiders
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Saturday, March 8

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Rev. Thomas Blantz, C.S.C.

Sunday, March 9

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Paul Doyle, C.S.C.

11:45 a.m.

Rev. Andre Leveille, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings

for this coming Sunday

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

A PASSION PLAY

It's Tuesday. Tonight I went to Mass at one of the hall chapels on campus. Although it was not the place I usually attend daily Eucharist, I went because some friends were gathering there to pray. I have to think it was a larger crowd than this hall chapel typically sees. Along with us older folks (though none of us would readily claim such a designation publicly), the group was primarily made up of a wandering band of about a dozen or so students who have committed themselves to travelling around campus during Lent and attending Mass in each of the hall chapels.

I was struck in two ways by our gathering: first, by how diverse we were, but second, by how united we were in our prayer and in gathering around the table. Our diversity was not evident in the color of our skin or in the range of our religious profession, it was evident in the circumstances of our lives and in our prayer. Among those who had come to the table, there was a student who had applied to be an R.A. but did not get the job, and whose pain... not anger, was palpable. He prayed for healing. There was another student around the same table, from the same hall, who did get an R.A. position, whose humility tempered his joy. He prayed in silence. There was a Rector at the table whose father had died only hours earlier, and whose face bore the pain of a loss deeply felt. She prayed for his life, and for her family. There was another Rector present who spoke of his residents with the pride of a father for his sons. He prayed for them and for the homeless. There were several seniors there, two of whom had hoped to do the same service program, one who will and one who won't... both at the table. There was a couple who had had a long-standing relationship but who have since parted ways... together at the table.

As I sat there and pondered the group gathered, and as I considered the things that occupy my mind and heart in these days, I was more deeply moved by that which we had come to do than I had been in a long time. I thought of my upcoming presbyteral ordination, only a month away, and I laid at the table all the expectations and fears that have concerned me about that in these days. I thought of each of the people gathered there in that room and the power of their stories and the deep passion that they brought to the table of the Lord's Supper. I marveled at our human frailty, and how clearly our brokenness was reflected in the breaking of the bread. At the same time, I delighted in the opportunity that we had to come together in this simple and yet powerful way to support one another, to pray with and for one another, and to share in the mystery of the Body of Christ... to become what we knew ourselves already to be.

There were many stories around that table in that holy place tonight... some known to those of us gathered... but most unknown... most untold. What compelled us to bring them to that holy place tonight? Was it mere chance that brought us to be there for one another in that moment... in our need? I don't think so. Ultimately, I think we are drawn to the Eucharist because we believe that something more happens there than the merely observable. In this empirical age, there is all too little credence given to the power of symbol and of sacrament. There was certainly something more powerful in that room for me this night than any words can here convey or describe. I do believe that God is revealed in such moments just as surely as God was revealed in the person of Jesus. Every time we gather around the table we glimpse the Easter light and joy for which we wait and hope. By our gathering together around the table, by our offering our stories... our very lives, in the breaking of the bread, we are fed and strengthened for the journey. Come, eat and drink.

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TABLE TALK

Fighting against alcoholism for your right to party

Here I am, running like mad to keep up with the world, and all of a sudden what do I see around the corner but spring break, that gift from God which all students pray for through February, that wonderful week signifying the imminent closure of yet another year in college.

Mick Swiney

And you thought you wouldn't survive! You cried for Mommy and sucked your thumb before fall break as you waded through papers and midterms. You were ready to give it all up, shave your head and join a cult in December when finals loomed, and you spent most of your study time trying to find an empty cubbyhole on campus. Maybe now you're strung out on coffee and No-Doz, lost in the quads at 4 a.m. convinced that you're a glass of iced tea.

Okay, maybe that's a little extreme — you may not be ready for a rubber room just yet, but chances are you feel pretty roughed up. After all, Notre Dame faculty assigns the highest workload in the country next to Stanford, and that's only because we don't consider actually showing up to class as part of the workload. This far in the school year, most Domers are a haggard mess in dire need of some stress medication...

And that's where spring break comes in.

Where are you going — Cancun, Cozumel, Padre? Or maybe Key West, Daytona Beach, Ft. Lauderdale? You've probably been planning a trip with your five closest friends since

Christmas; you've scrimped, saved, even stooped so low as to work JPW so you could make enough money. Now you're set — it's Thursday afternoon and you've got a plane to catch, a bag to pack, a last-minute run to Meijer's for some suntan lotion. From there, you're home free — you can look forward to a week of sun, sand, swimsuits and shades. Oh yeah, and one other thing... tequila.

Or Schnapp's. Or Kahlua. Or maybe just good old-fashioned beer — a six-pack, a case, a keg. Mickey's, Killian's, Corona... everybody's got their favorite, and no better place to enjoy it than on a beach a thousand miles away from du Lac and the Student Affairs Office.

Going to Mexico? You don't need any Spanish, just this: "Dos cervezas, por favor." Going on a community service trip, an "alternative spring break?" Never fear, Appalachians, you only work during the day — there's a whole week of homework-free nights ahead of you, and somewhere a bar to spend them in, wherever you are.

On that cheery note, let me tell you a little something about myself. I am 19 years old, a sophomore, and a resident of Morrissey Manor. I spent my high school career having much the same kind of fun that most of you will be having in Cancun next week. As a result, I was kicked out of school for a week at the beginning of my senior year, and barred from all extracurricular activities and school functions for the fall semester. I was allowed to continue attending high school on the condition that I receive treatment for what was then a serious problem with substance abuse.

Well, over two years later, I am sober, relatively sane, and a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I mention all of this for a very good reason, especially the part about AA. In my time as a member I have attended meetings all over the country, from my hometown of Tulsa, Okla., to New

Jersey to Chicago to South Bend.

And I kid you not when I say that, in every single AA meeting I have ever attended in my entire life, I have never once failed to run into at least one graduate from the University of Notre Dame.

Never.

In my entire life.

It is usually the custom in these meetings to share a little bit about oneself, and for each of these gentlemen I have met their story begins the same way: "Well, I never really drank much in high school... it wasn't until I got to COLLEGE that it all started..."

At least one Notre Dame grad in every meeting I have ever been to.

Impossible, you say. Coincidence. Freak occurrence. After all, two years (going on three) isn't that long a time; how many meetings could I have gone to? Obviously not enough. Maybe I just happen to go to the type of meetings Notre Dame alumni would attend? But the truth is, every meeting seems almost like a class reunion — Bill from the Class of 1940 (my grandfather's class), Joe from the Class of 1974 (my father's class), Class of '67, '54, '91. Alcoholic Domers of every race, color, socioeconomic status and gender; also young as old as my grandfather and as young as... well, me.

But surely this doesn't surprise you? After all, you go here — how do you think you got the idea that Notre Dame students are supposed to drink like fish, like a school of the smartest damn fish in the country? Who told you that Notre Dame is a party school? At this university, drinking's been around longer than football — it's part of the tradition, the "link to the past" that binds the alumni to the student body. It's the home football games; it's the crowds of golf-pants wearing grandfathers who wander this campus with tears in their eyes and sweatshirts that say "Notre Dame Alumni."

It's the Alumni-Senior Club.

But so what? What's wrong with

alcohol? My girlfriend turned 21 recently, and she didn't finish the night with a ride in an ambulance. It was a unique celebration, unlike any other birthday. We went out and she ordered drinks from the bar; we saw her family that weekend and she mixed drinks with her relatives. She was inducted into a club, she was welcomed into a happy part of American culture, of human culture. The entire occasion was focused around drinking, but as I sat there sipping my RC Cola I couldn't see one thing wrong with it.

And why should it be wrong? Drinking's a great social activity, and one that can't hurt anyone as long as we stay upright, responsible and keep calling Saferide (1-9888).

My point is this — I like Notre Dame. I like all you guys. You're the people I grow with, learn with, live with; you people and the memories I make with you are going to stay with me until I die. But sad to say, I will never be able to have a drink with you or join you at the bar, because I have lost the right to do so.

Which is perfectly okay — I'm used to it, and indeed I kinda like it. My life is spent in the vast world outside of Bridget's and C.J.'s. I'm glad I can enjoy life without getting drunk by alcohol issues. But here's the deal — you've got to fight for your right to party. You've got to take care of yourself in Mexico, Florida, or wherever. You've got to drink (and maybe get drunk) like the aspiring adults you are, and stay safe, upright, healthy and happy. Your life depends on it.

But for now our lives haven't even started yet, so be young and have fun, even if what you drink is something other than Pepsi. And though I want to see all of you again someday, let's try to have our reunions in the JACC, and not in any AA meetings.

Mick Swiney is a sophomore Arts and Letters major. His column appears every other Thursday.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In dreams begins responsibility"

—William Butler Yeats

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Right Reason editors demand reasoning for blasts on their Christianity

Dear Editor,

We usually find Irfan Khawaja's column well-reasoned, but his latest editorial criticism of Right Reason (Tues., Feb. 25) was far below the high standard of logical rigor he has led us to expect. While he is generous in his use of words which indicate analytic thinking, he does not in fact make a true "inference" or show any logical "contradiction." Indeed, in an editorial full of bold accusations which pretend to be based on reason rather than prejudice, we cannot find a single rational argument. It is easy enough to see where the arguments should be. The "contradiction" is supposed to have something to do with our characterizing theological obedience and orthodoxy as a form of freedom, rather than despotism. But we see no contradiction. And like Ex Corde Ecclesiae — which we have read but Mr. Khawaja apparently has not — we see no contradiction in an obedient Catholic institution including non-Catholics. (Indeed, Protestant senior editor Joshua Hochschild is a co-author of the piece in Right Reason that Mr. Khawaja criticizes.) If Mr. Khawaja complains so loudly of contradictions, he has a responsibility to show them, not just claim that they are there.

Even more unfair is Mr. Khawaja's accusation that we "tolerate slavery." Mr. Khawaja seems to think that toleration of slavery would follow from our claim that a Christian notion of freedom is other than the secular notion of freedom from worldly restraint. We say "seems to think," because here again there is not argument; and of course there could be no argument, because our use of Scripture does not entail a support of slavery. We shouldn't have to say it, but we do not believe that slavery is moral, and we do not believe that Christian teaching includes acceptance of slavery. Mr. Khawaja correctly points out that historically Biblical passages have been used to try to justify slavery, but as he should know, this historical fact does not prove that the Bible properly understood teaches in

favor of slavery.

Nothing that Mr. Khawaja said contributes to a discussion of the merits of the long tradition of the Church's teaching that there is a radical difference between worldly and heavenly freedom. We would have liked to see Mr. Khawaja offer some real arguments that would be relevant to such a discussion (contrary to the stereotype to which Mr. Khawaja shamelessly exploits, orthodox Christians are not fascists and have an interest in rational debate). We would guess from his causal appeal to the Bill of Rights and John Milton that Mr. Khawaja is applying a different standard of freedom based on his own classical liberalism, and it would be interesting to discuss the relevance or compatibility of his standards to ours. But we will not waste time trying until he demonstrates a mutual willingness to engage in discussion. We hope that he is willing, because it would be more charitable to assume that an enthusiastic young writer accidentally descended to imprudent bluster, than to assume that a graduate student of philosophy purposefully implied that he was giving argument when in fact he was not, just in order to dress up his innuendo and accusation, or, worse, in order to willingly deceive the less educated.

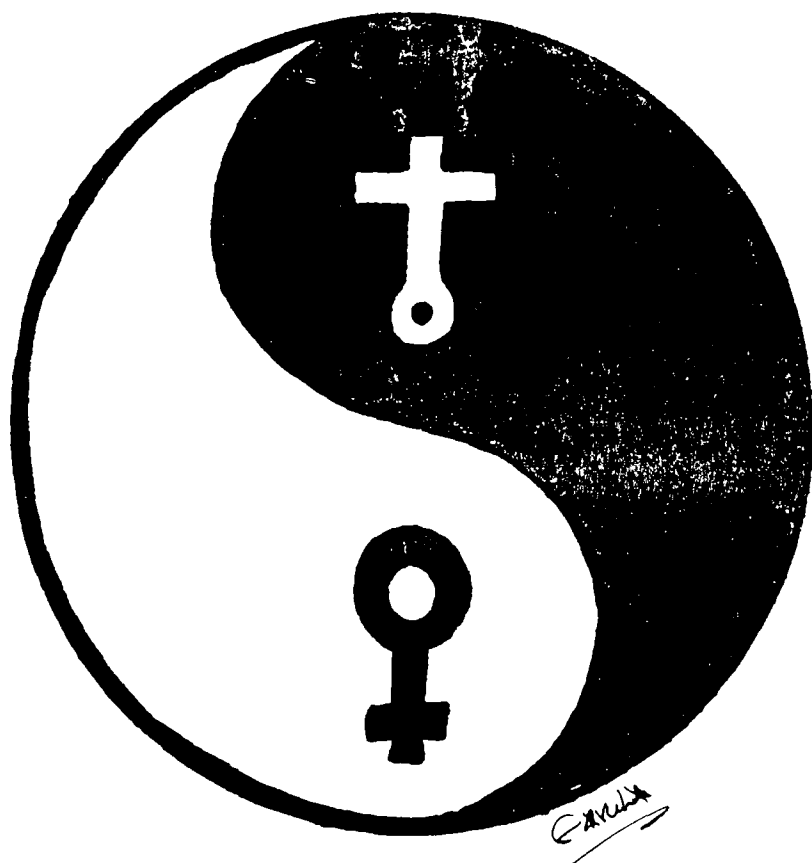
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Thank you, Voices of Faith

Dear Editor,

I want to use this forum to recognize and thank the Voices of Faith and Chandra Johnson and any others who I have missed for the wonderful spirit-filled liturgy held in the Basilica to close Black History month.

As a member of the Notre Dame Folk Choir, it was a rare occasion to sit in the pews and be ministered to. To put the event in context, last Sunday was a sort of "time out" for the folk choir, a chance to sit back and take a breather and reflect on our own ministry. The weary folkheads went to breakfast, a 45-minute retreat, and then to Mass. Speaking for myself, I can only say that the liturgy was one of the most uplifting of the year and this is due in large part to the wonderful, inspiring music of Voices of Faith. Their enthusiastic sharing of the African-American spirituals, the continuous spontaneous affirmations to soloists and preachers, and their pure joy was something to behold. Thank you for lifting us up and challenging us to look beyond color and race. This folkhead is indeed rejuvenated by your ministry and hope we will see more of you. To all who were part of the Mass, I can't think of a better culmination to a month devoted to Black history and culture. And I can't think of a group I would rather listen to when my own spirit is drooping.

JULIE WILBERDING

University of Notre Dame Folk Choir

Graduate Student

Off Campus

Stop whining: Notre Dame is no homophobic hotbed

Dear Editor,

Recently, Scholastic published an article about the homophobia on this campus. I am an active, healthy, and understood member of the gay population at the University of Notre Dame. While I cannot deny the fact that homophobia is a problem on this campus, I must also state that the climate on this campus is not as bad as many want us to believe. I am thrilled to see in the four years that I've been a student at the University that something like this has been done. However, I cannot remain silent.

I am a member of the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. I was not "hand-picked" by Patty O'Hara, as was implied by John Blandford. I was offended by that statement. I am not a puppet controlled by the Administration. I asked Professor O'Hara to be on the committee. The student representatives of the Standing Committee all asked Professor O'Hara to be members of the committee. I finally wanted to stop playing the passive role on this campus. I wanted to take the compromises offered to the gay community and expand upon them. I want to leave my mark on this

University.

I'm not trying to say that Notre Dame is immune to homophobia. It should not just be Notre Dame that we are concerned about, though. I have experienced minimal homophobia on this campus. I am lucky; I know others who haven't been so lucky. Before we start blaming Notre Dame and the administration for this homophobic atmosphere, we must look to society first. Society must stop teaching people, children in particular, to hate that which is different. When, and only when, society accepts homosexuals and our lifestyle, will homophobia become a thing of the past. I'm more nervous about homophobia in the real world than I am about Notre Dame. This is a closed environment. Only certain variables are allowed to enter. I fear gay bashers on the outside more than I do here.

I must also address the "Final Word." The poem written by this student is quite discouraging. I identify with him to a point. I felt the same way in my freshman year. I feel that many of his fears, while founded, are only made worse by his imagination. He pictures a campus of hatred. It's not. He seriously underestimates this cam-

pus. He also hopes that God will love him. No one has to hope that God will love them. God loves all His creations. God has a plan for this anonymous student — hopefully he will realize this. He also pleads with the community to love him as an individual. I must ask if he has attended any of the gay support group meetings. There he will be accepted and loved as the individual that he is. He will find the acceptance that he longs for. There he may even find the courage and strength to face the possible rejections and judgments. There he can be who he wants to be. Take baby steps, but take steps. Don't live in constant fear. I lived in fear for years, but not anymore. I refuse to let fear rule my life. The advice I offer is the advice that parents have been giving their children for centuries. Face your fears; only then will you be able to conquer them. Being afraid is natural, but being afraid for your whole life isn't.

Homophobia will only disappear when society realizes there is nothing different between gays and straights, other than what physical, mental, and chemical attractions are felt. I don't believe there will ever be a time when homophobia will not exist. It is difficult

for people to get used to things that are different from the standards. I want to see homophobia disappear, but I know it won't happen until people raise their children to love unconditionally. Children learn hate from their parents.

Let's not believe that Notre Dame is a hotbed of homophobia. It has its problems, but what universities and colleges don't? Let's not worry about GLND/SMC anymore. That debate is over, as far as I'm concerned. Let's work with what we have. The only way to get the atmosphere to change is to try and educate, which is the goal of the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. Education is the first step. I call the gay community to stop whining and being divisive, and work with what is on the table and then maybe together we can change the homophobic environment. I'm doing my part. Are you doing yours?

SEAN B. GEARY

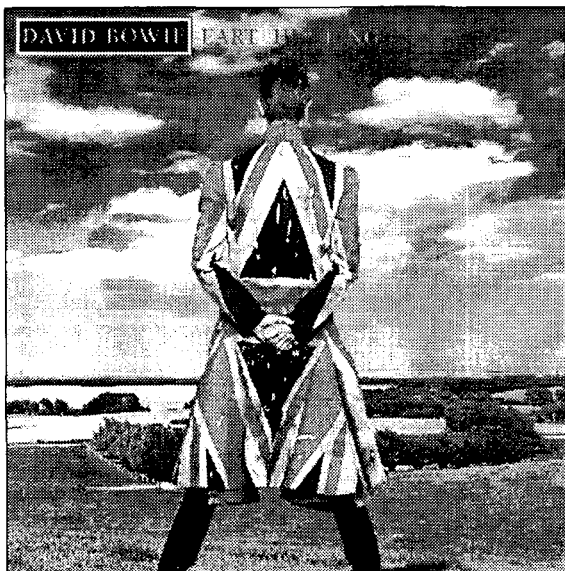
Senior

Stanford Hall

david bowie

Earthling

☆☆☆☆
(out of five stars)



Courtesy of Exploded View Music

At the age of 50, one might consider it time to settle down, put the feet up and rest on many a well deserved laurels. David Bowie, for good or ill, does not think like this, and although for the past few years such an attitude has resulted in ill, a minor return to worthiness now arrives in the form of *Earthling*. Bowie fans may be pleased by this, but equally could be disappointed with the style of the album - a fusion of traditional Bowie pop and hardcore backbeat techno in true Chemical Brothers fashion. The best of the album is a coin toss between "Battle for Britain" and "Dead Man Walking" (apparently nothing to do with the movie, thankfully). Both have fast, jungle backing tracks overlaid with the usual Bowie vocals and accompanied by all the bleeps, beeps and bumps of the electronic universe. Epic and ambitious, their merit lies in the fact that they will alienate only rabid techno and "old" Bowie stalwarts while appealing to the vast majority who will listen to anything if it is done well.

Also worthy of mention is "I'm Afraid of

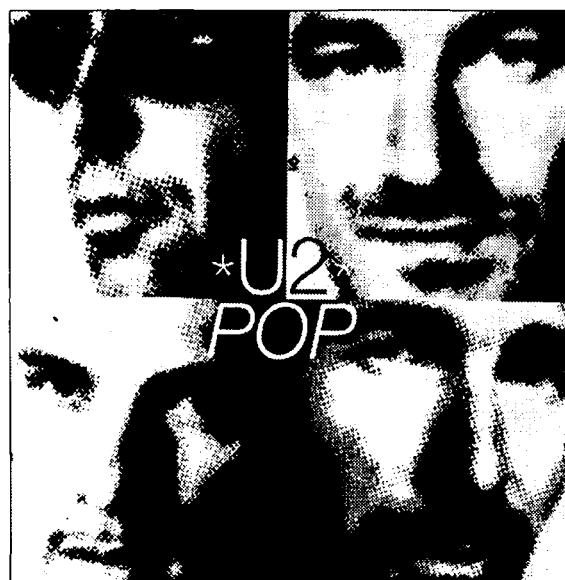
Americans," a slower industrial piece filled with samples and heightened by a heavy, intense chorus greatly influenced by Nine Inch Nails. "Seven Years in Tibet" is from the same catalog; both sexy and ominous — its first line is "Are you ok? You've been shot in the head." This may sound like a stupid question, but that's a musician for you. Tracks that prevent this album from being brilliant include the mediocre "The Last Thing You Should Do" and the insipid "Little Wonder," both of which are inferior imitations of the better songs. Despite this one must admire Bowie's tenacity; having been around for years, he still remains admirably unafraid to proceed in new directions.

by Julian Elliott

U2

Pop

☆☆☆☆
(out of five stars)



Courtesy of Island Records

For some fans, imagining U2 going "electronic" is as disturbing as imagining their parents jumping up and down in silver, puffy Nautica parkas and bright green Caesar haircuts, slapping their head and yelling "I'm a firestarta! Wicked firestarta!" To some U2 diehards — i.e. those who have thought about making a hajji to California to see a Joshua tree — the image of Bono cutting some wax on wheels of steel is as psychologically ravaging as the image of their parents having sex. But such is the catch 22 of rock and roll — you're damned if you change, damned if you don't.

But after all the hype, all the glitter, all the pictures of the Edge in vinyl pants, it boils down to this: *Pop* is the most consistently engaging U2 album since the *Joshua Tree*. Don't be fooled, it's not as "techno" as they would have you believe. Sure, "Mofo" mimics Future Sound of London or a Sony Playstation game soundtrack more than "Mysterious Ways," and "Discotheque" is more an experiment with guitar petals and drum machines than a fleshed out song, but *Pop*'s remainder fuses the world-recognizable U2 ballads and propulsive rock (at this point as recognizable as the Coke wave or Nike swoosh) with state-of-the-art studio tricks and pinches of trip-hop/illbient drum-and-bass. In fact, songs like "Staring at the Sun" and "Gone" sound more like Ride or the Verve than the Chemical Brothers, with their expansive, psychedelic guitar lines. "Miami" had me hooked like a large mouth bass with the delicious "Ba-buh-ba" lure and aluminum guitar line. Drop the lights low, wear lots of glow-in-the-dark accessories

and chest-revealing velvet clothing, smoke German cigarettes and drink Japanese beer, and make out on a leather couch in the strobing blue glow of a 52" television while spinning *Pop*. That appears to be the intended aesthetic.

Sublime inspiration was behind the titling of *Pop*. "Pop" entails all that is kitsch, unforgettably embarrassing, commercial, and hauntingly enchanting and titillating in culture. "Pop" copies underground fads, polishes them up for the general public, and saturates the market with them. "Pop" also means damn catchy music (by definition at least). U2's latest offering both parodies the commercial music industry, while successfully and creatively navigating in its own conventions, and serves up piping hot U2 tunes that completely blow away the tinkering of Zooropa. Lord knows that U2 recorded over those Passengers DATs to lay down these new treats.

So, Mr. and Mrs. U2ophile, don't be afraid of the "new" U2. It's just the same old stuff you bought a generation ago modernized and repackaged for 1997. We went from bell-bottoms to parachute pants to dirty jeans to vinyl pants. U2 went from *War* to the *Joshua Tree* to *Achtung Baby* to *Zooropa* to *Pop*. Just go with the flow, consumer.

by Brent DiCrescenzo

nocturne top 5

1. Moby - *Animal Rights*
2. U2 - *Pop*
3. Redd Kross - *Show World*
4. Beck - *Odelay!*
5. Wilco - *Being There*

wvfi top 5

1. Pavement - *Brighten the Corners*
2. Built to Spill - *Perfect From Now On*
3. Chisel - *It's Alright, You're OK*
4. Helmet - *Aftertaste*
5. Morphine - *Like Swimming*

CLASSICAL COLUMN

Rise and 'Shine'

By JULIE BRUBAKER
and MICHAEL ANDERSON

What does music mean to pianist David Helfgott? "When you go to the piano at eventide, well, that's the only thing that matters," he said.

This month, Helfgott will begin his first-ever tour of North America, making stops in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Boston, among other places.

A piano prodigy in the 1960s, Helfgott, at age 12, was the youngest contestant to enter ABC's annual Australian State concerto and vocal competition, which he won six times. When he was 14, he became the youngest to reach the Commonwealth finals. He pursued a brilliant career and at 19 was considered by many a "near-genius talent."

In 1973, Helfgott's career came to a crashing halt as he was admitted to a psychiatric hospital where he spent 10 years.

In 1983, following his stay at the mental health center, he returned to the piano, this time as a restaurant pianist (not a lounge lizard) for Dr. Chris Reynolds' Diner. Reynolds describes Helfgott's first night on the job, saying, "Nervously chain-smoking, he produced a few discordant two-fingered sounds on the restaurant's piano, and as the diners began to jeer, he launched into Rimsky-Korsakov's Flight of the Bumble Bee. Diners, drinkers, and staff were stopped in their tracks. They gave a thunderous ovation — and Helfgott played on for four hours of non-stop classics."

If you think that classical music or those who perform classical music are losing interest, think again. Helfgott describes the music of Rachmaninoff, saying, "(It) means the world, really... it's got emotion, humor, everything. Very wistful. It's uplifting. Life is a symphony."

However, this description equally applies as a description of the movie "Shine," the biography of virtuoso David Helfgott, played by actor Geoffrey Rush.

The plot is one of complicated passion; of a miracle. "Shine" chronicles the boyhood of Helfgott — his struggle to live up to his father's musical ambitions for him, his attempt to go to school in London against the wishes of his father, his years in the institution without any family to visit him, his restaurant-pianist experience and the subsequent meeting of his wife, Gilligan.

The piano music for this powerful film is all performed by Helfgott himself, yet the three actors who portray Helfgott do a surprisingly stellar job in approximating his style.

The film is designed in such a way that the music illustrates the passion of Helfgott. Here, as in no other movie, one understands what a world-famous musician thinks.

The most emotionally wrenching scene for Helfgott occurs in a prestigious piano competition when he is performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 (referred to as the "Rach Three" in the film). During this intense scene, the screen portrays a sweat-soaked Helfgott furiously pounding at the piano, seriously working overtime for a piece he had already "in his hands." As his fingers skillfully fly over the keys, the music he produces is heard.

Suddenly, the music fades and the action continues in slow motion — the theater is quiet for 10 or 20 seconds — the audience watches Helfgott's hands play the keys in silence. The music returns and then leaves again, as a weary Helfgott struggles to keep up with the passion of the piece.

Not to critique the entire plot — that is for movie critic Mark Torma to do in Monday's Observer.

One of the true joys of this film is an investment in quality pieces (and performances, for that matter) by a host of exceptional composers spanning three centuries.

Musical arrangements and orchestration are masterfully worked by David Hirschfelder, the film music coordinator. From Helfgott's childhood, we hear a surprisingly convincing performance of Chopin's Polonaise on a "klunker" piano. Also throughout the early years and more compellingly toward the end of "Shine," we hear Chopin's Raindrop Prelude, reminding us of the freedom and simplicity of youth.

Don't think this movie is just a showcase of Chopin and Rachmaninoff. Naturally, we hear the virtuosic sounds of Liszt as well as the clarity of Schumann's Scenes from Childhood. But more importantly, for variety Hirschfelder inserts Beethoven and Vivaldi into the larger musical scheme.

Vivaldi's Nulla in Mundo Pax Sincera in the final scenes is particularly moving as we hear a rich soprano tackle a towering melodic line as the credits begin to roll.

As one can see, "Shine" has a palette of musical offerings and continues to rise in popularity for theater-goers — a definite must-see for classical music lovers.

■ SOFTBALL

Struggling Irish to head west

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

Most people like to ease into the water, dipping their toes in before they're comfortable enough to jump into the pool. The Notre Dame softball team dove head-first into the 1997 season, and now they find themselves furiously treading water, trying to stay afloat.

A senior-laden Irish team struggled in the Arizona State Tournament in Tempe, Ariz., falling to the host Sun Devils and an Indiana team that finished the '96 season ranked 23rd in the NSCA/USA Today Top 25 poll. Following the two five-inning defeats, Notre Dame traded runs with a ranked Iowa squad into the 10th, until the Irish couldn't hold on any longer, losing 4-3. Against Auburn in their final game of the tournament, the Blue and Gold notched one in the win column, a 4-2 defeat of the

Tigers.

Hardly faring better at the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Leadoff Classic, the Irish dropped close contests to Massachusetts and sixth-ranked South Carolina. Kelly Nichols, the star of the pitching staff, allowed only two hits in the eight-inning thriller, but the lack of run support forced her to take the loss.

Notre Dame arrived home sporting a 2-7 overall record despite their tenacity and refusal to be intimidated by top-notch competition. Numbers don't always tell the truth.

"These games are tough because we don't have a chance to recover," said head coach Liz Miller. "We're not concerned with our record right now. There have only been two games we were blown out of — we need to win more of the close games."

Perhaps the key to turning

the season around a little earlier than expected lies in the arms of three talented right-handed hurlers who have yet to reach their potential this season.

Junior Kelly Nichols leads the team with an impressive 1.52 ERA, while senior Joy Battersby and sophomore Angela Bessolo have struggled to find their rhythm.

"Kelly Nichols has thrown extremely well. She has given us a great performance every time out," said Miller.

Although Battersby has yet to win a game in 1997, Miller is confident that she will find her niche, and return to last season's form when she went 9-5 with a 1.85 ERA.

"Joy is getting better every game," commented Miller.

Angela Bessolo, Big East Co-Rookie of the Year in 1996 with a 1.01 ERA and a sparkling 7-1 record, needs to rediscover her form in order for the Irish to be successful in their 1997 campaign.

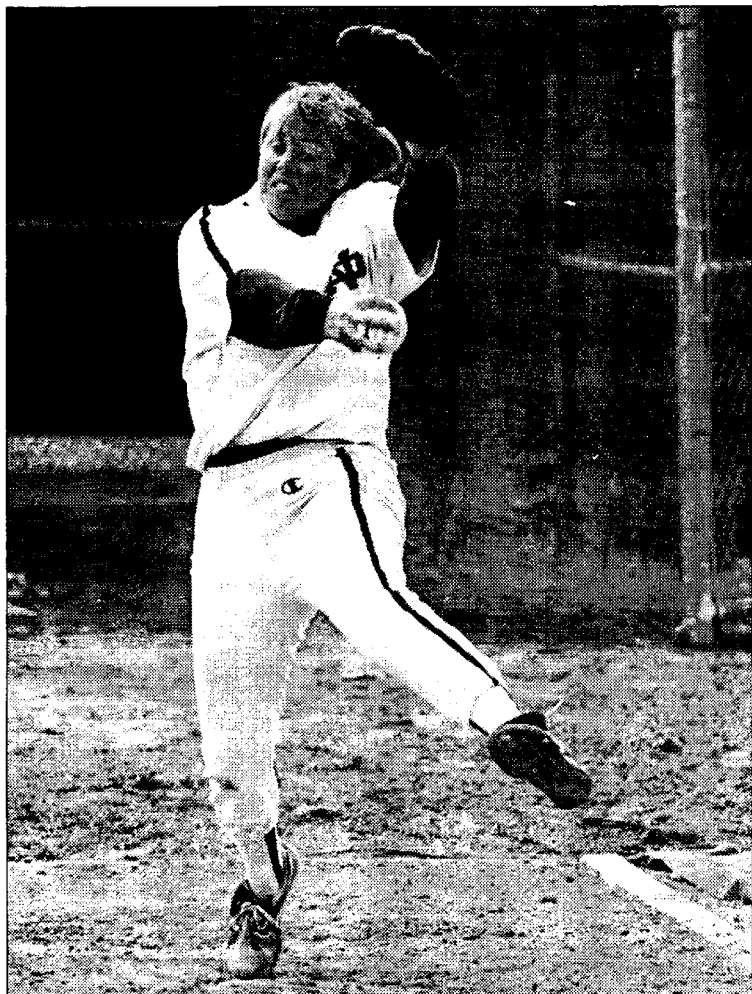
"Angela is out of her rhythm. She's allowing herself to get too deep in the count and she's being taken out of her game," said Miller.

The Irish face another tough road trip in the coming week, traveling to Oklahoma City, Okla. for the Sooner Classic. They will square-off against Baylor, Stephen F. Austin and Kansas in pool play on Fri., March 7, followed by two days of tournament action March 8-9. Notre Dame then heads to San Jose, Calif. for Spring Break, a grueling trip, where they will play Missouri on Thurs., March 13 to warm-up for the National Invitational Tournament also held in San Jose, on March 14-16.

"The key for us is to really concentrate on what we have to do. We're looking for our bats to come alive. We have to learn to relax and attack," said Miller.

The Irish look to take advantage of their tough schedule early in the season to prepare them for a rematch with Indiana in their home opener on March 25.

Maybe a head-long dive into the season will pay off for the Blue and Gold when conference play begins. They sure hope so.



The Observer/Rob Finch

Kelly Nichols leads the Irish pitching staff with a 1.52 era.

■ VOLLEYBALL

Irish recruit named player of the year

Observer Staff Report

Last month, Denise Boylan committed to Notre Dame as part of the Class of 2001. Yesterday, the high school star was named the Gatorade Circle of Champions national high school girls' volleyball Player of the Year.



Boylan

The national award, which is based on overall athletic and academic performance throughout her career, distinguishes Boylan as the best prep girls volleyball player in the nation.

The selection was made by Gatorade National Advisory Board, comprised of 10 national and regional sports journalists. Boylan, a product of Benet Academy in Lisle, Illinois, was selected from more than 360,000 girls nationwide.

Boylan, previously chosen as both the Illinois Athlete of the Year and the Midwest Region Athlete of the Year, is the first female athlete from Illinois to receive national honors from Gatorade.

Recruited as a setter, Boylan saw her stock go through the roof last summer when she competed in the U.S. Junior select team that competed internationally. She was previously named the Chicago Sun-Times Player of the Year and is a three-time East Suburban All-Conference pick. For the Redwings, Boylan contributed 53 solo

blocks, 166 of 175 successful sets, and 38 digs.

Benet Academy athletic director and coach Brooke Norman says Boylan's dedication and club team training helped propel her to the top.

"She's the finest player I've ever coached. Denise is a tireless worker and her involvement with the national team has brought her game to another level."

Boylan, an honor student, scored 25 on the ACT and had a 3.23 grade point average. She also helped coach fifth-graders at St. Joan of Arc grade school in Lisle and plays for the national Spring Volleyball Club, one of the premier club teams in the U.S.

Boylan joins an elite list of past Circle of Champions winners in eight sports, including Emmitt Smith, Alonzo Mourning and Alex Rodriguez. She is the second winner of the Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year.

The Gatorade Circle of Champions program recognizes athletes in 50 states and The District of Columbia, eight regional and one national Player of the Year in football, baseball, boys' and girls' basketball, girls' volleyball, soccer and boys' and girls' track & field. Nominations can be submitted by coaches, school administrators or fans to any member of the Gatorade National Advisory Board or Scholastic Coach magazine, administrator of the award program.

Travis Minor, who opted to attend Florida State over Notre Dame, received this year's award in football.

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Holtz signs on with CBS

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz has signed a multiyear contract with CBS Sports as an analyst for its expanded pregame show,

"College Football Today."

He will go to work on the new half-hour show beginning next Sept. 13 along with co-analyst Craig James. Jim Nantz is considered to be the frontrunner for the job as host of the show.

Classifieds

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 314 LaFortune and from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 309 Haggard College Center. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 2 cents per character per day, including all spaces.

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BOBAPALOOZA!!!

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Let it suffice for me to repeat the classic dictum: The library is a sphere whose exact center is any one of its hexagons and whose circumference is inaccessible.

Foxtrot Foxtrot Foxtrot! This message was NOT brought to you by Dan.

Heather V... Hey Kitch, Have the best day of your life today! Anything is possible! — MK :-)

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In 1992, Kistner again traveled with the national team to compete in the Paralympics in Barcelona. In 1995 Kistner competed in the Pan AM games as well and the Olympic Festival in Colorado Springs, where he placed 6th in the 100-meter dash.

Kistner embodies the spirit of a great athlete and Paralympian.

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HOCKEY

Iciers garner post-season honors

Special to the Observer

The post-season produced some noteworthy accolades for the Notre Dame hockey team, including CCHA All-Rookie and All-American selections for the Irish.

The 1996-97 Bauer Central Collegiate Hockey Association All-Rookie Team, as selected by the CCHA head coaches, has representatives from four schools.

Joe Dusbabek of Minnetonka, Minn., a forward from the University of Notre Dame, was a unanimous selection to this year's all-rookie team and finished second among rookie forwards in league scoring with 20 points on 10 goals and 10 assists. Among his 13 goals overall were three powerplay markers, two game-winning goals and three first goals. He led all Notre Dame forwards in plus/minus rating with a +2 and he tied for the team lead in scoring with 25 points on 13 goals and 12 assists.

Forward Hugo Boisvert of the Ohio State University led all freshman in overall scoring with 38 points and 27 assists, and also in league play with 17 assists and 23 points.

Receiving honorable mention all-rookie team honors are Nathan Borega and Tyson Fraser of Notre Dame.

Junior forward Steve Noble of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario is

one of seven players to be named to the 1996-1997 CCHA All-Academic team, as announced yesterday by the conference office.

Noble is the fourth Notre Dame player to be so honored in the last five seasons, joining Curtis Janicke (1992-93), Carl Picconatto ('92-'93) and Gary Gruber ('95-'96). Noble was an honorable mention CCHA All-Academic team selection in 1995-1996.

The CCHA named a total of 48 players to the CCHA All-Academic team, with 13 to the honorable mention all-academic team and 28 to the special mention all-academic team. Of the 48 total players named, Michigan and Bowling Green had nine each while seven Notre Dame players received academic mention.

A finance major in the School of Business Administration, Noble carries a 3.98 cumulative grade point average through his first five semesters at Notre Dame, including three consecutive 4.0 semesters. The Academic All-America candidate — who overcame major back surgery in the summer of 1994 — also is a finalist for the CCHA's Terry Flanagan Award, which recognizes a league player who has overcome personal adversity to achieve success on and off the ice.

The Flanagan Award will be announced on March 13 at the

CCHA Tournament banquet, at which time the conference award winners will be honored as well. Those honorees will include Notre Dame forward Joe Dusbabek, one of six players named earlier this week to the conference all-rookie team and a leading candidate for CCHA rookie of the year honors, which will be announced on the 13th.

Noble finished seventh on the 1996-1997 Irish team with 16 points, including nine goals (third-most on the team) and a team-best five powerplay goals. The second-year team captain also led the Irish in shooting 22 percent, scoring nine times on just 41 shots. His nine goals included scores in wins over Ohio State, Bowling Green, Alaska-Fairbanks and St. Cloud State.

Joining Noble on the CCHA All-Academic team are Ferris State goaltender Jeff Blashill and Western Michigan defenseman Jeff Rucinski among others.

The CCHA also named 13 players to the honorable mention all-academic team while 28 others received special mention, including six Notre Dame players: forward Terry Lorenz, defenseman Ben Nelsen, forward Lyle Andrusiak, defenseman Benoit Cotnoir, forward Aniket Dhadphale and goaltender Forrest Karr.



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Junior Steve Noble earned CCHA All-Academic honors for his performances off the ice.

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Baseball

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.297 batting average at the Service Academies Classic to .387 in Long Beach, while crushing six home runs as opposed to just one the week before. The Irish defense pitching also bounced back. They committed five fewer errors and the pitchers walked five fewer batters per nine innings in the three wins.

Righthander Darin Schmalz was the perfect example of the

difference one week of outdoor workouts can make.

"We just had to get acclimated to the outside conditions," said the senior hurler. "We had to get in a comfort zone. We knew that we had to turn it up a notch."

Schmalz lasted just 2 1/3 innings on opening day against No. 11 Long Beach State, allowing seven runs on seven hits and walking two batters. Last weekend, however, Schmalz victimized a Army squad that was playing in its first contest of the year, shutting out the rusty Black Knights in a seven-

inning, complete game performance. The righty fanned eight hitters, while allowing only two hits and two walks.

"I felt real comfortable out there," explained Schmalz. "There was a loose atmosphere out there."

Schmalz will likely take his 1-1 record out on the mound when the Irish face Southwest Texas State on Friday evening.

Notre Dame will follow up that contest with a Saturday matchup against Penn State and a three-game series with Texas-Pan Am on Sunday and Monday in a doubleheader.

Sophomore righthander Brad Lidge (1-0) is expected to get the start on Saturday, followed by senior Gregg Henebry (1-1), and sophomores Chris McKeown (0-0) and Alex Shilliday (0-0) against Texas-Pan Am.

Lidge, who pitched five strong innings of relief against Mississippi in Long Beach and won his first start despite giving up some runs versus No. 25 Arkansas, credits the defense for the recent improvements.

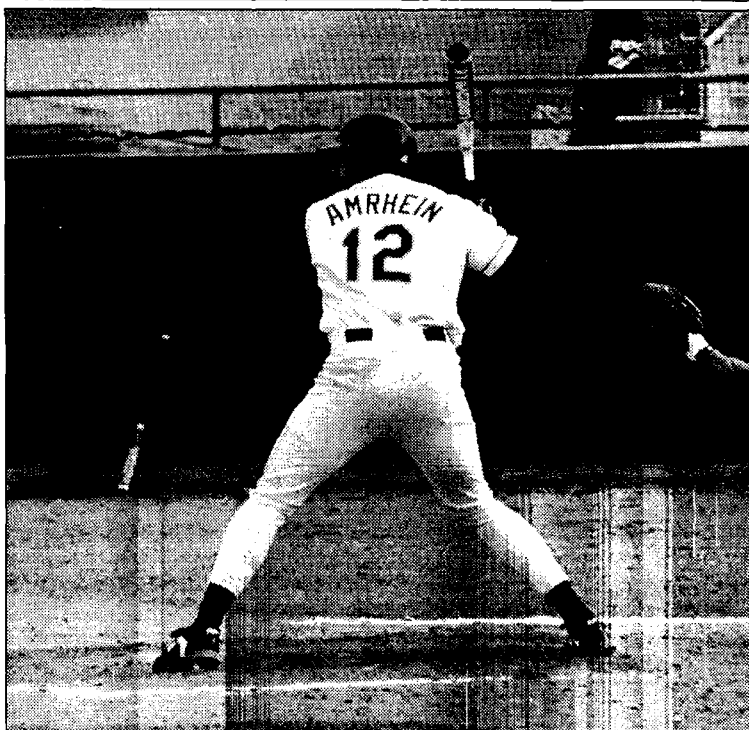
"Our defense really picked it up a lot (in Millington)," commented Lidge. "They got rid of the first series of jitters (in Long Beach). Defense really helps with (the pitchers') confidence. It allows you to really go after the batters and if they hit it, you know the defense is there"

Schmalz was also comforted by the infield's recent performance.

"It helps knowing that our defense is acclimated to the grass," the veteran acknowledged.

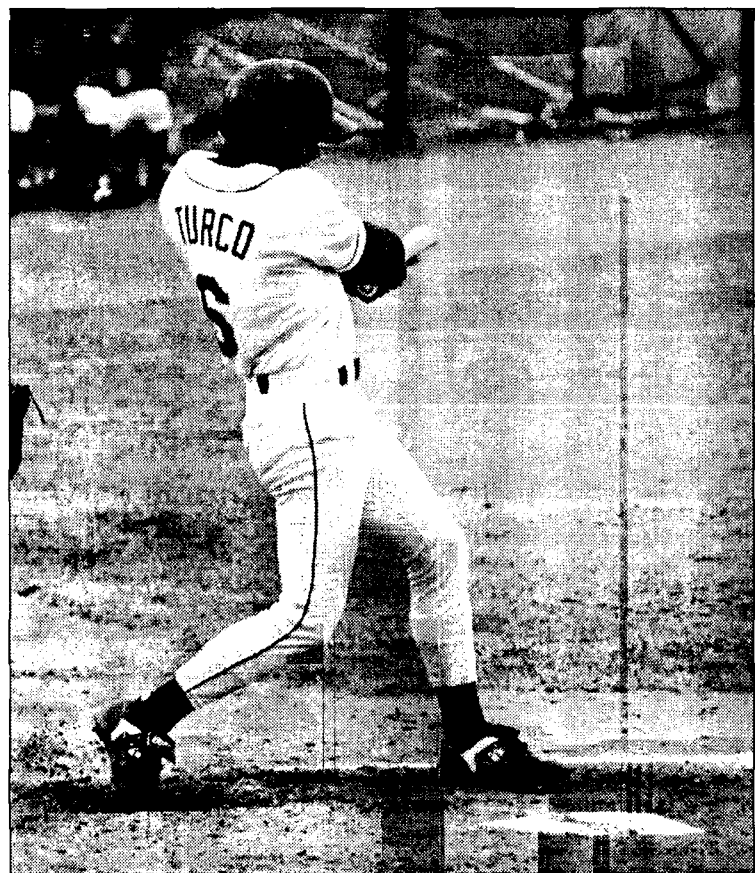
After the weekend series, Notre Dame will be back in action on March 12 when they open the Irish Baseball Classic with a rematch of the weekend's game versus Penn State. Creighton and Northeastern Illinois will challenge the Blue and Gold on the 13th and 14th.

Finally, on March 15, Notre Dame will play an extra game against N.E. Illinois before taking part in either the consolation or championship game of the Irish Classic. The team is very confident that they will be playing in the latter come March 15.



The Observer/Rob Finch
Mike Amrhein (above) hopes to lead the Irish on their Texas trip. Senior Gregg Henebry (below) looks to improve on his 1-1 record and bring the Irish above the .500 mark.

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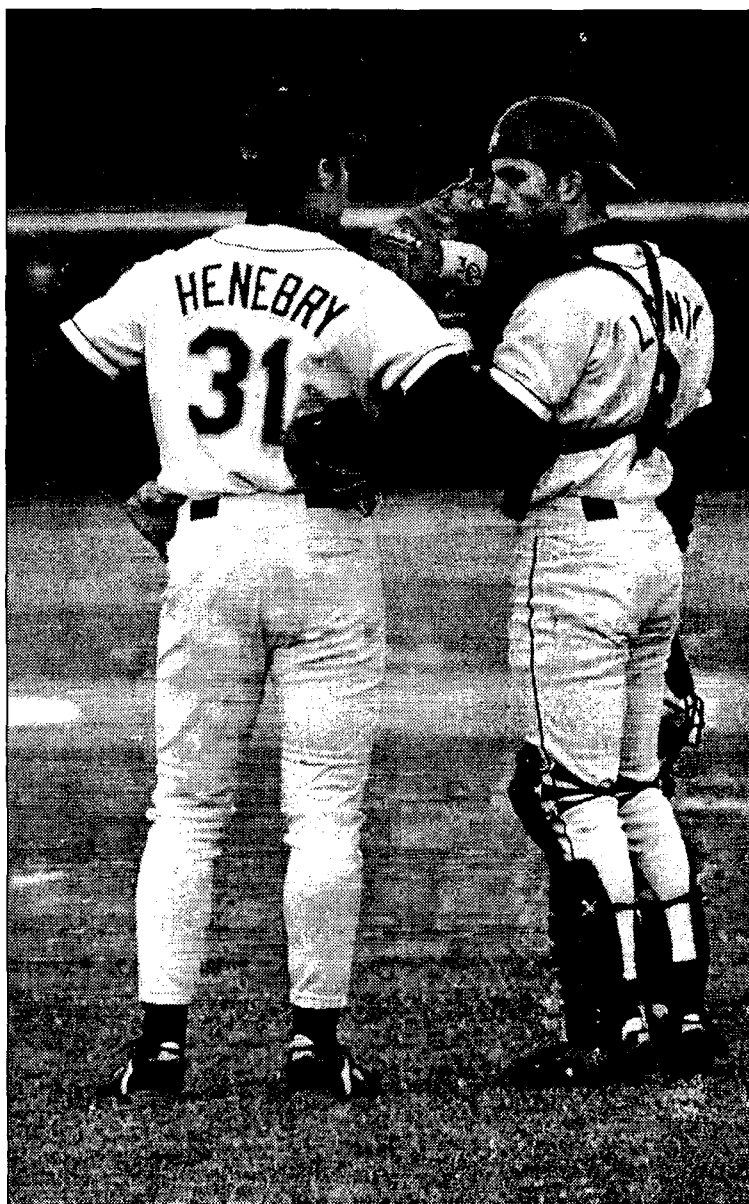
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won't be claiming any tournament trophies, either.

Joining the Big East conference was bound to be an uphill journey. A step-by-step process.

The first steps were made during the regular season by the coach, the star and the supporting cast.

The next step came with some recognition from the Big East at the awards banquet Tuesday night.

But the post-season... well, as disappointing as it may be to the team and fans, the Irish just have to take it one step at a time.

The next leg of the journey may come with an NIT bid, giving the squad another chance to compete, to learn and to play the game. What they make of

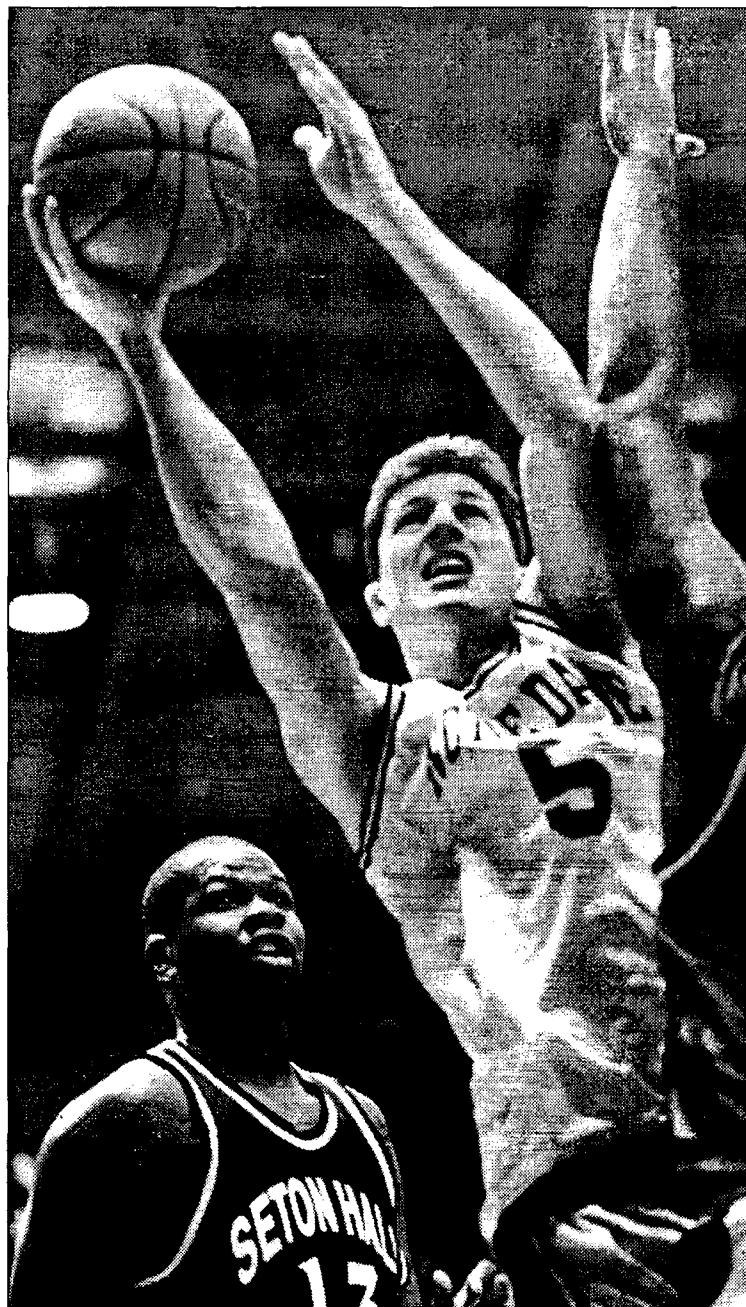
that opportunity could put a very positive cap on an already solid season.

Then comes another recruiting season, made easier by the MVP and Coach of the Year awards. Some talent is swayed to the midwest.

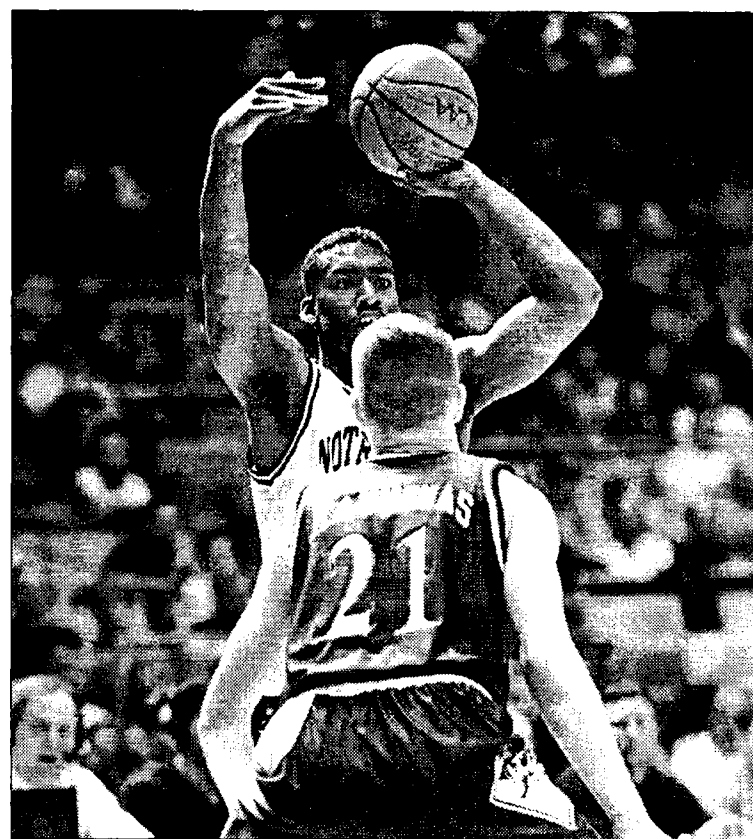
If MacLeod can couple the star power of Garrity with the

system he loves, some more talent and keep the heart and hard work...

Well, let's let them concentrate on the NIT. It's probably a bad idea to look that far ahead. Because for the Irish, the journey is really still just beginning.



David Lalazarian, like his teammates, lacked post-season experience.

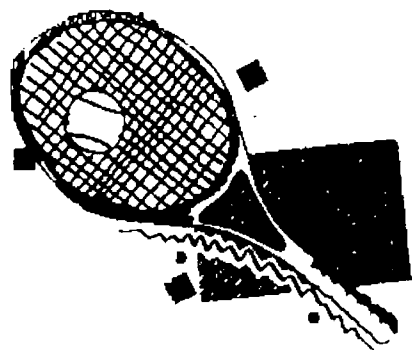


Gary Bell watched from the bench as the Irish lost to the Orangemen.

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fore most Irish fans had climbed out of bed.

"I don't know why we were flat," Notre Dame forward Pat Garrity said. "I don't know if it was the time of day or the early wake-up. Syracuse didn't seem to be flat, though, so that's no excuse. That was the worst we came out since I don't know when."

There was no lack of bounce in the Orangemen's step as they jumped out to a 10-0 lead.

Before Notre Dame woke up, they trailed 23-6 and would never get closer than 10 points the rest of the game. Syracuse now advances to play Villanova in the Big East quarterfinals.

"We were out of character today," Big East Coach of the Year John MacLeod said of the Irish. "For some reason, we seemed uptight. We shouldn't have been."

After this performance, MacLeod may be less relaxed about an NIT bid for his 14-13 club.

"Hopefully, there will be an NIT possibility for us," MacLeod said. "If not, we've had a heck

of a year. We've grown and improved. We still have a lot to learn, but these kids are willing to learn."

Notre Dame can consider this an education in being prepared to play in a big-time tournament. From the opening tip, ugliness ensued. Two turnovers were followed by a shot off the side of the backboard and the always dangerous air ball.

While the Irish struggled to find a rhythm, Syracuse was clicking on all cylinders. Hart hit two treys during the early 10-0 run.

Lithuanian product Marius Janulis, who the Irish also stifled earlier in the season, poured in 11 first half points to complement Hart's 16.

"We got off to a good start," Boeheim said. "We knew they (Notre Dame) were going to double off of Jason (Hart) and he got some open looks early and knocked them down. That was really the difference in the ball game."

One other difference Boeheim mentioned five or six times was that Syracuse star Todd Burgan wasn't suspended this time around. Having watched his team lose to the Irish twice from the bench, Burgan was also determined to prove the Orangemen were better a third time.

Burgan made his case scoring 17 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. The 6-foot-7 forward helped extend the Irish defense, hitting three treys and forcing Garrity to guard him outside the arc.

"Todd gives us that extra dimension that we didn't have when we played them in the first two games," Boeheim added. "We're just a different team with Todd, especially when he knocks down the

three."

"It was a tough matchup for me," Garrity conceded.

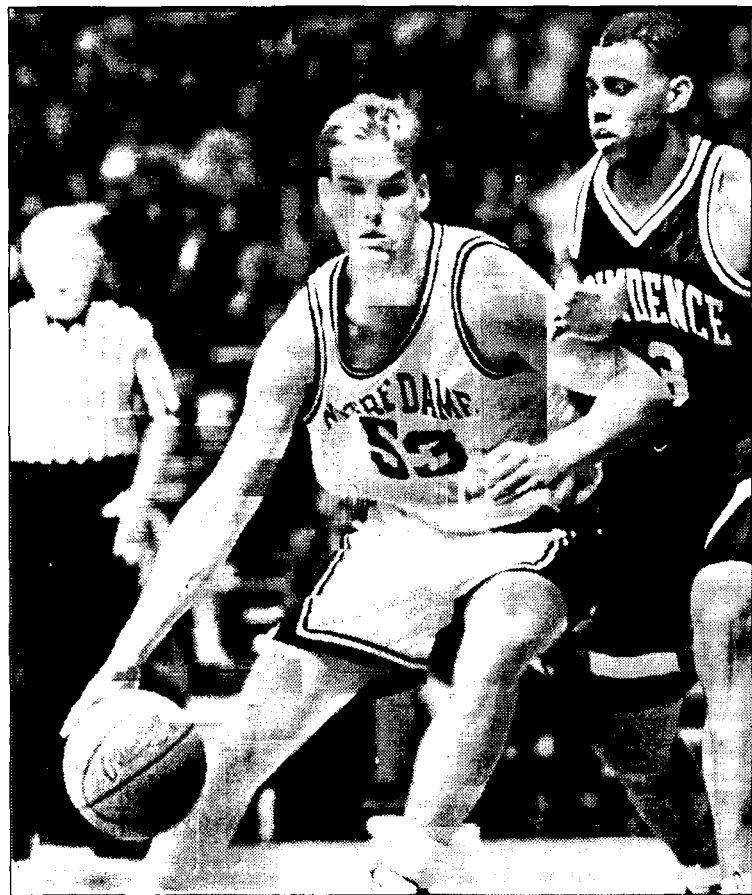
To say the Irish experienced a tough matchup on offense would be an understatement.

Part of their inability to relax stems from the confusion that the Syracuse zone defense caused. Notre Dame could not get the ball to Garrity especially in the first half, in which the

As if Boeheim needed another basis for comparison, he also noted that his team never allowed the Irish back in the game with easy baskets.

"Tonight we didn't give any transition baskets, and that is the difference between the last game and this game," he said.

"Our biggest problem was not being able to get any transition baskets," Garrity said. "When



Pat Garrity and the Irish struggled against the 'Cuse's zone defense.



The Observer/Rob Finch

Irish center Matt Gotsh was a nonfactor in Wednesday's loss to Syracuse.

Big East Player of the Year had only four points and finished with 10 for the game.

"Their zone bothered us the whole game," MacLeod said. "When you're tentative against a zone, it's not the way to play."

No one did. Guard Admore White was the only other player in double figures with 12 points. The lack of scoring punch hindered any type of significant run.

"Every time we made a push at them, they came up with a big play," White said.

Syracuse did make the big plays and also had the scoring. Hill was the fourth Orangeman in double digits with his 15.

you're struggling offensively, that's the best way to get out of it, to get easy baskets. We never got any easy baskets."

That made it easy for them to claim what they could not after two Irish blowouts.

"We're a much better team now than we were at the beginning of the year, and I think Notre Dame probably sensed that at the start of the game," Boeheim concluded.

What do you think Pat?

"I guess they did show they were the better team today," he said.

Garrity only wishes Syracuse hadn't made such a strong case when it counted the most.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Zone 'D' baffles Irish offense

By TIM SHERMAN
Sports Editor

NEW YORK

Early in Saturday's narrow loss to Boston College, Notre Dame struggled mightily

against the Eagle zone defense. Once BC switched to a man-to-man approach, the Irish began to roll.

In yesterday's first-round loss to Syracuse, the early pattern was the same — turnover, fol-

lowed by forced shot, followed by yet another turnover.

But there was a difference. Syracuse was wise enough to stick with the zone. Consequently, the Irish were never able to get going.

"Their zone bothered us the whole game," said Irish coach John MacLeod. "We were tentative, and we were dribbling instead of passing and moving it."

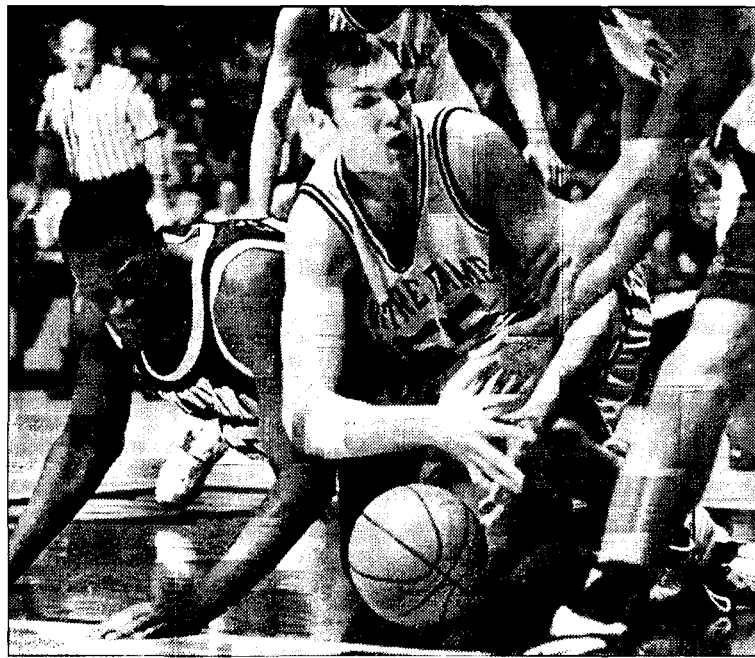
What was most surprising about Notre Dame's struggles at the offensive end was the fact that they had seen the Syracuse zone before. Furthermore, Jim Boeheim's Orangemen really didn't make major adjustments from their previous two losses to Notre Dame.

"We played basically the same defense," said Boeheim. "We adjusted a little bit, but we just did a better job covering their guards. We covered the three-point shooter and forced them to take something they didn't want."

Not only did the Orangemen limit the Irish to 26 percent three-point shooting (6-23), they were successful at something very few teams have been — shutting down Pat Garrity.

In his first game as Big East Player of the Year, the junior was held to 3 of 11 shooting, all the while being frustrated by the physical 'Cuse zone.

"When he went through the



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Phil Hickey couldn't solve the defensive pressure of Syracuse's zone.

zone, they bumped him," MacLeod said. "We had to keep moving him, and they checked him."

Notre Dame did little to alleviate the pressure on Garrity.

"We had our zone offense," said point guard Admore White. "We just didn't execute it. They came out and put good pressure on us. They were aggressive."

Notre Dame wasn't.

Right from the outset, the Irish were very tight and hesitant.

"I don't know why, but we were tight," said White. "We came out shaky, and they came out stronger."

The affects of an early 23-6 deficit lingered, as Notre Dame was never able to establish what they wanted.

"They took away the baseline and the high post," said forward David Lalazarian, who chipped in eight points. "We

just passed the ball around the perimeter. We maybe should have penetrated more."

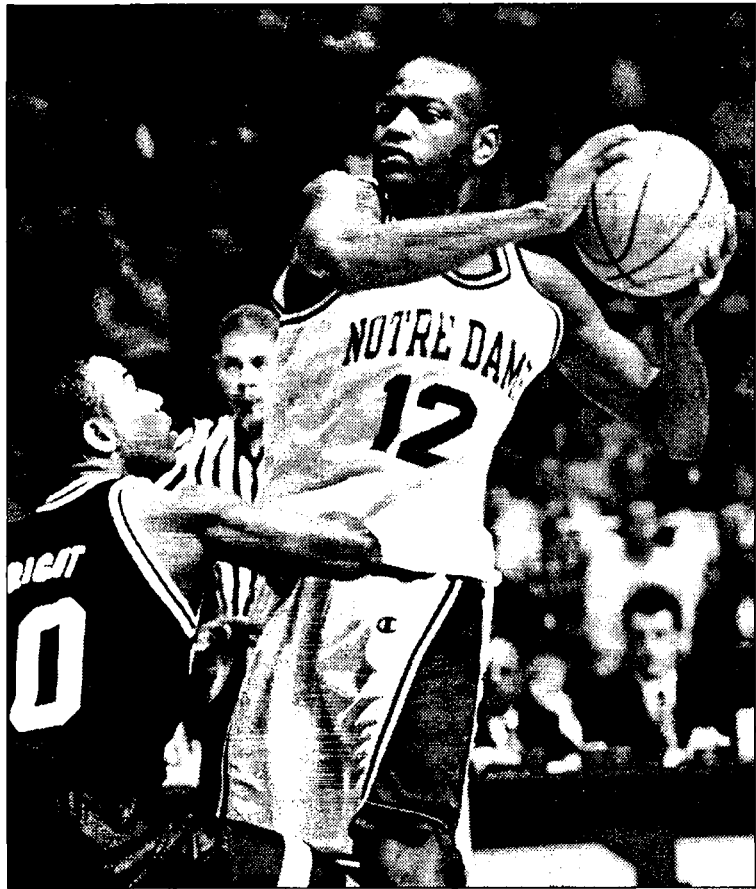
Syracuse never allowed it, even when the Irish did try the dribble drive.

"They know what we can do," said freshman Lalazarian. "They came out on our shooters and backed off on our drivers. They just came out more fired up."

In addition to the intensity, the zone itself took away a lot of what MacLeod likes to do, particularly the motion offense.

"When I was catching it, I was six feet behind the three-point line," said Garrity. "It is tough (the zone) for a person like me who relies a lot on moving and coming off screens. When I have to just stand still, it just makes it tough."

And when Garrity is at a stand-still, it just makes it tough to win.



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Admore White's defense was unable to stop Syracuse's prolific scorers.

THE BIG EAST 1997 Men's Tournament

Madison Square Garden

(8) Syracuse
(18-11, 9-9)

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(1) Villanova
(21-8, 12-6)

7:00 pm
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(4) Providence
(19-10, 10-8)

2:00 pm
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(5) West Virginia
(18-8, 11-7)

8:00 pm
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(2) Georgetown
(19-8, 11-7)

7:00 pm
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(7) Miami
(15-11, 9-9)

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(6) Pittsburgh
(16-13, 10-8)

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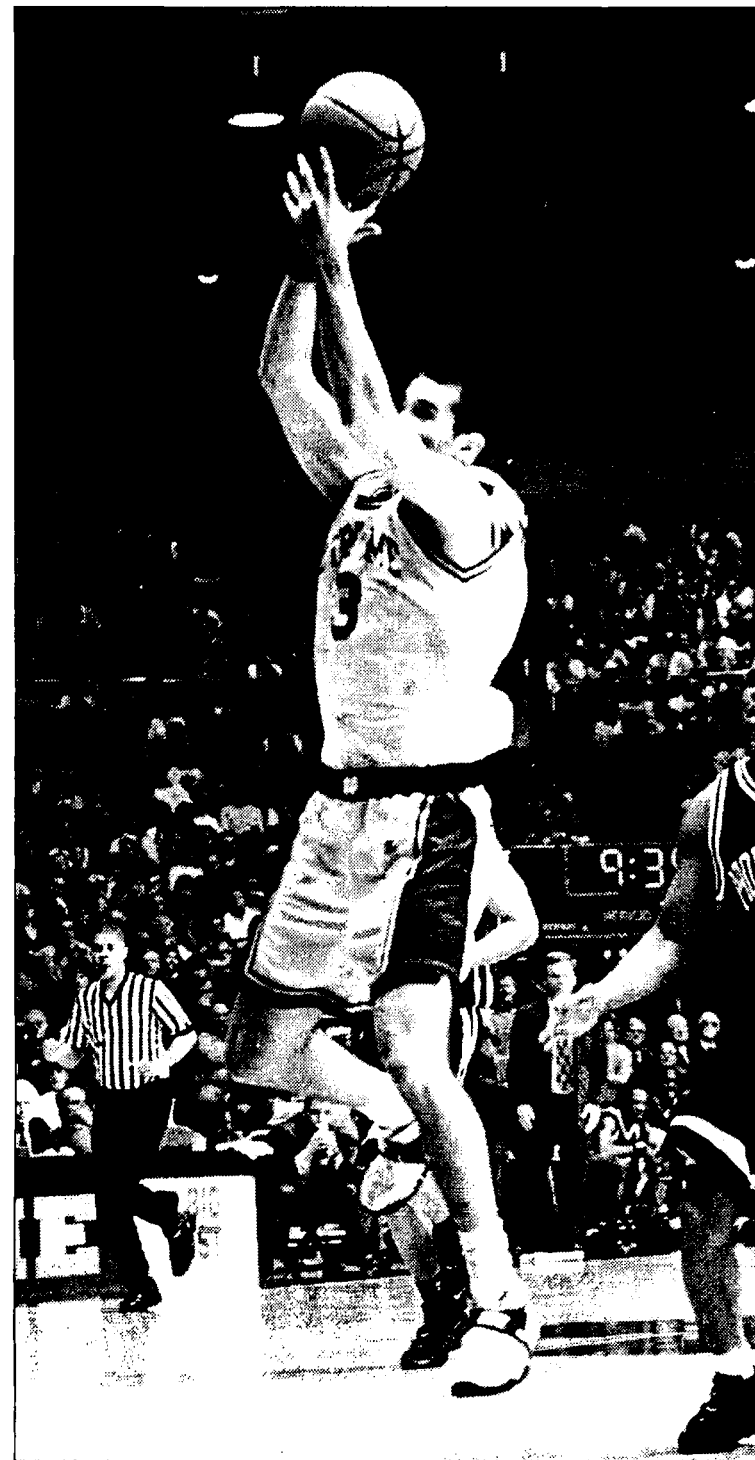
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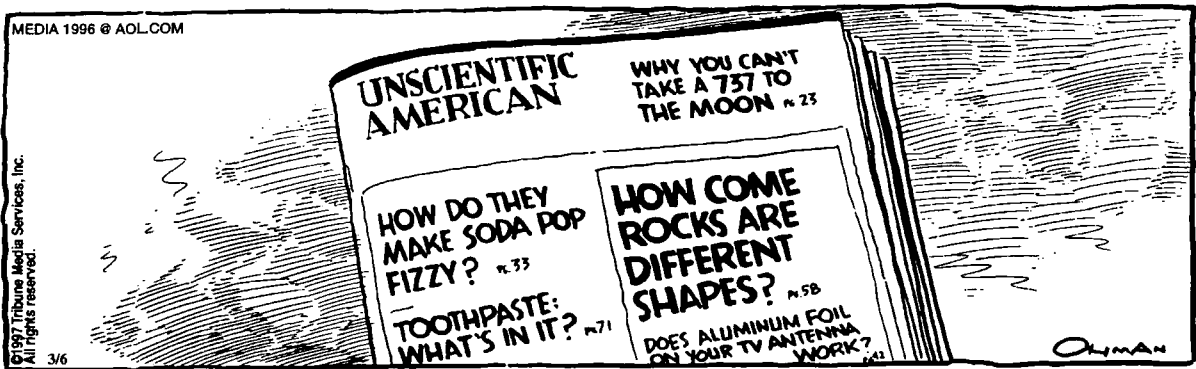
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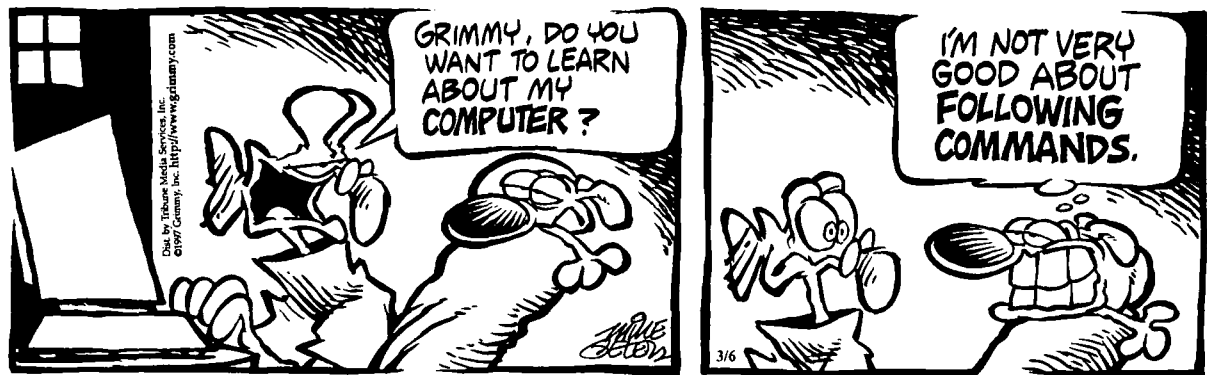
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Junior Derek Manner and the Irish fell to a focused Syracuse squad.



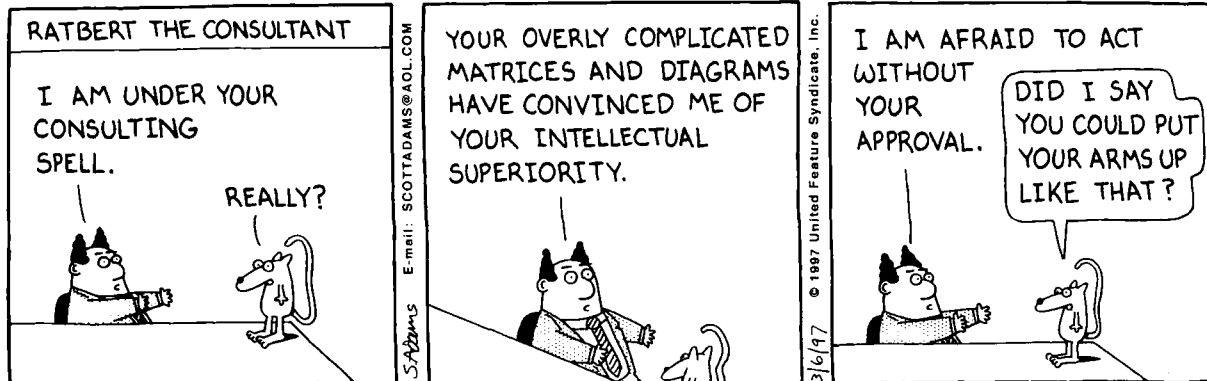
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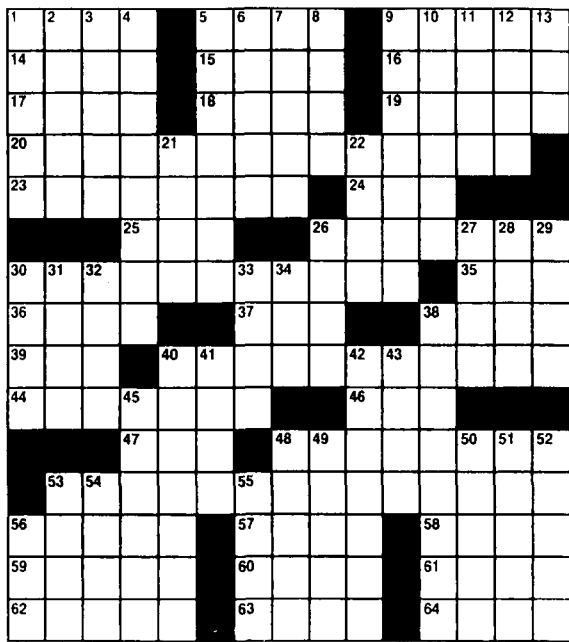


CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1 Composer — Carlo Menotti
5 So-and-sos
9 "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" star, 1939
14 Liking
15 Semicircular room
16 Balearic resort isle
17 Flop
18 — to the throne
19 Locker art
20 Basic
23 Fish of which the male carries the fertilized eggs
24 Cocktail ingredient
25 — toot
- 26 Germ
30 Gentleman's evening clothes
35 Topper
36 Car bar
37 Agreeable word
38 Enthralled
39 Writer Hecht
40 Maugham satire
44 Ignorant (of)
46 Revivalist, informally
47 Brian of rock
48 Person with hives
53 1953 play, or consolation for a meatless meal?
56 Kind of board
57 Where Ron Howard was born: Abbr

DOWN

- 1 The Bee Gees
2 Harden
3 Confused
4 "Forget it!"
5 Extremely arid
6 Broaches, in a way
7 Backing vocal?
8 Author Ivo Andric, for one
9 Hinged pair of pictures
10 — dictum
11 Emergency CB channel
12 France's Côte d'—
13 Designate
21 Spanish lady's title
22 "Trinity" author
26 Failure
27 "Eugene Onegin" sister
28 Junior high subj.
29 Touchiness
30 Elephant Boy of 30's film
31 Team members
- 58 Betty of cartoons
59 Printing mark
60 Laugh —
61 Like some tennis games
62 Walter Trampler's instrument
63 Elizabeth II's only daughter
64 Made do

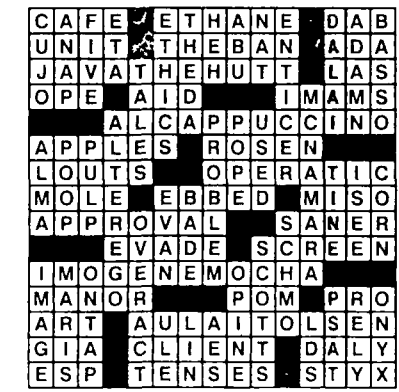


Puzzle by Frances Hansen

- 32 Arm part
33 Director W. S. Van —
34 Charge
38 Darling
40 Popular game from Uruguay
41 Schoenberg's "Moses und —"
42 Pep up
43 One of the tides
45 Toad Hall vandal
48 Show politeness at the door
- 49 Traffic cone
50 "— a trip on a train . . ."
(Benny Goodman lyric)
51 Leave, with "off"
52 Pounded the Underwood
53 Cuisine choice
54 A Saarinen
55 — Maar (Picasso subject)
56 Year in Septimius Severus's reign

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Sensational news will make the hassles of the past few months worthwhile. Be more considerate of your friends and relatives and they will respond in kind. Power can be gained through a colleague who provides you with a terrific job lead. Next fall will bring a raise or wonderful financial luck. Enter contests in October. Something you now think impossible will come to pass. Let offspring know you care about the activities that are important to them.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: basketball star Shaquille O'Neal, director Rob Reiner, conductor Sarah Caldwell, poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your current surroundings may not fit your new lifestyle. Become your own decorator. Collecting paint samples and fabric swatches will help you decide what will look best.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Creative endeavors enjoy highly favorable influences this month. Your loved ones will be supportive if you decide to accept a job offer. Socializing after work could lead to valuable new contacts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): An excellent trend is developing where your career is concerned. Mingle with the big shots while your charisma is at an all-time high! Co-workers are amazed by your ingenuity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Everything seems to go right today. Springing a happy surprise on a friend or loved one works out great. Be receptive to imaginative entertainment suggestions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your creative talents receive new attention from higher-ups. Do not be afraid to ask for a fair salary; few people have your special combination of skills.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotional upsets can create physical problems. If you must choose between a new love and your health, opt for the latter. A budget revision will help you save money for a much-desired luxury item.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep your business and financial plans under wraps. Today's positive developments will bring you and your loved ones good cheer. Use finesse to get what you want from a difficult individual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your relations with a business associate improve. An artistic or creative project begins to show a profit. Do everything possible to win the backing of someone influential.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Co-workers may not appreciate your flippant remarks. Tempering your sharp wit will let you establish better rapport with those around you. A parent-child relationship blossoms when you are attentive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A friendship may be on shaky ground now. A lack of candor could be part of the problem. Pursuing a favorite hobby will help alleviate everyday stress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A sudden desire to upgrade your home or switch jobs could prove costly. Proceed with caution lest you endanger your long-term financial security. Romance has its ups and downs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on accounts due, bank statements and credit matters this morning. It may be best to consolidate your debts and work out a monthly payment plan.

OF INTEREST

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra presents its winter concert tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Concerto competition winner Mirian Eckelhoefer '97 presents Luigi Boccherini's "Concerto for Cello and Orchestra." Also on the program are Peter Tchaikovsky's "Marche Slave" and Maurice Ravel's orchestration of Modest Musorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition." The concert is free and open to the public. Call 1-6201 for more information.

James Webster, Professor of Music at Cornell University, presents a lecture tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Hesburgh Library faculty lounge. The topic of his speech is "Haydn's Creation and the Musical Sublime." For more information please call 1-6201.

Seymour Martin Lipset of George Mason University and The Woodrow Wilson Center will speak on "The Development of Democracy in the Americas Latin America and Anglophone America" today at 4:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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Minestrone Soup	Philly Steak Sandwich
Stuffed Shells	BBQ Chicken
Pork Fried Rice	California Eldorado
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	Potato Rolls
Saint Mary's	
Calypso Manicotti	
Pork Fried Rice	
Seven Vegetable Stew	
Beef/Cheese Quesadillas	

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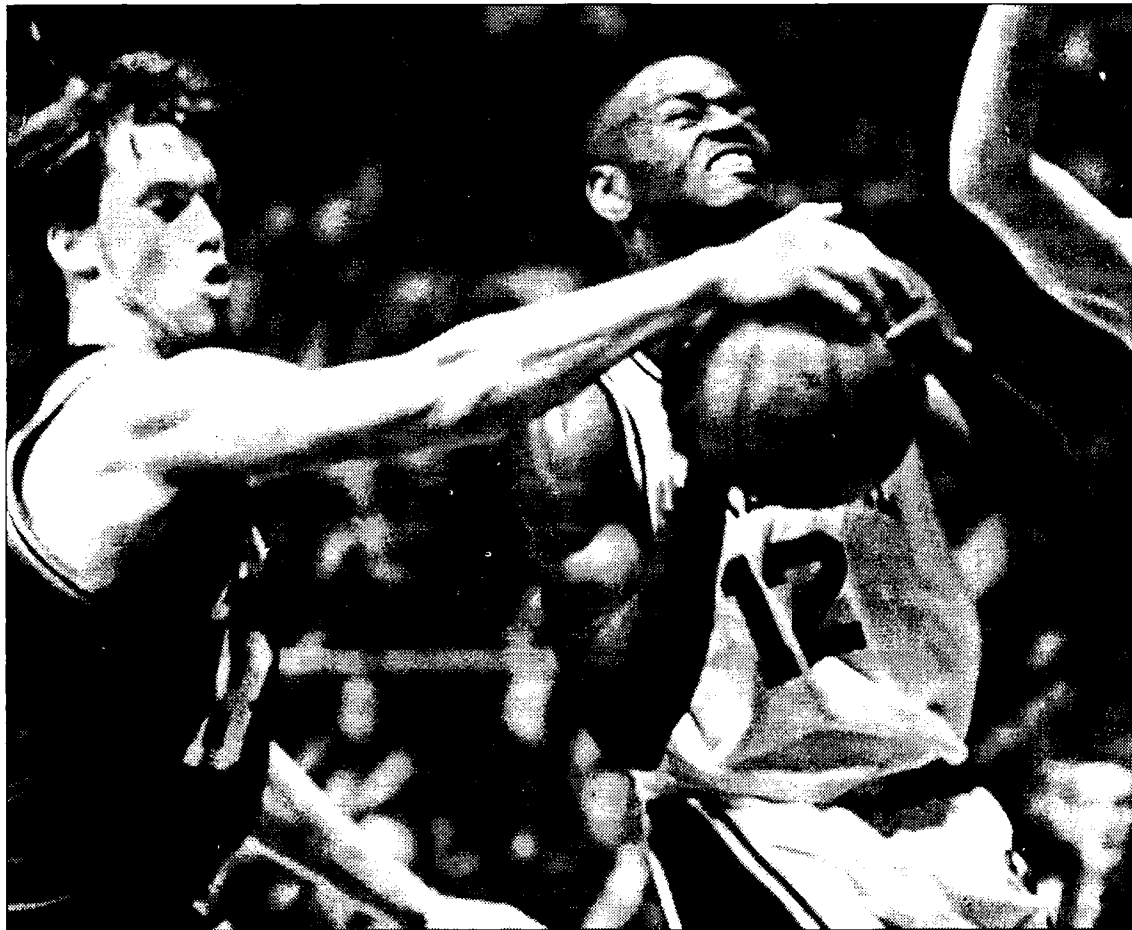
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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish ousted from Big East tourney by Orangemen

Admore White's 12 point scoring punch proved too little for the lifeless Irish to overcome the Orangemen. The Observer/Rob Finch

Sweet revenge for twice-beaten 'Cuse

By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

NEW YORK

When press conference time rolled around yesterday, Syracuse wasn't about to let this opportunity get away.

An opportunity to tell the world — the Big East world in this case — how they stack up against Notre Dame, who they demolished in the Big East tournament opener, 84-66.

In the bowels of Madison Square Garden, head coach Jim Boeheim, power forward Otis Hill and point guard Jason Hart

were lined up like a firing squad, assuring the public two earlier losses to the Irish did not matter as much as this win.

"It wasn't really a pay back game," said Hart, who scored a career-high 24 points. "It was just to let them know that we were a better team."

Hill then broke his silence at the post-game gathering to say, "We wanted to show we were the better team." Boeheim, on who the history of this meeting was not lost, sparked the running sentiment.

"This team beat us badly twice, so this was a very good

win for us," he added. "I think the players saw this as a challenge to prove they were better than the first two games we played Notre Dame."

Start spreading the news: those first two games bore no resemblance to yesterday's affairs. Notre Dame's average margin of victory versus the Orangemen was 16. Before ten minutes elapsed in the Garden, the Irish were down by 12.

Hart, who managed a total of nine points in the previous two meetings, had amassed that be-

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■ IRISH INSIGHT

Lack of tourney experience derails rolling Irish

It seems to be a step-by-step process. Notre Dame entered conference play last year as a veritable babe in the woods, and, as was expected, got spanked. In the Big East tournament, they fell to Syracuse 76-55.

This season, they would be different.

Lo and behold, they were right.

Despite an acknowledged lack of talent, the Irish made up for their shortcoming with heart and hard work. They fought their way to a record above .500 beat a handful of teams that pounded them last year and finished 8-10 in Big East play, doubling last year's tally in the win column.

Along the way, Pat Garrity proved his worth to both Notre Dame fans and the Big

East coaches, claiming the Big East Player of the Year trophy despite playing for a team with a losing conference record.

Yes, things were different, indeed.

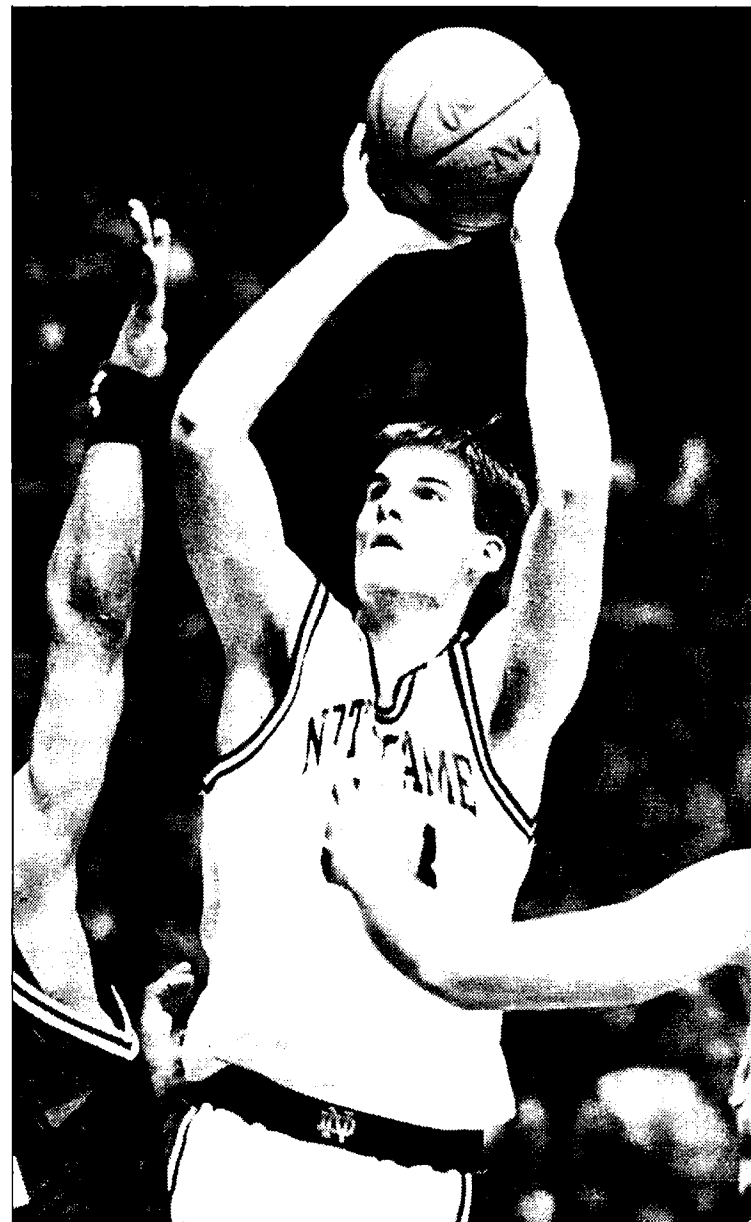
Until tournament time.

A lack of tournament experience reared its ugly head against Syracuse, a team seasoned in post-season play, resulting in a collapse from start to finish. This time, the Orangemen took it by an 84-66 margin.

Garrity, who never seemed to get the ball when and where he wanted it, struggled offensively, spelling doom. Alas, a post-season MVP, he was not.

MacLeod's system, so successful in the regular season, didn't hold up against the zone defense. MacLeod and his squad never made the adjustments, allowing themselves to get buried early and stay there, at least 10 points behind, all day. MacLeod

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Dave Treacy
Associate Sports Editor

The Observer/Bret Hogan

Syracuse found the answer for Big East Player of the Year Pat Garrity, limiting the star forward to just 10 points on 3 of 11 shooting.

■ BASEBALL

Team looks to cross .500 mark



The Observer/Rob Finch

Head coach Paul Mainieri looks to improve on last year's success.

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Sports Writer

On Friday, the majority of Notre Dame's campus heads south and the baseball team is no exception as they attempt to get north of the .500 mark for the first time this season.

Indeed, the 3-3 Irish have quite a busy spring break schedule to keep. They will play 10 games in nine days, all just north of the border in San Antonio, Tex.

Notre Dame will look for a continuation of the trend that began last week in Millington, Tenn., as the squad showed vast improvement from an 0-3 opening weekend at the Long Beach Classic.

The team jumped from a

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SPORTS
AT A
GLANCE

Men's Lacrosse at Delaware
March 11, 3 p.m.



Baseball vs. SW Texas at
San Antonio,
Tomorrow, 3 p.m.



Softball at Oklahoma
Tournament,
March 7-9



Women's Tennis vs. Michigan,
Tomorrow, 7:30 p.m.

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