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Rita pleads guilty to misdemeanor

Decision ends four-year legal controversy about death of Notre Dame student

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Associate News Editor

John Rita, the Notre Dame Law graduate accused of killing then Notre Dame freshman Mara Fox with his car in the early morning hours of Nov. 13, 1993, will plead guilty on Feb. 6 to a misdemeanor charge similar to his original felony charge of leaving the scene of a fatal accident.

After deliberating for nine hours, a jury acquitted Rita in 1994 of causing Fox's death by driving while intoxicated. Judge William Albright, who heard the case, granted a mistrial on the second felony charge because of a deadlocked jury.

"I feel really bad for the family [of Fox] and everybody who has waited for three years in this process," said Sister Kathleen Beatty, rector of Lyons Hall where Fox lived. "The

prosecutor, Mr. [Mike] Barnes, said in the fall that this would go to trial. And now, for whatever reason, he has decided not to prosecute him."

According to witnesses, Fox and four other Notre Dame students were walking down Douglas Road on their way home from Macri's Deli on Grape Road in Mishawaka after midnight. The group had waited for a cab, but gave up and decided to make the trip home down the unlit road.

At just about 1 a.m., before the group reached the intersection of Douglas and South Bend Avenue, a car hit Fox head-on. It then pulled away from the scene and continued on towards Mishawaka.

Three hours later, police arrested Rita in his apartment. Fox was declared dead upon arriving to the hospital at 1:22 a.m.

To this day, a sign with a wreath

on it stands on the side of Douglas Road at the site of the accident, reminding people of Fox's death.

Rita was charged with two felony counts in the accident, but was allowed to finish his law school classes at home and graduate with a degree from Notre Dame's Law School.

Fox's death had a profound impact on those around her. "[She] was one of the best people I ever knew," Jennifer Ramirez, one of Fox's roommates, said before graduation last year. "When we go out ... it feels like someone was left behind."

In November 1994, Lyons Hall instituted the "Mara Fox Fun Run," an annual event that raises money for a sophomore student to study abroad in Spain. Fox had planned

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IN MEMORIAM mara fox

'Mara was one of the best people I ever knew.'

- JEN RAMIREZ, FOX'S ROOMMATE

KEY DATES IN RITA CASE

Nov. 13, 1993:

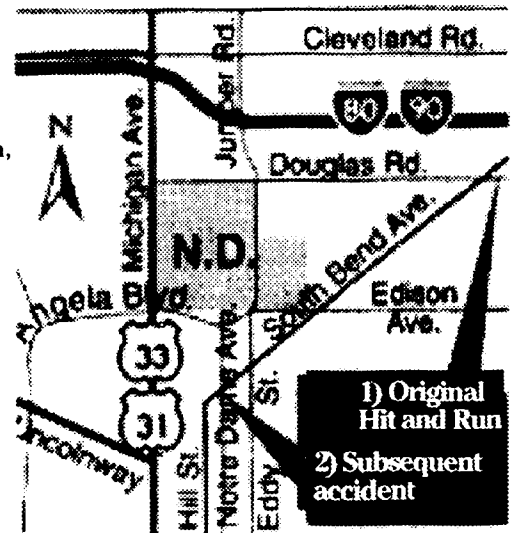
Mara Fox killed in hit-and-run accident on Douglas Road. Police arrest John Rita later that morning. • While responding to crash, police car is struck by SMC student.

Nov. 9, 1994:

Rita acquitted of causing Fox's death. Mistrial is declared on charge of leaving the scene.

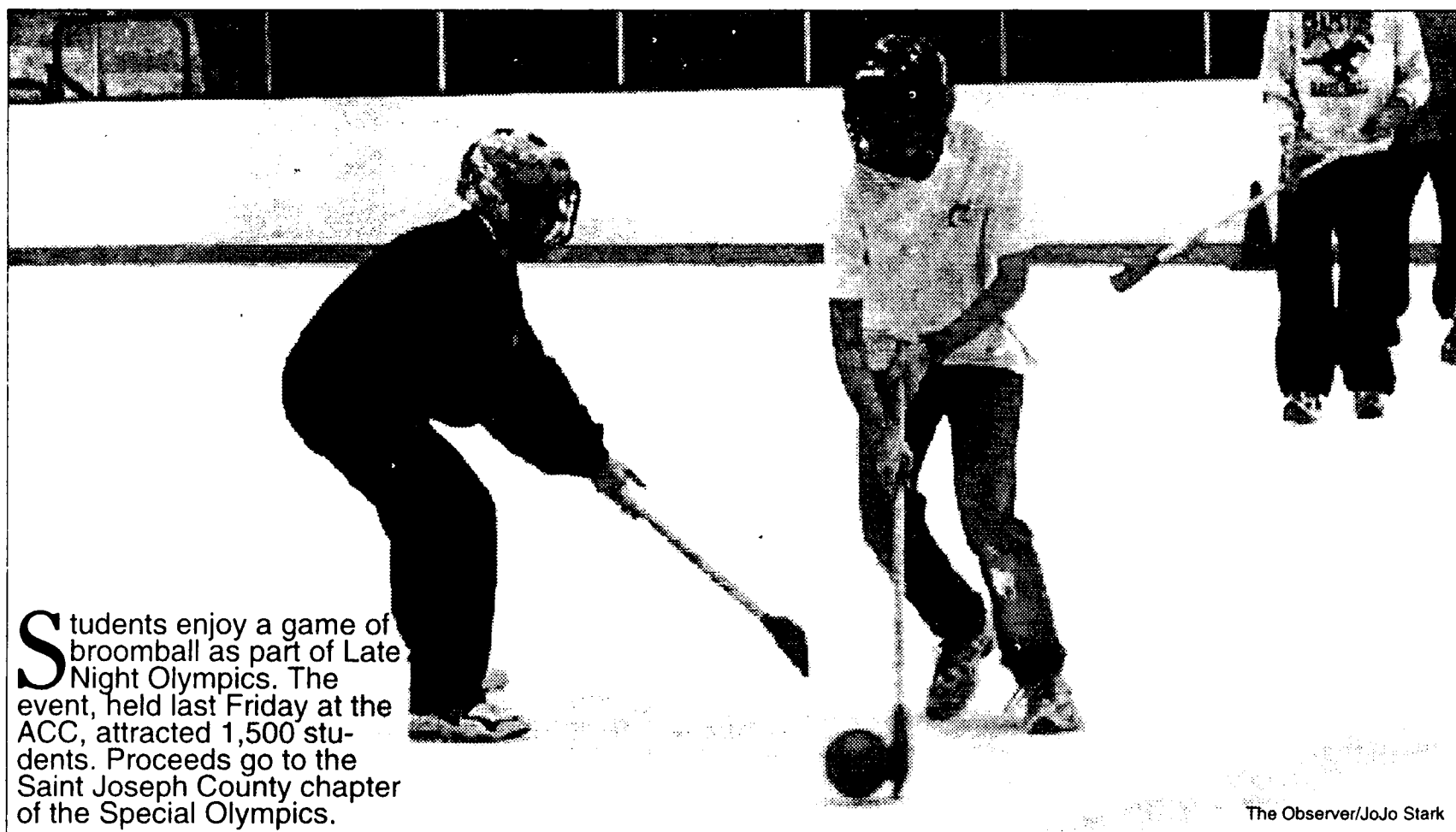
Jan. 30, 1998:

After more than three years of appeals and delays, it is announced that Rita will plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge.



The Observer/Brendan Regan

'Late Night' generates \$7,000



The Observer/JoJo Stark

Students enjoy a game of broomball as part of Late Night Olympics. The event, held last Friday at the ACC, attracted 1,500 students. Proceeds go to the Saint Joseph County chapter of the Special Olympics.

By KRISTI KLITSCH
Assistant News Editor

They came, they played and they won.

The team composed of Sorin and Walsh halls was the overall winner of the twelfth annual Late Night Olympics.

The team accumulated 2017 points by participating in last Wednesday's Miss-A-Meal plan, winning different events, entering teams in all events and buying t-shirts at the event.

The other top teams were: O'Neill/McGlenn with 1642 points, Welsh/Keough with 1587 points, Zahm/Farley with 1530 points and Siegfried/Pasquerilla West with 1473.

Kara O'Leary, RecServices coordinator, estimated that over 1500 students participated in the event.

"This is the most participation we can remember in a while," O'Leary said. "There was quite a surge between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m."

The results of the all-night event show that over \$7,000 was

raised for the St. Joseph County chapter of the Special Olympics.

The money will be used by the Special Olympics to help fund their basketball program. New uniforms will be bought and the Late Night Olympics donation will also facilitate entry fees and travel costs for Special Olympics basketball tournaments.

One of the unique events of the evening was a basketball game that occurred at 9 p.m., when a Special Olympic team challenged a team of Notre Dame rectors. The result was a blowout by the Special Olympian team.

At one point in the game, a member of the Special Olympics team had scored more points than the entire rector/rectress team combined.

"The event was really organized and there

was a wide variety of events," said Katie Boyle, a freshman who participated in the inner tube water polo event.

"It was a lot of fun for a good cause, plus it helped create dorm spirit," said O'Leary.

12th ANNUAL LATE NIGHT OLYMPICS RESULTS

1. Sorin/Walsh
2017 points
2. O'Neill/McGlenn
1642 points
3. Keough/Welsh
1587 points
4. Zahm/Farley
1530 points
5. Siegfried/PW
1473 points



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The Observer/Melissa Weber

The Observer names new editor-in-chief

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Associate News Editor

With experience in both the news and production departments of The Observer, Heather Cocks was elected editor-in-chief for the 1998-99 year by a vote of the newspaper's General Board last night.

Cocks, a junior from Houston, lives in Lewis Hall. She is an American studies major in the College of Arts and Letters and plans to pursue a career as a reporter and eventual editor of a major newspaper.

"The Observer has been a big part of my life for the past three years, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to complete my last year as editor-in-chief," Cocks said. "It will be challenging, but I have a lot of ideas and I think we'll have a really good time up here in the coming year."

Cocks has been a member of The Observer staff since August of her freshman year, when she served as a news writer, copy editor, and assistant news editor.

As a sophomore, she worked as an associate news editor, production manager, and later as news editor, the position she currently holds.

"The news staff has done a lot this past year to improve the quality of our pages," Cocks said. "Now, I'm looking forward to working with the new department editors so that the overall product improves even more."

In addition to her campus experience in journalism, Cocks has written for the Calgary Herald in Calgary, Alberta, and interned for Bloomberg Business News, an international financial wire service. She believes her experience as an intern has expanded her vision for the future of The Observer.

"I'd like to see The Observer further the capability of its Web site by adding more

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Nonsense

When it comes to abortion, there are only two sides. Everyone who falls in the middle has failed to consider the issue thoughtfully.

Dave Freddoso
Senior Staff Reporter

As an example, I present a recent Inside Column. In this same space, another columnist recently wrote that it's too late to reverse Roe v. Wade. She added that it is impossible to legislate morality, and implicitly claimed to represent the other pro-life students traveling to Washington to protest the 25th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Pro-lifers, she alleged, do not want to outlaw abortion, but only to convince women to make the right choice.

This is complete nonsense, though perhaps well-intentioned nonsense. If you think you have a coherent middle of the road position on abortion, like this other columnist did, read on and you will see that you do not.

First, abortion can only be wrong if it is the taking of a human life — the removal of a human soul from its bodily matter.

Otherwise, there is no reason to be a squeamish moralist about it: you should have no second thoughts about going out and getting one yourself just for fun next time you have the chance. And why not? By your own admission, you would just be removing a mass of parasitic tissue from your insides.

If this is true, then there is no reason for women who get abortions to feel any emotional or psychological distress afterward. There is nothing traumatic about getting a tumor removed, is there?

But if you really believe that abortion ends a human life, then you believe that it is murder.

It is not self-defense. There is no situation in which a direct abortion is necessary to save the life of the mother. Other necessary procedures may, as an unintended effect, kill the child in utero. But the only outcomes of direct abortion, as science has demonstrated for us, are small dead bodies and a greater risk of breast cancer for the mother.

So abortion cannot just be "partly bad": it's either just fine, or it's just plain murder. And when it comes to murder, our society has no qualms about legislating morality. We do not say, I'd never do it myself, but I can't impose my morality on others. No, we outlaw it.

In summary, if you would have even a single moral scruple about getting an abortion yourself, you are either in favor of outlawing abortion or you are living in denial. There is no middle ground to be found on this issue. Trust me, smarter people than you and I have tried and failed.

Now, if you haven't guessed, I am pro-life. Aside from the obvious — though correct — argument from authority, here is one more reason why I think I am right.

We are, some say, unsure as to whether the fetus is a human being. This leaves us with two choices of what to do with it: we can either (1) unreflectively assume that it's not and kill it or (2) cautiously refrain from killing it as long as we are uncertain.

Simple common sense recommends (2): if one is unsure in a life-or-death situation such as this, one ought to err on the side of caution rather than on the side of unnecessary recklessness.

Nonetheless, right now we are doing (1), which makes about as much sense as walking into a room and firing a gun in random directions while blindfolded.

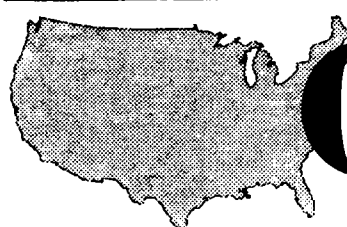
This should be convincing especially for those who believe in the human soul. If indeed the physical sciences cannot give us certainty about the presence of a human soul, prohibition should become our policy immediately and indefinitely.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Testimony ends in professor's sexual harassment hearing

AMES, Iowa
Testimony ended Friday at the Michael Simonson administrative sexual harassment hearing with three women saying they received unwanted sexual advances on separate occasions from the Iowa State professor.

One of the prosecution's witnesses, Patricia Mowatt, a self-employed photographer from Cedar Falls, told the court she was raped by Simonson in 1989 while they shared a hot tub together.

Simonson, professor of curriculum and instruction in the College of Education, is accused of violating university policy, creating a hostile environment and offensive conduct.

Mowatt gave her testimony over the telephone.

She said she was invited by Connie Hargrave, professor of curriculum and instruction and an ISU alumna,



to the home of Dr. Anne Thompson, professor of curriculum and instruction, in Cedar Falls. Hargrave was house-sitting for Thompson while she was out of town.

Mowatt, Simonson and several other women were using a hot tub in the home.

Mowatt said she was sitting across from Simonson in the tub when he pulled her towards him and started kissing her.

She said Simonson pulled at the bottom of her one-piece swimsuit,

and she felt a part of Simonson's body 'penetrating' her, although she wasn't sure what part it was.

When asked by the prosecution, Mowatt said she now believes she was raped by Simonson, although she has never pressed charges against him.

She said the only person she told about the incident was Hargrave, who Mowatt said "didn't seem to be too surprised."

The incident Mowatt described is similar to the earlier testimony of Mindy Gallagher, graduate student in curriculum and instruction, who said Simonson put his hand down her boxer shorts while they were in a hot tub at his home.

Simonson, who on Thursday testified he has never touched a woman inappropriately, was called to the stand once again to respond to Mowatt's testimony.

■ UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Clinton will give speech to students

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.
President Bill Clinton will be making a stop in Champaign-Urbana and students will have the opportunity to see and hear him speak. "[The president] has chosen the University of Illinois to highlight his commitment to education," a university spokesman said. What Clinton will talk about is uncertain, but associate chancellor for public affairs Bill Murphy said that the president might choose a theme from Tuesday's State of the Union address and expound upon it. "[We expect] the president will be amplifying the message of education from the State of the Union address," chancellor Michael Aiken said. "There is no setting better than this university." Three-fourths of the 10,000 to 12,000 tickets available for the event have been reserved for the University, Murphy said. The free event is first come, first serve. Tickets for the event will be available in blocks of up to two at various locations throughout the city and campus community.

■ UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

ACLU checks into database misuse

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah
The American Civil Liberties Union of Utah is looking into alleged student-record database misuse at the University of Utah. After reviewing complaints from University of Utah students and staff, Carol Gnade, executive director of the Utah ACLU, has found the University academic database "may be being used for purposes for which it was not intended." Of the complaints the ACLU is investigating, the most "egregious," according to Gnade, was filed by freshman Brandon Winn, a Daily Utah Chronicle sports writer who, in the Oct. 13, 1997 issue of the Chronicle, offended parks, recreation and tourism chair professors Gary Ellis and John Crossley, undergraduate advisor in the same department. In his column, Winn complained about the "fair-weather fans of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers."

■ WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Heroin causes man's death

PULLMAN, Wash.
The man found unconscious inside WSU's Gannon Hall two weeks ago died of a morphine overdose. Nineteen-year-old Baron Godwin was pronounced dead Jan. 11 at Pullman Memorial Hospital. The death was ruled accidental. An autopsy revealed high levels of morphine were found in Godwin's system. Whitman County coroner said the death was the result of heroin. This is the first death attributed to heroin to occur in Whitman County. WSU Police said Godwin came to Pullman to visit Andrew Longman, a Gannon Hall resident. Longman is unwilling to discuss the death of his friend. "I'm not ready to talk. There's still a lot going on," he said. Godwin and Longman attended a party off-campus. Later, he and Longman returned to Gannon where Godwin collapsed on the first floor of the residence hall. Godwin had a history of drug abuse — Godwin recently left a drug rehabilitation center in Kennewick. Police have not determined whether Godwin obtained the drugs in Pullman or brought the substance with him.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Student to run for Legislature seat

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.
Tom Gromacki is passionate about two things — politics and the Green Bay Packers. The Wisconsin native and College of Liberal Arts junior announced his campaign for the Legislature last week, but took time out from his political game plan on Sunday night to root for his home team in the Super Bowl. Like the Packers, this is Gromacki's second consecutive time in the big game. In 1996, he won the Republican endorsement but lost to incumbent Rep. Phyllis Kahn, DFL-Minneapolis, in the general election. Before Gromacki can face Kahn for a rematch in district 59B, which includes most of the Minneapolis campus, he must win the primary against second-year law student Robert Fowler at the Republican caucus March 3. Gromacki is running again on a traditional conservative platform. He opposes abortion, places emphasis on family issues and backs fiscally responsible legislation.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

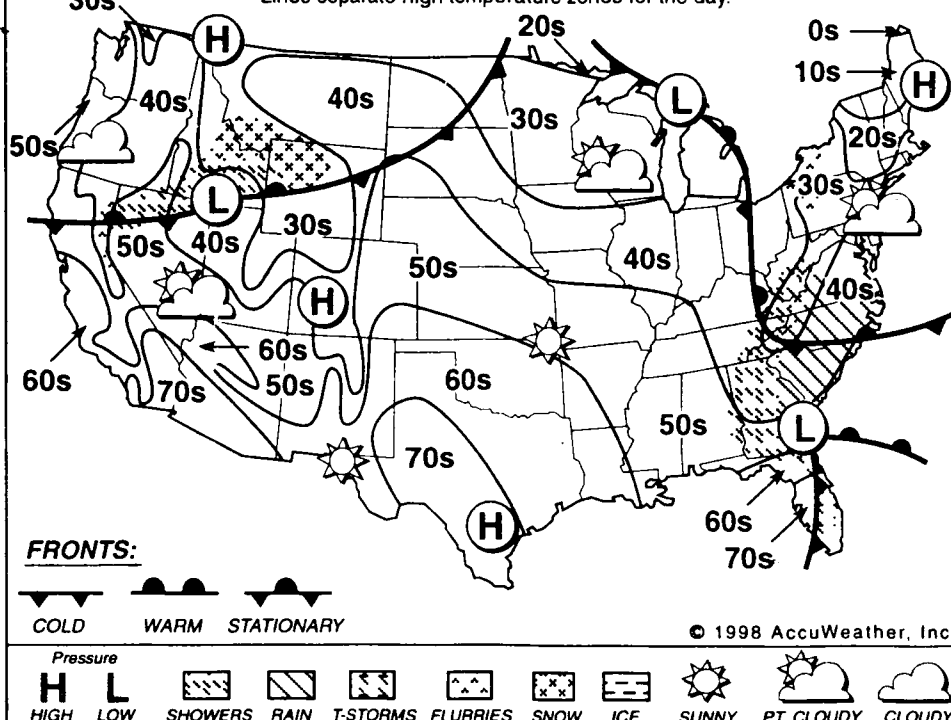
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Wednesday	44	31
Thursday	36	32
Friday	34	20
Saturday	31	22



Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Jan. 27.
Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Anchorage	22	14	Las Vegas	65	42	St. Louis	42	31
Boston	32	18	Milwaukee	35	26	San Diego	66	51
Chicago	35	26	Orlando	69	60	Seattle	48	41
Denver	56	31	Philadelphia	41	31	Toledo	37	29
Honolulu	83	64	Phoenix	75	49	Wichita	52	28

Students battle in academic 'bowl'

Program visits campuses for national competition

By FINN PRESSLY
News Writer

While January usually marks the end of bowl game action, a bowl game season of a different sort is just getting underway at Notre Dame.

Colleges and universities across North America are preparing their teams for competition in the 1998 College Bowl season.

The College Bowl is essentially "an academic quiz game, based on quick recall," according to Peter Lombardo, who oversees the College Bowl program at Notre Dame.

"Questions are generally taken from academic subjects, from English and history to math and science, with some sports and pop culture, as well," he continued.

Notre Dame has been a participant in College Bowl since the program's inception as a radio show in 1953. In 1959, the show moved to television, where it was broadcasted weekly until 1970.

In 1977, the College Bowl program was revived under the auspices of the Association of

the College Unions International. Since then, the tournaments have been held live at college campuses across the country.

There are three levels in the College Bowl tournament ladder. The first level, which is the campus level, is currently in progress at Notre Dame. This level is open to all students, including graduate students.

The purpose of the campus tournaments is to select the four players who will represent Notre Dame in the next step of competition which is the regional level. This year's regional tournament, which is arranged in a round-robin format, will be hosted by Valparaiso University from Feb. 20-22.

During regional action, Notre Dame usually faces six to eight opponents. The winner of the regional tournament will then move on to the College Bowl National Championship Tournament. The winners of each of the 15 regional tournaments, plus one wild-card team selected at random from among those schools that placed second, will compete for the national title.

More than 300 colleges and universities are expected to submit teams this year.

Each team is comprised of four students, plus one or two alternates. The next campus tournament will take place on Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Center for Continuing Education.

DuCille discusses racial reality

By SHANNON GRADY
News Writer

"My name is Ann duCille and I'm white."

Those in attendance at the Hesburgh Auditorium last night chuckled at this comment as it was clear to all that duCille was indeed an African-American woman. But duCille used this statement to spark a lecture that a large and vocal audience enjoyed.

The thrust of her talk centered around the belief that America's race relation problems are more easily found in innocent, casual encounters than in the race crimes seen on the evening news. She explained that most Americans live in a state of "periracism": they live by and around racism, but do not believe they are racist. She believes this masks and denies racism.

DuCille used a personal experience to demonstrate this point. When duCille moved to her current home in a predominantly white community, she found unexpected help at a local grocery store. A white woman gave duCille her cart, explaining that "in this supermarket you have to get your cart outside before you enter."

Searching for a newspaper, duCille found this display of kindness sweet but unnecessary.

The white woman, in her efforts to place duCille at ease, made her racism more evident.

"The only thing that separated me from anyone else there



The Observer/Joe Stark

Ann duCille addresses the crowd at Hesburgh Auditorium last night. She used personal experiences to discuss racism.

was my skin color," duCille explained.

"This is typical of what racism has become," duCille continued.

"The kind cloaked in kindness and tolerance is more dangerous because it forms a culture of 'I'm not a racist' self-satisfaction."

DuCille also showed how current culture reflects the racism inherent in American society. She used recent movies such as "The Ghosts of Mississippi," "Dangerous Minds," and "A Time to Kill," as well as the classic Shirley Temple movie "The Little Rebel" to show how blacks are

continually viewed as inferior in our culture.

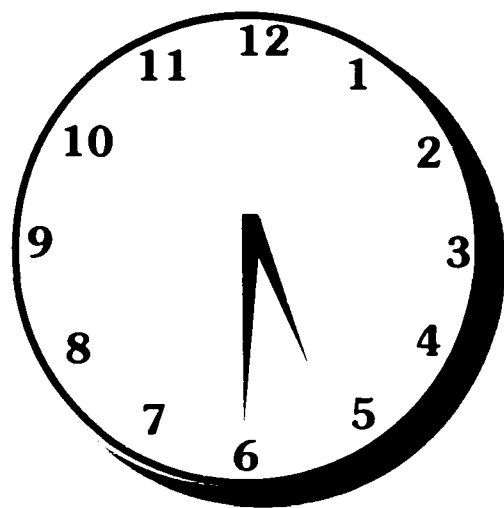
Ann duCille is a professor of American and African-American literature at the University of California at San Diego. Her most recent book, "Skin Trade," is a collection of essays duCille wrote for popular and scholarly journals on how race, gender, and money interact in American life. The lecture, "Place and Dis-Place: 'Periracism' and the Geographics of Identity," was part of the Notre Dame English department's Ward-Phillips series on "Alternative American Geographies of 'Race', Ethnicity, and Nation."



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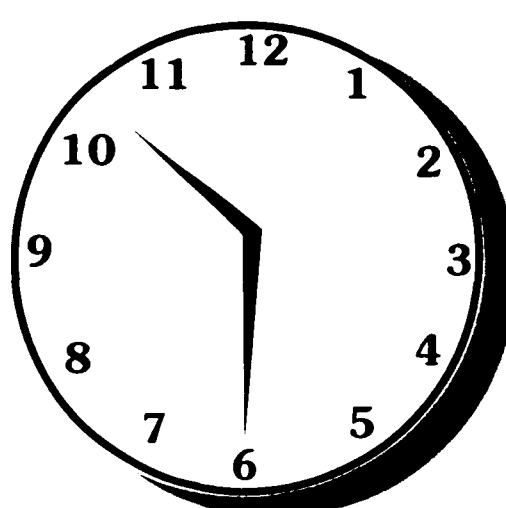
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Tobacco foes criticize deal

Stewardess with cancer leads struggle

Associated Press

MIAMI
Opponents of a landmark \$349 million settlement on second-hand smoke said Monday that the deal benefits the tobacco industry and defense attorneys more than the 60,000 flight attendants who are suing.

The proposed settlement before Circuit Judge Robert Kaye calls for the creation of a \$300 million medical research foundation and payment of \$49 million in legal fees and expenses.

"They got less than nothing," said attorney Ben Barrow, representing an objecting flight attendant. "This settlement is a bad thing and they know it."

An inch-thick file of letters from attendants, scholars and lawmakers support the agreement.

Lead plaintiff Norma Broin made her thoughts clear on the settlement when she jumped up at the end of the hearing and said: "On behalf of all the flight attendants, I applaud."

Ms. Broin, an American Airlines attendant for 21 years, developed lung cancer after being raised in a nonsmoking, non drinking family. She was the only flight attendant allowed to testify.

Her landmark case generated tobacco's first class-action and first secondhand-smoke trial. Attendants charged that cigarette smoke in aircraft cabins

caused lung cancer, other lung diseases and an assortment of other illnesses before smoking was banned on domestic flights in 1990.

Kaye should decide on whether to approve the settlement or ask for revisions within two weeks, a court spokesman said. The tobacco industry has said it will not consider modifications.

Ms. Broin's attorneys, Stanley and Susan Rosenblatt, were forced to defend the \$49 million fee won by their small firm.

One of the objectors was Ralph Nader's Public Citizen group, which claimed the deal violated numerous tenants of class action law by not providing any money to the plaintiffs.

Its attorney, Alan Morrison, said the agreement gives the tobacco industry "an enormous get-out-of-jail-free card."

"What is it going to do? We don't know how the money is going to be allocated... yet this

Cocks

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interactive features for its users," Cocks explained.

"At the same time, I'd also like to improve upon the quality of the print editions content and design."

Cocks and her older sister,

foundation is being trumpeted as an enormous benefit," Morrison told the judge. "To society, perhaps, but not the flight attendants."

Rosenblatt painted the objectors as opportunists misrepresenting the settlement.

"In six years, not one of them ever showed their face, never offered any help to one flight attendant," he said.

The settlement lets attendants pursue individual lawsuits for compensatory damages.

Many attendants wanted to accept the deal because their cases would evaporate without tobacco's waiver of statutes of limitations giving them only a short time to sue, commonly one to four years after a diagnosed illness.

Their attorneys believe as many as half of about 60,000 nonsmoking attendants potentially covered by the settlement would have lost their claims without that concession.

Alison Cocks-Hamilton, are the first pair of siblings to have been editors of The Observer. Cocks-Hamilton served as editor during the 1990-91 year.

"Editor-in-chief of The Observer is still the best job I've ever had, and I am excited that my sister gets to share this experience," she said. "I know she'll do a great job."

Cocks will take over the position after spring break.

Fox

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on going to Spain in her sophomore year.

At the graduation of the class of 1997 in May, which Fox would have been a part of, the University conferred a posthumous degree on her.

Fox's family did not attend the graduation.

According to Beatty, Fox's mother, Theresa McCarthy, expressed unhappiness over the plea agreement. "I know that

her mother is so upset," Beatty said. "She called me the other day and is just beside herself."

"It is kind of hard, you never know about these kind of things," she added. "I wonder about the concept of taking responsibility for one's actions, but we are not meant to make that decision I guess."

After Rita enters his plea, he could be sentenced to up to one year in prison. But many people involved, including Beatty, don't expect him to spend any time in jail.

Barnes, the St. Joseph County prosecutor, would not comment.

Hey Saint Mary's Students...



Meet the Candidates for

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Homosexuality & the Politics of Science

"On the one hand we must decide how best to counter the tactics of intimidation and refute the false claims of a group that operates in the hostile mode of raw, power politics. On the other hand we must retain the profound compassion and fellow-feeling toward individual homosexuals that we ourselves need and yearn for from others."

—Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth

The Jacques Maritain Center presents

Jeffrey Satinover, M.D.



Dr. Satinover is a practicing psychiatrist and psychoanalyst and is the former president of the C. G. Jung Foundation of New York. He holds degrees from MIT, Harvard, and the University of Texas, and is a former Fellow in Psychiatry and Child Psychiatry at Yale and a former William James lecturer in Psychology and Religion at Harvard.

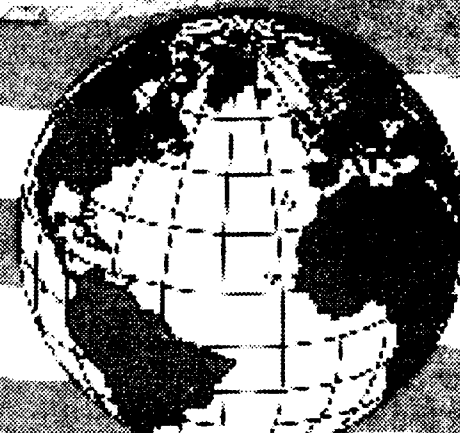
An Orthodox Jew living in Connecticut, Dr. Satinover is also the author of *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*, a widely applauded analysis of the current debate over homosexuality viewed

from psychological, religious and scientific perspectives. Dr. Satinover will address the argument, advanced at Notre Dame as well as nationally, that the American Psychiatric Association's 1973 vote not to treat homosexuality as a psychological disorder ought to end all discussion of the matter. He hopes that his talk will contribute a needed perspective to Notre Dame's discussion of homosexuality.

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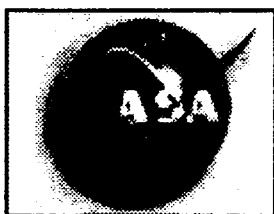
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■ NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. astronaut tailors his spacesuit aboard Mir

SPACE CENTER, Texas

By loosening some straps, astronaut Andrew Thomas managed to squeeze his bloated, stretched-out body into his skimpy Russian spacesuit yesterday, guaranteeing his spot aboard Mir for the next 4 1/2 months. Without a properly fitting suit for use in an emergency evacuation, Thomas could not have remained on board the Russian space station. He would have had to turn around and come back to Earth. "It fits the way it was supposed to fit to begin with," reported space shuttle Endeavour's commander, Terrence Wilcutt. Russia's Mission Control was steamed at the suggestion that its tailors screwed up. The Russians all but called Thomas a malcontent. "There were no objective problems with his spacesuit," grumbled Viktor Blagov, deputy chief of Mission Control. "The astronaut simply turned out to be somewhat capricious. For us, it's a symptom that the astronaut may remain capricious all through the flight." Russian space wear expert Alexander Yarov said that after 37 years of manned space-flight, Russians are masters at making orbital attire. In fact, he said humbly, they take the time to offer flight suits, shoes - even underwear - in bright blue, green and red to jazz up Mir's drab interior.



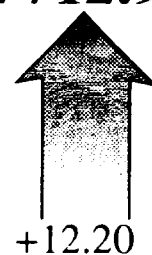
FDA: Pentagon violated vaccine regulations

WASHINGTON

The Pentagon violated federal rules in giving an encephalitis vaccine to American soldiers in Bosnia in 1996, raising questions about how the Defense Department performs medical research, the Food and Drug Administration says. The FDA, already probing problems stemming from experimental drugs given to Gulf War soldiers, ordered the Pentagon last month to submit detailed procedures to ensure it will follow FDA safety rules. The Pentagon missed the Jan. 12 deadline, the FDA said Monday, but has promised a response soon. "We want it resolved correctly and appropriately, because none of us knows when there will be the need to have another deployment" in which soldiers need experimental drugs, said FDA senior policy analyst Bonnie Lee. The Pentagon is working "to improve compliance during such circumstances in the future," said Defense spokesman Lt. Col. Tom Begines. But he stressed that the encephalitis vaccine has been given safely to millions of Europeans as well as to the U.S. soldiers.

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Clinton angrily denies allegations

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Fighting to save his presidency, President Clinton emphatically denied a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky, yesterday, and sought to reassure wavering Democrats that he will survive the scandal. "I did not have sexual relations with that woman," he said.

With his wife standing at his side, Clinton wagged his finger at TV cameras and declared: "I've never told anybody to lie, not a single time. Never."

The dramatic White House statement marked the first comments on the subject from Clinton since Lewinsky told prosecutors she was willing to testify under the protection of full immunity that she had an affair with him — raising the prospect of a high-stakes showdown between the president and a former White House intern.

There is no turning back now for Clinton if Lewinsky changes her story and says she had sexual relations with him.

Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas, said Clinton's statement "sounded pretty categorical to me. I don't see any weasel words."

Lewinsky, 24, told a friend she had an affair with Clinton but later denied the claim in an affidavit. She spent several hours Monday with her attorneys, both at her Watergate apartment and a local law office. Lewinsky's lead attorney, William Ginsburg, is trying to secure a pledge of immunity from Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

Warned by legal advisers that impeachment is not out of the question, the president again refused to publicly explain his relationship with Lewinsky. Aides now say the president will wait weeks or even months to provide a full accounting, unless Monday's effort fails to slow the political hemorrhaging.

Aides also promised to be ready to discredit Lewinsky if she turns against Clinton. The president's fresh denial



AFP Photo

President Clinton denies allegations of an affair with Monica Lewinsky, a former White House intern, yesterday, during a White House press conference.

did not put the issue to rest. Reporters asked spokesman Mike McCurry exactly what sex acts Clinton would include under the term "sexual relations." McCurry replied testily, "I'm not going to dignify that question."

The critical test will be on Capitol Hill, where Democrats and Republicans alike are using grave threats to discuss the mounting scandal.

Sen. Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., called this a "crisis of the regime" and warned that the presidency will crumble if Clinton had sex with Lewinsky.

"If it's so, it represents a disorder," Moynihan said.

Clinton dispatched Vice President Al Gore to Capitol Hill to tout his State of the Union address and rally Democrats. Behind closed doors, the vice president pre-empted the questions of concerned Democrats with his opening statement: "It's important that Democrats support the president and his agenda today, tomorrow and in the future."

In one of the controversy's rare

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■ ENGLAND

Pro-British group ends peace talks

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON

The party representing Northern Ireland's largest pro-British paramilitary group withdrew from peace talks yesterday, leaving before they could be expelled because of three killings claimed by their outlawed ally.

The sudden departure of the Ulster Democratic Party, which represents the banned Ulster Defense Association, will likely raise fears of more attacks against the north's Roman Catholic minority.

The pro-British group walked out of negotiations on Northern Ireland's future before the British and Irish governments could force them out for allegedly violating the pledge required of all participants — nonviolence.

UDA commanders "have themselves admitted responsibility for a series of

appalling murders which have created such fear on the streets in Northern Ireland," said Mo Mowlam, Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary.

"You can't have people murdered and ignore it," she added.

The UDA is supposed to be maintaining an October 1994 cease-fire to ensure the Ulster Democrats a place in the talks. But the group admitted Friday that it killed at least three of the eight Catholics slain in Northern Ireland since Christmas.

Former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, chairman of the non-violence stipulations, said it was necessary to register protest against "a relatively small number of gunmen ... acting in defiance of all democratic principles."

Ulster Democratic Party leader Gary McMichael vowed to keep counseling

UDA members not to kill - and to get his party back in the negotiations, which began in June 1996 and are supposed to conclude by May.

"I want to make it clear that we will not walk away from this process," he said, flanked by seven colleagues, four of whom spent time in prison for attacks on Catholics.

Mitchell, Mowlam and Irish Foreign Minister David Andrews suggested the Ulster Democrats could be readmitted within weeks if the UDA isn't blamed for any more murders.

At a reception at the U.S. embassy Monday evening, ambassador Philip Lader said it was hoped they could rejoin soon "on the basis of a genuine commitment to exclusively peaceful and democratic methods."

"Time is of the essence" in finding "an honorable and

just settlement," Lader said.

Leaders of the Ulster Unionists, the main pro-British Protestant party, and the Social Democratic and Labor Party, which represents most of the north's Catholics, had demanded that the UDA representatives be punished.

"Some distance had to be put between the killers and this process," SDLP negotiator Mark Durkan said. "The Ulster Democratic Party themselves said that their mandate, their right to be at the table, depended on the silence of their guns."

Durkan noted that two Catholics were killed after a UDA statement Friday promising that it laid down its weapons.

"So far we've been offered false assurances," he said, adding that to let the Ulster Democrats stay would send the message that "there's an acceptable level of killing."

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moments, Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., drew laughter from the caucus by accidentally calling Gore "the president."

For now, most Democrats are withholding judgment — waiting to see how Clinton weathers the coming few days. "The president made an unequivocal statement. That was good enough for me," Moran said after the meeting.

Most lawmakers are still away from Washington; a truer test of Clinton's standing in Congress will come Tuesday

during his State of the Union address. Democrats promised a warm reception, but said the address will be awkward.

"Obviously, it's impossible to ignore the context of the speech, what is happening true or false," said Rep. Barbara Kennelly, D-Conn.

Democrats across the country are privately begging Clinton to quickly provide a full accounting of his relationship with Lewinsky. His closest allies, even some senior administration officials, have expressed doubts about whether Clinton is telling the truth and can survive.

Trying to avoid a fatal erosion of support, the president is telephoning elected officials and donors, reiterating his

denial but providing no details. His pollster, Mark Penn, is conducting extensive surveys to test the public's mood. Penn's polls have shown Clinton's favorability rating falling.

Lewinsky told a friend in secretly recorded conversations that she had an affair with Clinton and he tried to cover it up. She later filed an affidavit in Paula Jones' sexual harassment case against Clinton denying both allegations, making her a target of Starr's investigation.

Attorneys for Clinton asked a federal judge Monday to move up her trial date, complaining that the media frenzy surrounding the Lewinsky case has created an "undue distraction."

Clinton's legal team thinks the lawsuit could be a high-profile forum to discredit Lewinsky if she cooperates with prosecutors against the president. Jones' spokeswoman said her client would oppose the change.

Aides said a lay-low strategy devised by Clinton's legal team began to take hold Monday. They hope Clinton's firm denial will slow his downward spiral in polls and be the last he says on the subject for a long while.

If Lewinsky does not agree to testify against Clinton, aides believe he can weather the allegations without further comment. If she agrees to cooperate with Starr, the legal team will be prepared to try to discredit Lewinsky.

Judge dismisses gay midshipman

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge said Monday the Navy "embarked on a search and 'outing' mission" in ordering the dismissal of a sailor accused of homosexuality based on information obtained from an on-line service.

In ruling that Timothy McVeigh should remain on active duty pending the final outcome of the case, U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin said McVeigh is likely to prevail in his contention that the Navy violated the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military, and a federal electronic privacy law.

"This court finds that the Navy has gone too far," Sporkin wrote in his 15-page decision granting McVeigh a temporary injunction against the Navy discharging him while his case is being considered. "Although

Officer McVeigh did not publicly announce his sexual orientation, the Navy nonetheless impermissibly embarked on a search and 'outing' mission."

Though not the final word in the case, Monday's decision represents a sharp rebuke of the Navy, both for its enforcement of the military policy on homosexuality and for the intrusiveness of its investigation. It promises to reverberate beyond the military to all government that might want to bolster investigations by demanding information from on-line computer services.

Senior Chief Petty Officer McVeigh, a highly decorated 17-year Navy veteran, landed in trouble last fall when the Navy found a "profile page" posted on America On-line in which a "Tim" from Honolulu described himself as gay and expressed a sexual interest in young men.



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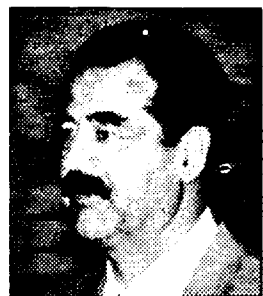


U.S. commits to keep weapons out of Hussein's hands

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Laying the groundwork for a possible attack, the Clinton administration said Monday that Iraq may be manufacturing illegal biological weapons. If the attack is ordered, "it won't be a pinprick," one Pentagon official said.



Hussein

Military planners prepared options Monday and administration officials briefed congressional leaders and U.S. allies. House Speaker Newt Gingrich said there should be no mistake about the "American nation's commitment" to preventing Saddam Hussein from obtaining weapons of mass destruction.

Republicans are "prepared to be supportive" of measures to prevent that from happening, the Georgia Republican said.

The White House rejected any notion that President Clinton would make his decision — either to attack or hold back — in an effort to shift attention from allegations that he had sexual relations with a White House intern.

"Absolutely not, absolutely not," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said, rallying to the president's side as a leader

who made independent judgments, unrelated to his personal life.

"There is no effect," said State Department spokesman James Rubin, as Clinton sent Sandy Berger, his national security assistant, to inform leaders in Congress how he was nearing a decision to order an attack.

"Our objective for some time has been to do whatever is necessary, including not ruling out the use of force, to achieve our objective ... is to be sure that Iraq's ability to make weapons of mass destruction and missiles is steadily diminished," Rubin said.

Already, Senate Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi has told the White House chief of staff, Erskine Bowles, that he "hoped that the president would take the necessary action in Iraq no matter what other distractions might be going on," Lott said Sunday.

Bowles' response, Lott said, indicated Clinton "still would try to do what was right for the country."

With tensions growing, Rubin said "it cannot be ruled out that Iraq has an operational biological weapons facility."

As consultations widened, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright conferred by telephone with Robin Cook, the British foreign secretary. Britain has supported the United States without qualification and has

sent a potent carrier force to the Persian Gulf for use in an attack on Iraq.

Berger, meanwhile, went to Capitol Hill to meet with Lott and Gingrich. The speaker said Republicans were "prepared to be supportive" of measures to

keep Iraq from obtaining weapons of mass destruction.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., offered his support "if the president does it right."

"If there are sustained and serious air operations, then I would be one of the first to

defend his actions," McCain said. "The attacks would exact a price for Saddam's behavior, to the point where he and his supporters will figure that it is not in their interest to continue defying" the sanctions, said McCain.

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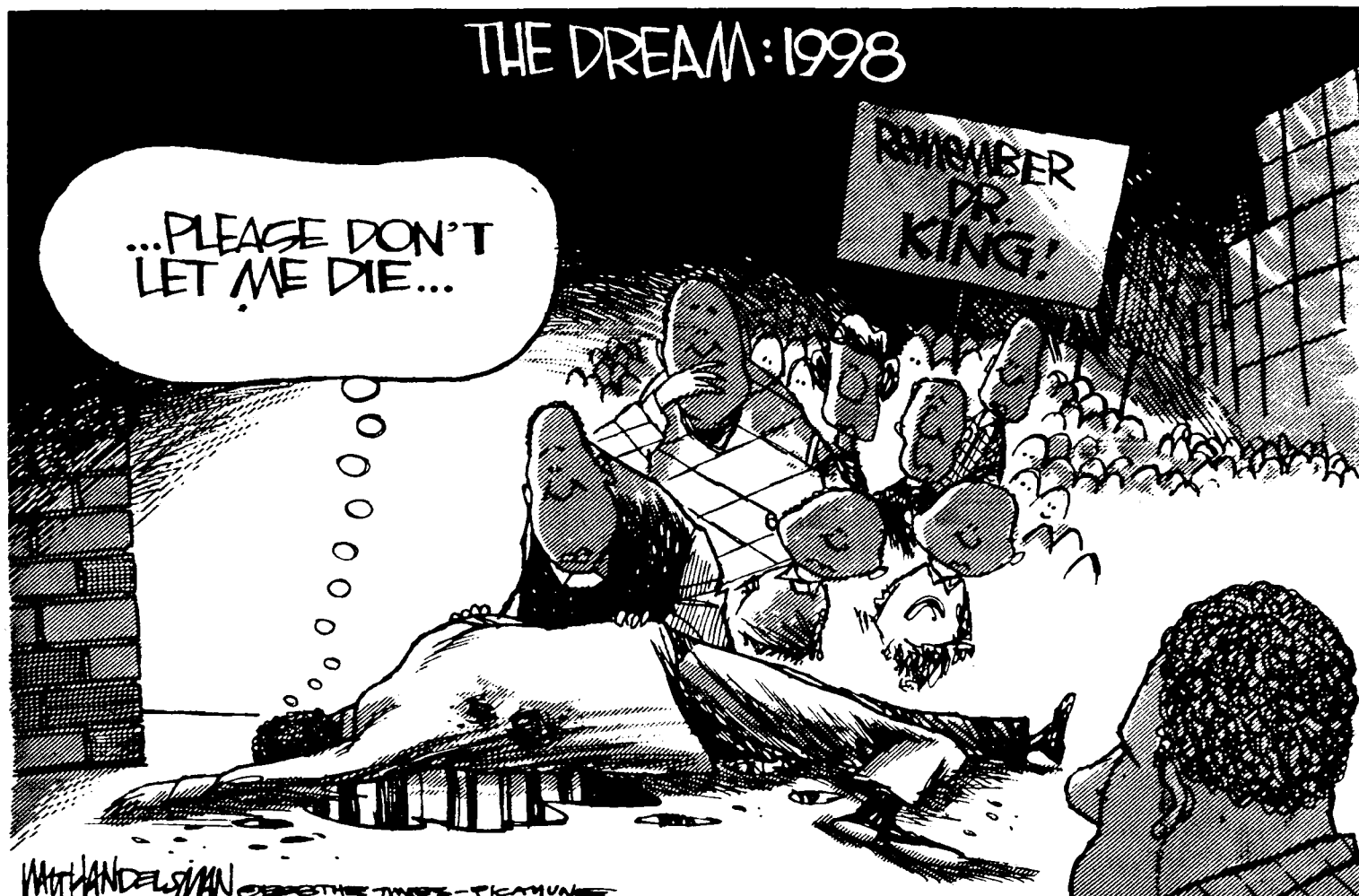
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can We All Just Get Along?

Alyssa DeNardi and the gentlemen of St. Edward's Hall have elucidated very disparate views regarding the important issue of interpersonal relationships on campus, and there is some merit to each. However, I believe the two can find common ground if they meet in the middle, for each has described an extreme end of the continuum of friendship, and they have thereby forsaken the great trove of personal fulfillment that is found by those who figure somewhere between the two extremes. Experimenting with the full range of interpersonal expressions of friendship and romance is in fact one of the privileges of attending college. Educational mind-expansion includes the portion of ourselves we describe as our "essence," that is, our hearts and souls. And discovering one's self within the greater context of our societal and worldly roles is the goal of education here at Notre Dame. Defining that self is the mission of each college student.

The most reassuring way for incoming freshmen to leap into this unfamiliar and somewhat intimidating college life is to "go with the flow." Translated into Irish terminology, this more often than not entails experimentation with social pursuits described by Ms. DeNardi. Though this is certainly not the choice of every Notre Dame student, still it is a very popular way to spend some down time when one is beginning the long and winding Irish road. As pointed out by Ms. DeNardi, Bridget's is an undeniably practical vehicle for sparking new relationships.

Tim Greene and Hunt Hanover are also right to point out that ND men do in fact seek spiritual connection. But, so do ND women. In fact, this is one of those global goals which we all value. More to the point, why do Messrs. Greene and Hanover presume their mutual exclusion? Just because people are meeting within the context of

Bridget's does not preclude the possibility of a platonic relationship blossoming. Conversely, an interpersonal spark that ignites during class or other such studious atmosphere does not preclude the natural extension of a night out at Bridget's in the full exploration of all the facets of friendship. In relationships, platonic does not mean dull; neither, however, does vivacious equate with vacuous. We must be careful to avoid stereotyping the whole person based upon just one tiny aspect of his or her wide spectrum of social expression.

Neither Ms. DeNardi nor Messrs. Greene and Hanover allow for the fact that our identities as college students are perhaps best summarized by two words: dynamic growth. Growing involves experimentation with new aspects of our already well-formed personalities. Notre Dame allows us the stimulating forum to experiment intellectually and interpersonally. The goal is to mature in both aspects by graduation. Part of that maturation process necessitates the playing out of some roles which we ultimately will choose to discard, some which will come to "feel right" and which we will adopt, and still others which we will create as fresh, new approaches previously unknown to our experience. In that process, there is absolutely nothing wrong with including in one's weekend social scene visits to Bridget's. The same "Hi, where are you from?" can be heard in conversations there as are heard everywhere else on campus. Those who realize sooner than others that such a scene is not as fulfilling as they first hoped have a reward: they can move on to experiment with another social option more quickly. Lucky for us, there is potential in everything we do. Watching "Party of Five" with others gives us a chance to be together even as it offers insight into heavy top-

ics, as Professor Weithman pointed out during our first discourse in Philosophy 101. Similarly, there is nothing wrong with seeking intelligence, decency and honesty within "other settings" like "Dorm Masses and volunteer programs." Deep, satisfying conversations and meaningful relationships are prized by both sexes. Denigrating the search for special interrelatedness to a male/female face-off does disservice to us all.

As for dreaming of someone based solely on his looks and portrayals on screen, I will be the first to admit that I don't find Leonardo DeCaprio attractive and I found precious little to like in "Titanic." Typifying ND women solely as observers of pretty faces is unfair. Take a walk through the halls of the men's dorms and you won't go far before seeing images of Kathy Ireland and Shania Twain. Is it not possible that surrounding ourselves with pictures of those we find pleasing to us, for whatever reasons, is just common to our age, rather than a sex-oriented characteristic? Furthermore, what does this form of affordable interior decoration imply about our overall objectives in interpersonal relationships? Personal expression of taste does not automatically exclude us from that club of those who are seeking "meaningful connections" on campus.

Finally, I would like to argue with Messrs. Greene and Hanover's statement that "worthy Notre Dame men are not to be found at Bridget's." Sure they are. I think I recall seeing these two particular men themselves at the infamous bar on occasion and I am certain that they are worthy and thoughtful individuals. It might be more accurate to conclude that worthwhile relationships are not as likely to ignite while dancing on the tables or soaking up the good deal of Penny Pitcher nights. Let's not be too quick to pass judge-

ment on the moral character of all bargoers.

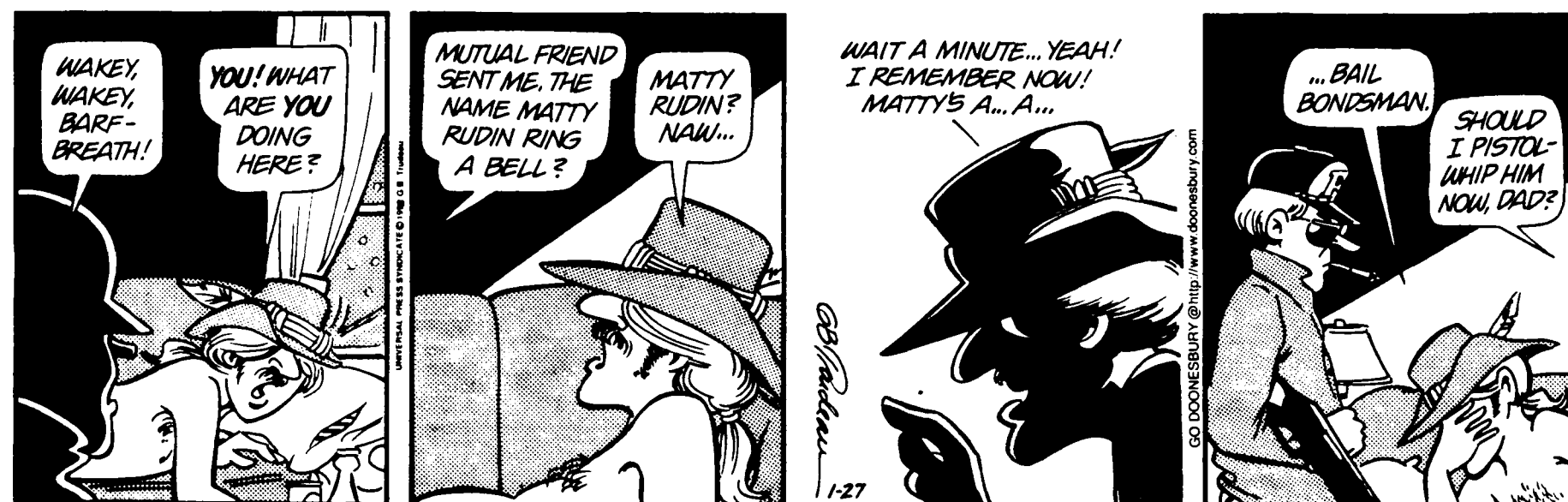
I am reminded of a personal experience that just occurred to me over winter break. I was enjoying the performances of my two younger brothers at one of their Irish dancing lessons when a man inquired as to whose autographs are on their ND t-shirts. I soon discovered that the gentleman, a Notre Dame alumnus, was watching his two lovely daughters. Now happily married and successful, this man had met his wife while both were students at Notre Dame. I think of this family and I smile. I look forward to the possibility of finding my special someone here; perhaps someday I too will walk down the aisle of the Basilica on the arm of that special man. But I am not rushing it. Our Dome here at Notre Dame is a magnificent umbrella over the most incredible opportunities that I have seen, and ever may see for the duration of my life. I visit the Grotto and am touched by its beauty. I look to the Golden Dome and feel somehow comforted. My career as a Notre Dame student is not one-eighth over, it is seven-eighths beginning. I intend to taste and savor as much as I am able, and all that I choose.

The key is to be alive to the options constantly playing out before our eyes. We have so much from which we may choose. Embracing a core self of goodness and then constructing the fine-tuning of that self-description is both our duty and our pleasure. The key is not to become mired in either of the extremes bewailed by Ms. DeNardi and Messrs. Greene and Hanover. The secret is to move inward and explore the great middle territory.

Brittany Morehouse
Freshman, Howard Hall
January 20, 1998

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Life is a foreign language; all men mispronounce it."

—Christopher Morley

■ TABLE TALK

In Memory of John Yoder: Scholar, Professor, Friend

Normally, setting aside a pair of crutches is good news, cause for celebration. However, a certain pair of crutches — and the quiet bearded man who used them to get around — will be sorely missed on our campus.

On Dec. 30, John Howard Yoder, internationally respected Mennonite theologian and longtime professor of theology, ethics, and peace studies died from an aortic aneurysm in his

office. Having spent the last six years as one of his doctoral students and graduate assistants, I came to regard John both as a mentor and a friend.

His book, "The Politics of Jesus," published in the early 1970s, ranks among the most influential books ever to come out of the Anabaptist tradition. It challenged the consciousness of untold "mainstream" Christians (myself among them) with its clarion call to a politically charged vision of Jesus long before such portraits came into vogue, and it continues to constitute a defining moment for many who encounter it even today.

His thesis, simply put but thoroughly and eloquently argued, was that Christian ethics begins not by finding ways to set aside the radicalness of Jesus' ethics, but rather by finding ways in community to take those ethics seriously. In other words, the church is to bear the message of the gospel by *being* that message. If the gospel of God's reconciling love had political implications for the community of followers called into being by Jesus — if it decisively shaped the pattern of their life together — then it will continue to have such implications among those of us who link ourselves to that heritage and that calling.

The breadth of John's scholarship, crossing both linguistic and disciplinary boundaries, was amazing, and equalled by the cluttered array of books and boxes that framed his office, both walls and floor. And although he regularly accorded himself the status of "non-expert" when addressing some new issue (often at the invitation of others), few were ever less than awed by the sheer force of his intellectual perception and the measured wisdom of his words — and their abundance: the exhaustive bibliography of his writings has nearly 700 entries.

Alongside John's many scholarly gifts, he was an eminently patient man, exemplified by his score of years teaching as a pacifist here at Notre Dame, a Catholic university committed to the just war tradition. Besides teaching in the theology department, he was welcomed in venues as diverse as the Peace Institute and the ROTC program. Strangely enough, in the ongoing tug-of-war over how much the just war tradition should accommodate itself to the prevailing "realities" of the moment, John Yoder, a Mennonite pacifist, quietly but persistently situated himself as the anchor person on the side of a tradition "with teeth," a tradition possessing the courage and wherewithal to take a prophetic stance even within what he himself considered an inadequate grasp of the gospel.

Indeed, he was at times chided by some of his pacifist colleagues for maintaining a seemingly fruitless dialogue with a tradition that often only begrudgingly accepted his insights. But he viewed his efforts as something deeper and more direct than dialogue. For him they were an aspect of Christian witness, a necessary attempt to lessen the violence inflicted by persons bearing the image of God on others bearing that same image.

Last spring another student and I accompanied John on an annual pilgrimage that he made to Culver Military

Academy about 30 miles south of Notre Dame. We heard him talk about the importance of maintaining the integrity of the just war tradition to a group of high school students at this rather elite

residential military academy. As I listened to this aging, bearded, leaning-on-one-crutch, internationally known Mennonite pacifist, field their sometimes sophisticated but just as often ill-formed and awkward questions — always with unfailing grace — I realized that

I was watching something akin to redemptive patience.

"The Politics of Jesus" concludes with a short Latin phrase *vicit agnus noster, eum sequamur*. It means "our lamb has conquered; let us follow him." I suspect that this simple phrase, this inauspicious confession, was the source of John's patience. He had the time to dialogue because the victory, after all, was not going to be secured either by his rhetoric or his wisdom — forceful though both could be. Rather, the victory was already accomplished by the lamb ... on the cross.

Though academically brilliant, John was not similarly gifted in social graces, something I suspect his undergraduate students will readily affirm. Perceived by some as either arrogant or indifferent, I think it is truer to say that his powerful intellect was matched by a hardy shyness. He was known by his graduate students (and, I gather, by his own children, as well) as gregarious in only the most subtle ways. Though hardly reclusive — his office door was always open — he was not given easily to small talk or laughter. And yet, for those sufficiently patient, there were moments when his wit, laughter, or broad smile were grandly present. One such occasion came in mid-December when a group of his Ph.D. students hosted him for a simple early birthday potluck prior to the holidays. For many it was the last time they would see John; graciously, it was an evening unusually full of laughter.

John knew that I wrote poetry, and he remarked more than once about a particular limerick he recalled concerning the famous Protestant ethicist Reinhold Niebuhr. I often thought that John deserved a limerick of his own, and as his 70th birthday approached I decided to pen one myself. Finally, on Dec. 30, the day after he turned 70, I wrote,

Across the battlefields the soldiers say,
"Tis time to pause a moment from the fray.

This fine man Yoder

is one year older.

Set arms aside to honor his birthday."

About 2 p.m., unaware that he had died just two hours before, I e-mailed it to him, calling it a "slightly tardy, eschatological birthday limerick." At the time I had no idea how utterly tardy — and wholly eschatological it was. He never got it, of course. But even now, I can picture him smiling. And he remains grandly present.

He will be remembered in a memorial service this Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the Basilica. John had hoped somehow to commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the feast of Marcellus this coming Oct. 30. (Some of the bones of Marcellus, a third century Christian pacifist martyred in 298 lie beneath the altar of the Basilica.) This Friday, in a supreme ecumenical irony, Marcellus will commemorate John first.

David Weiss is a Ph.D. candidate in Christian ethics. His column appears every other Tuesday.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



David Weiss

■ So, What's My Point?

Does El Niño Deserve all the Headlines?

Somebody give me the Nobel Peace Prize.

I've finally found it.

The one, unifying element on this earth. The tie that binds.

The common ground. The one common denominator that we all share.

It is the weather.

Yes, the weather.

With all the media attention given to it, the weather must be important. Think about it. Every single one of us is affected by the weather. *Just weather*. What I want to know is, how do they do it? How could a topic so utterly mundane, so full of simply momentary interest (it's not like it's a soap opera or anything) generate

enough news to fill an entire channel 24 hours a day, 365 days a year? Unbelievable.

And of course, this winter there has been all of the fuss over "El Niño," the ocean current that has been messing up weather right and left on the planet. Wherever you go, you cannot get away from El Niño. When I was watching the CBS Evening News a couple of months ago and Dan Rather told me to stay tuned for a special story on the "El Niño watch," I thought he had to be kidding. He wasn't. So I thought, okay, slow news day.

For the past two months, there has been an "El Niño Watch" segment almost every day.



It's been a slow news year.

Locally, of course, our beloved stations also rely on the weather as a visible sign of their journalistic success. Have you heard the local NBC affiliate advertising its news programs with its "Storm Team 16?" Oooh. Aaah. That's how I choose my TV news stations on — not whether they're really any good at reporting the news itself, but whether they can find a catchy little rhyming phrase to describe their handling of the weather. And one of the other local stations here (the CBS affiliate, I think) advertises "weather on the twos." I'm not kidding. Weather on the twos. Do we really need to know whether it's going to be 10 below or 5 below today every 10 minutes?

Why all this interest in the weather? Maybe it is because we're stuck in dreary South Bend, Ind., where the sun ... well, when was the last time you remember seeing it?

All this emphasis on the weather in fact makes a person think — the weather probably really is the only thing we have in common. That's why news advertisers play it up so much — not everyone is interested in the gory truck accident or the budget cuts — but the weather? There we go. Everyone will watch the weather.

But then again, when you're stuck walking with an acquaintance and you have nothing to talk about, there are only two things that you can bring up — 1) class and 2) the weather. Depending on how you're doing in class, the weather can seem like a pretty good option. These kinds of conversations can go on for 20 minutes or more. I once had to walk out with a professor I didn't know very well and had nothing to say to.

For the entire 15 minutes of our walk, we talked about what a beautiful day it was.

It's amazing that something as simple and ordinary and well, quite frankly, as boring as the weather can generate this much media attention. The Weather Channel, El Niño Watch, "Weather on the twos."

The scary thing is that if this is what they put so much emphasis on, you've got to wonder — is any of the other stuff they cover that important either? (Oh, and you can give me my Nobel when the sun starts shining again.)

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The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Feeling blue

■ ACCENT ASKS ...

Have you been sick recently?



"I got a cold, I'm not sure how, but my mom (Cele) warmed up some whiskey, and that made me feel a whole lot better."

Katy Fallon
Sophomore, Welsh Family

"Yes, I have a cold. I think I got it from my roommate. It could have been lack of sleep too."

Kwabena Adu-Sarkodie
Sophomore, Off Campus



"Yes, I have been sick. It was horrible, I could have died. It was the cold from hell. I think I got it from my mom; I'll get her back someday."

Rachel Jones
Sophomore, Walsh



"It's all about attitude. What's a runny nose compared to the Cross of Christ?"

Tony Ariniello
Freshman, Keough



"I have been sick twice already; I think it's because I actually like getting sick; my roommate takes great care of me, freshly squeezed orange juice and chicken soup just like mom makes; it's great."

Emily Schmitt
McGlinn, Freshman



The Observer/Joe Stark

Be Pre

By BRIDGET RZEZUTKO
Accent Writer

Brrr!

It's cold out there!

And look at you, not properly clothed! What would your mother say?

"Put a hat and boots on, and zip that coat! Do you have your mittens?"

Do you?

With winter here, we have to lug around a lot more clothing than most of us like. Who really wants to keep track of his or her hat and coat while dancing at a party or drinking at the bar? We have other, more important things on our mind at those times. However, it is essential that we do think about these winter necessities.

First of all, let's address the topic of boots. They are not always fashionable. God knows you can't wear your brown boots with black pants. I mean, what would people think? But seriously, they serve a higher purpose than just looking stylish. That Gore-Tex is water resistant and that fleece inside keeps those little toes from falling right off. End product: warm appendages. With no frost bite, you are still able to play "This little piggy went to the market," much to the delight of your roommate and friends.

And where is your winter hat? Not a baseball cap, guys. That just doesn't cut it. Hats aren't exactly the coolest part of a wardrobe either, but it does wonders against blocking heat loss. That little scrap of cloth on top of your head, with the fuzzy fleece lining, keeps all that hot air in, while at the same time keeping the cold air out. It also protects your ears from going numb. Wow, huh? It's elementary, yet we all seem to forget this.

I know, bundling up is not fun. By the time you get on your thermals, coat, mittens, scarf, hat and whatever else, you probably feel like the Abominable Snowman, Ralphie's little brother in the movie "The Christmas Story," or have to go to the bathroom. But kids, we've got to face the elements. Not dressing properly is one of the biggest causes of winter illnesses.

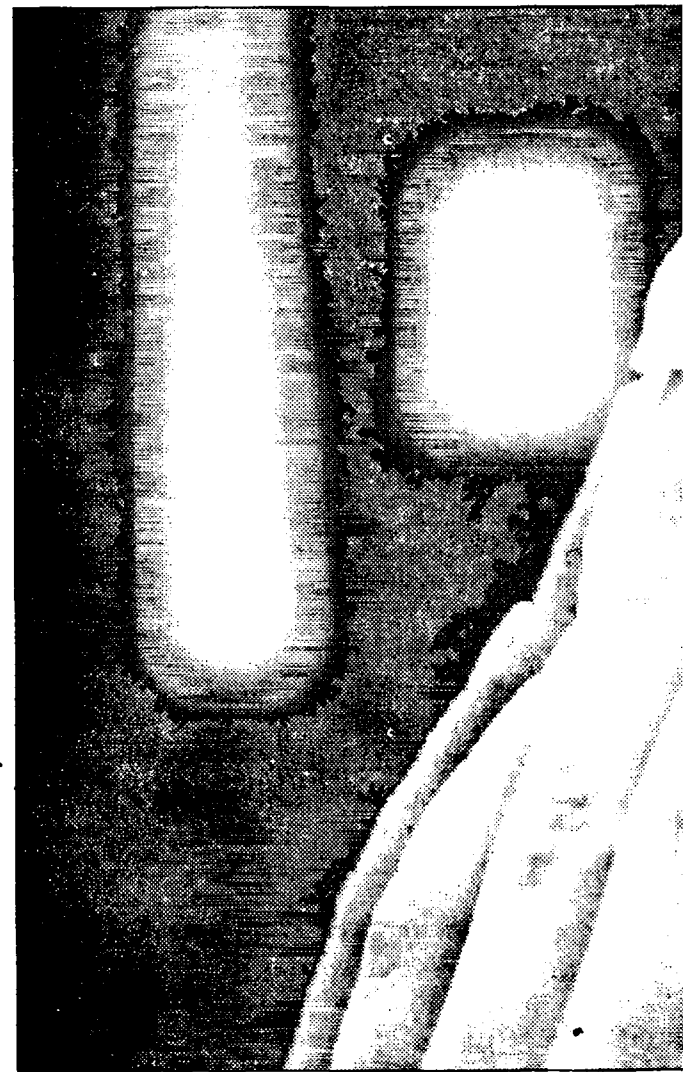
Colds are probably the worst of all the sicknesses. We all know the feelings: a runny nose, stuffy head and absolutely no energy. Agreeably, this is no fun. Not to mention that sniffing every two seconds is just not attractive. Seeing as there is no cure for the common cold, we've got to protect ourselves. Here are a few recommendations:

First of all, don't go outside with wet hair when it is snowing. Whether you will be late for class or not, that is just dumb.

Secondly, wear layers and cover all exposed flesh. Jack Frost might be trying to nip at your nose, but don't you let him!

Most importantly, eat a proper diet. This is crucial in assisting your body's natural defenses against illness. Try to eat protein, such as cheeses and meats, and less junk food in order to have more energy pulling those all nighters.

Another extremely common winter illness is the flu. Flu shots are strongly recommended by most doctors, but it is too late to receive one now. Generally the shots, which are effective against the heavier strains of flu, are given in October or November. Although that does us no good now, keep that in mind for next year. In case you weren't



A student suffering from cold finds temporary relief



The Observer/Joe Stark

A student weighs his options for cold medicine.

e this winter? pared!



The Observer/ Joe Stark
Hanna Atkinson knows how to stay warm.

thinking ahead and didn't pre-arm yourself with a vaccine this season, don't give up hope yet. You can take precautions by catching up on your beauty sleep, or getting plenty of rest. Drinking plenty of fluids and Vitamin C helps to replenish your body's depleting supply. Taking a strong multi-vitamin is also suggested. If you are unsure of what kind to take, any pharmacist can assist you in choosing one formulated for your specific needs. As a last precaution, cut back on soda! A can of pop contains more sugar than anything substantial. Try obeying your thirst with fruit juice instead of with a Sprite.

Your immune system has a very important job to do. It is there to protect your body from illness, but if you don't take care of it, it won't work properly. Really, what's a little hat head and two feet shielded in clunky boots in exchange for a healthy immune system?

Saint Joseph's Medical Center has a free, 24-hour phone service called ASK-A-NURSE. The number is 288-9977. The staffed nurses will be able to answer any medical questions you might have. This reporter called and learned all about the wonders of colored mucus. Colored mucus is a sign of a germ, not a virus, which is a common misconception. This discoloration requires medical attention, but there is good news. A germ will respond to antibiotics and you will be on the road to recovery in no time. However, a virus will not respond to antibiotics. A virus needs to just run its course and wear away on its own. If you have a virus, look on the bright side. You can always milk it for get free chicken noodle soup or a get well present.

In this time of unstable weather, one just has to remember the motto of a Boy Scout and "be prepared." Be ready for the switches between warm, cold and freezing conditions. Wear layers. And next time you are sitting in class and start coughing, cover your mouth! You don't have to walk around with a face mask on, but do look out not only for yourself, but also for your peers. And wear your hat!

The African Student Alliance presents five feature films beginning Jan. 28 thru Feb. 25.

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Combatting colds & their friends

Colds, flu, "the grippe," pneumonia ...

Recently it was reported that in the U.S. an average of 20,000 people die each year from the flu or its complications.

Here are three ways to fight back!

1. Make a special effort to avoid becoming sick with one of these illnesses.

Get vaccinated!

One of the more severe life and long-term health threats is the lung disease, pneumonia. It's little known as yet, but there is an effective vaccine against most of the more common kinds of pneumonia. For these vaccinations, it's critical to not be sick or have a fever when you get the shot.

Next, be sure to include the following list of nutrients in your food, multi-vitamins, and your other vitamins.

Take Vitamin C. Intakes of at least 1,000 mg per day have not only been found in some studies to cut the duration of such illnesses in half and to cut the severity of symptoms in half; but other studies suggest that this much vitamin C seems to sharply reduce the incidence and severity of secondary bacterial infections.

Include Zinc. Surprisingly, many people get too little; and it's apparently a good immune system booster. In addition, getting a total of up to 100 to 120 mg a day for the first two or three days has been found to cut the duration and severity of colds in half. It is imperative, however, to take 2 or 3 mg of Copper if you take Zinc.

Zinc and Copper interact; and not only will the Zinc do you more good with enough Copper to balance it, failing to do this can contribute to heart disease — according to several studies.

Lots of beta-carotene or foods containing it and getting at least the RDA, 5,000 IU, of the traditional form of vitamin A are thought to help boost your immune system and keep your mucous membranes and upper respiratory system surfaces healthy and harder to infect.

Taking deodorized garlic supplements regularly may also be a good preventive measure.

Other useful preventive strategies:

Regular exercise of sufficient intensity to warm you up or even make you sweat. Also, if you can afford it, careful use and regular replacement of a whole house water filter.

Try to have good relationships and social support groups. And make an effort to treat other people with respect at worst and with love at best. Studies show that hostility tends to reduce immune system levels and loving feelings tend to increase immune system levels.

Things like using paper cups in your bathroom rather than a plastic glass that everyone shares and is rarely washed; washing your dishes in a dishwasher rather than by hand in cooler water; having everyone cover sneezes and coughs; and washing your hands before eating have been shown to help you avoid coming down sick when other people in your household are sick or coming down with something. Also, when you brush your teeth, rinse your toothbrush thoroughly and be sure to knock the remaining water off your toothbrush before putting it up. This will minimize the growth of bacteria on it.

2. Take steps to help colds & flu go away quickly and soften their blow.

The vitamin C and Zinc just mentioned above seem to do this best when the extra amounts are started as soon as possible after you realize you may be coming down with one of these. With vitamin C, it can be helpful to take 100 to 250 mg every four hours in addition to your normal daily vitamin C — so that your supply of vitamin C stays high all day.

Consider temporarily taking the herbs echinacea and golden seal.

DRINK LOTS OF WATER!

This serves three important functions:

First and most important is to prevent dehydration!

Second, colds and flu tend to increase mucous and make it thicker. Too little water tends to worsen this process by thickening your mucous further and may contribute to the development of secondary infections.

Third, ample water may help your body flush out the invaders and the debris from their battle with your immune system.

Chicken soup really works!

Extra rest can help.

3. Take steps to recover well and quickly; and boost your avoidance efforts for avoiding these illnesses in the future.

Invest in a couple of new toothbrushes. Surprisingly, retiring your old toothbrush when you are about three-fifths to three-fourths through your cold or flu and clearly beginning to recover — and doing it again when you are just fully recovered has been found to prevent you from catching the same illness again — or prolonging it — by reinfecting you with the bacterial and viruses on your toothbrush.

Siberian ginseng and ginkgo biloba — particularly in combination — are two of the herbs that seem to help some people recover their energy better and more quickly after being sick with the flu.

Do anything else you can that helps you rest better or have more energy in healthful ways.

Use your current motivation to avoid future colds and flu to begin or plan to do the steps above that will help you prevent them.

The entirety of this article can be found on the web at <http://www.opendoor.com/IEHealth/Flu01.html>. Before trying any of these remedies it is advised to check with your doctor first.

■ NHL

Flyers slip past Islanders; Penguins top Blues

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Eric Lindros scored twice and had an assist and Rod Brind'Amour added a goal and two assists as the Philadelphia Flyers beat the New York Islanders 3-1 Monday night.

Brind'Amour's three points gave him 600 in his nine-season NHL career, while Lindros moved ahead of Rick Tocchet into seventh place on the Flyers' all-time goals list with 216. Tocchet had 215.

The Islanders had only three shots in the third period and posted a season-low 11 shots on Flyers goaltender Ron Hextall. New York's previous low was 15 on Dec. 22 against Ottawa. It was also the lowest shot total by a Flyers' opponent this season.

The Flyers are unbeaten in their last eight home games (6-0-2) and goal from Travis Green, are 1-13-2 in their last 16.

Philadelphia managed only 21 shots, four more than its season low, on Islanders goalie Tommy Salo.

The Islanders cut the Flyers' lead to 2-1 when Green scored on a 40-foot slap shot at 4:26 of the second period.

But Lindros' second goal of the game made it 3-1 with 11:35 left in the game. Lindros took a pass on the right wing from Brind'Amour, cut to the center and beat Salo high to the glove side with a 10-foot wrist shot.

Rich Pilon picked up a five-minute penalty, a game misconduct and a gross misconduct for checking John LeClair into the boards from behind early in the first period.

The Islanders were already short-handed, giving the Flyers a two-man advantage for 1:23. Philadelphia didn't score with the two-man advantage, but did score before Pilon's major expired.

Lindros made it 1-0 with the power-play goal at 6:11. Waiting alone in the slot, he one-timed a pass from behind the net by LeClair, and the eight-footer beat Salo low to the far side.

Philadelphia took a 2-0 lead late in the first period. Brind'Amour attempted a pass across from the right circle, but the puck caromed off the stick of Islanders defenseman Bryan Berard past Salo.

Pittsburgh Penguins 4, St. Louis Blues 2

PITTSBURGH

Ed Olczyk had a goal and an assist as the Pittsburgh Penguins scored three times in 70 seconds to chase goaltender Grant

Fuhr in the first period and beat the slumping St. Louis Blues 4-2 Monday night.

The Penguins scored on two of their first four shots against Fuhr, then got a goal on their first shot against Jamie McLennan as the Blues' winless streak extended to 0-5-1.

Fuhr appeared to be surprised on both goals. At 4:48, Darius Kasparaitis scored his third. Blues defenseman Jamie Rivers shot the puck around the boards and Kasparaitis wheeled and blindly fired it on net.

Olczyk scored his 10th at 5:44, beating Fuhr through the pads from the right circle. That led Blues coach Joel Quenneville to make the goalie change.

Alexei Morozov made it 3-0 at 5:56 when he took Olczyk's pass, broke in alone down the slot and put a shot over McLennan's shoulder.

Steve Duchesne ended the Blues' five-game, 0-for-18 power-play drought at 11:52 of the first. The goal also ended Pittsburgh's streak of 34 penalty kills, which had gone nine games.

Pittsburgh's Martin Straka scored during a four-minute power play at 16:02 of the second. Rob Brown made a good play to knock down Olczyk's pass with his glove and set up Straka's tap-in.

Pavol Demitra scored shorthanded at 9:43 of the third, pushing a backhand past Tom Barraso for his 15th. Demitra is tied for the NHL lead with three short-handed goals.

The Penguins are on a 5-1-1 streak and have a four-point lead over second-place Montreal in the Northeast Division.

The Blues haven't won in Pittsburgh since Nov. 8, 1990. They are 0-6-1 in that stretch.

Penguins right wing Jaromir Jagr sustained a facial cut when he was struck by St. Louis defenseman Chris Pronger's high stick at 1:28 of the second period. Jagr left the ice for medical attention and returned about five minutes later.

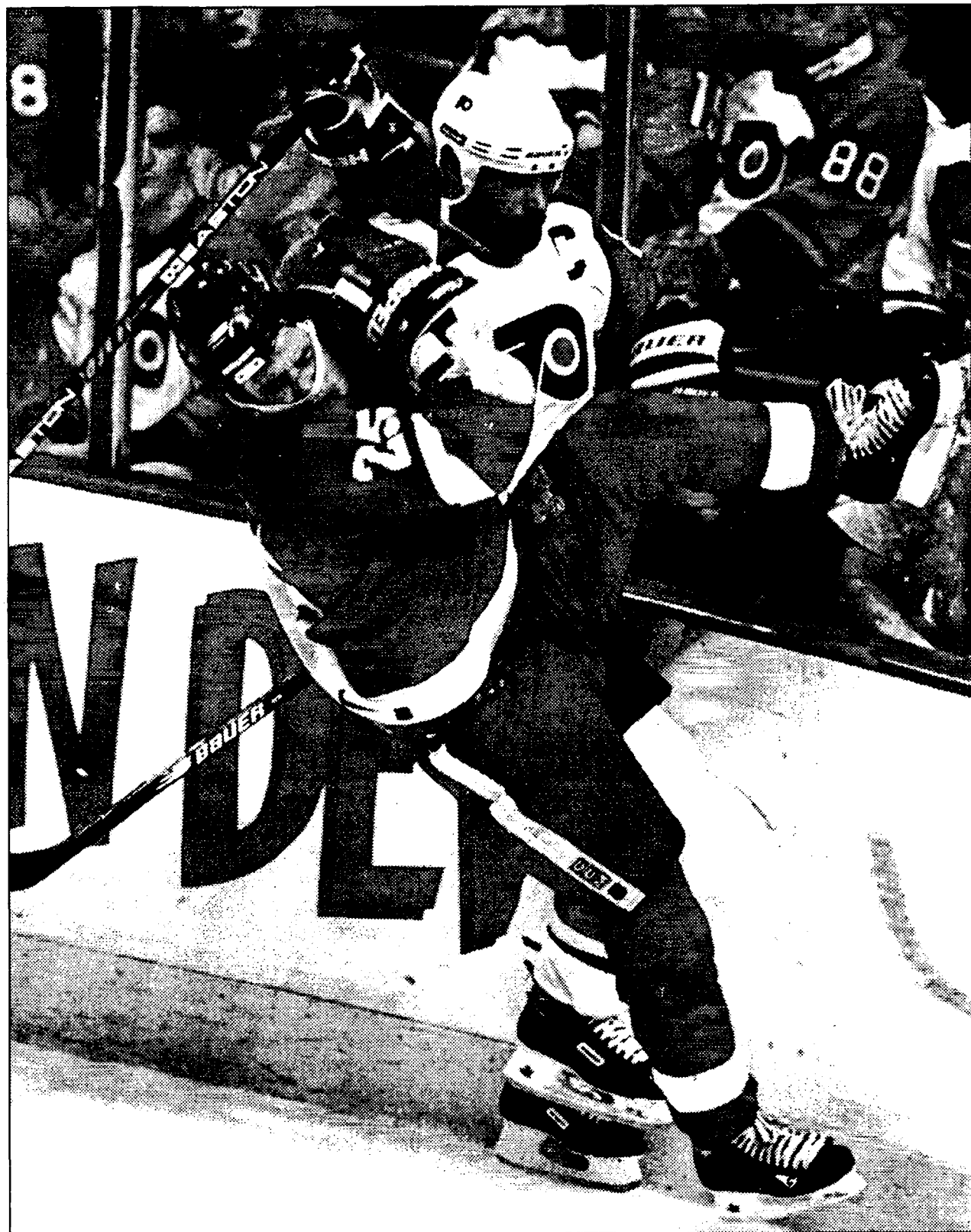
St. Louis is 4-7-1 since Brett Hull was sidelined by a broken hand in late December.

New York Rangers 2, Washington Capitals 2

NEW YORK

Andrew Brunette's goal midway through the third period pulled the Washington Capitals into a 2-2 tie with the New York Rangers on Monday night.

It was the 14th tie of the season for the Rangers, who are on track along with the Colorado Avalanche to break



All-star Eric Lindros' two goals and one assist helped lead the Philadelphia Flyers to a 3-1 victory over the New York Islanders last night.

KRT Photo

the NHL's all-time team record of 24 ties in a season, set by the 1969-70 Philadelphia Flyers. The Avalanche already have 16 ties. Brunette scored his 10th goal on the rebound of a shot by Sergei Gonchar at 10:21 of the third period, beating Rangers goaltender Mike Richter from point-blank range.

Adam Graves scored both goals for New York. Graves redirected a point shot from Jeff Finley past Washington goaltender Olaf Kolzig for his 15th goal at 1:25 of the third period. Graves had given New York a 1-0 lead at 1:11 of the second when he stuffed a rebound past Kolzig.

Peter Bondra made it 1-1 at 9:55 of the second when he converted Brunette's pass from behind the net for his 32nd.

The Rangers were without captain Brian Leetch, who was sidelined with a compressed nerve in his right leg.

Before the game the Rangers announced that forward Alexei Kovalev will have arthroscopic surgery on Wednesday to repair a potential cartilage tear in his right knee. Kovalev is expected to be sidelined for three weeks, keeping him from playing in the Olympics.

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I know someone who is....

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Dan loves to read. He isn't half bad at it either.

■ NBA

Bird accepts coaching duties

First-year coach changes mind, will coach stars

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS
Larry Bird, the Indiana Pacers rookie coach, changed his plans for a Florida vacation and said Monday he would coach the East in the annual NBA All-Star game.

Bird was a 12-time All-Star with the Boston Celtics but said he had no desire to coach in the Feb. 8 game in New York. The Pacers, however, earned the coaching honor for him by compiling the best record in the Eastern Conference as of Sunday's cut-off date.

After practice Monday, Bird said he would be happy to coach the All-Stars.

"It will be a great honor to go and represent the Indiana Pacers, no question about that. Hopefully, I'll have a few of my players going with me," Bird said. "Being from a small-market team and knowing we don't get a lot of press,

I think it would be good for all of us if I went and participated in it."

Pacers assistant coaches Dick Harter and Rick Carlisle will assist Bird in the All-Star game.

The starting lineups for the Eastern and Western conference teams were announced by the league Sunday, and the remaining seven members of each team will be selected this week by the coaches in each conference. The Pacers' Reggie Miller and Rik Smits were considered to have a good shot at being named to the East team and Mark Jackson an outside chance.

The Pacers (28-12) are a half-game behind the Chicago Bulls (30-13) in the Central Division standings but have a better winning percentage, the determining factor in the selection of the All-Star coaches.

"I would enjoy a few days off, but that would be selfish of me," Bird said. "I represent the Indiana Pacers and I should go. I am very honored."

Bird was the All-Star most valuable player in 1982 and will become only the third MVP to also coach an All-Star

game, joining Bill Sharman and Lenny Wilkens.

"As a player, I didn't like to participate because I don't like All-Star games," Bird said.

He said coaching the game in Madison Square Garden will be easy, however.

"You just sit back and watch them do what they do best, and that's play basketball. We'll give them a couple plays, but it's an All-Star game," Bird said. "They're not going to listen to coaches."

Pacers president Donnie Walsh said he never doubted Bird would coach the All-Stars.

"Larry Bird lives up to his obligations," Walsh said. "It's a hell of a tribute to the coaches and our players. It's a great honor for our franchise."

Bird will be the first Indiana coach in the NBA All-Star game.

Former Pacers coach Bob Leonard coached in the American Basketball Association All-Star game in 1970. The only Pacers players in the NBA All-Star game were Don Buse and Billy Knight in 1977, Detlef Schrempf in 1993 and Miller in 1990, 1995 and 1996.

Celtics finally take one from Knicks

Associated Press

BOSTON

The Boston Celtics ended their 21-game losing streak against New York on Monday night, beating the Knicks 4-85 behind 25 points from Chauncey Billups.

It was Boston's first win over New York since Jan. 10, 1993. The losing streak was the Celtics' longest ever against an opponent, while the 21 straight victories were the most by the Knicks against one team.

Antoine Walker had 16 points, six assists and seven rebounds for Boston, including a 3-pointer with under two minutes left after the Knicks had cut a 12-point lead to 84-77.

John Starks hit a 3-pointer for New York, then Billups made an off-balance layup and drew a foul for a three-point play that pushed the lead back to 10 points.

After the teams traded turnovers, Allan Houston hit a 3-pointer for New York. Ron Mercer made two free throws for Boston, then the Knicks

missed a 3-pointer as their season-long four-game winning streak came to an end.

Houston led New York with 21 points. Charles Oakley and Chris Dudley each had nine rebounds for the Knicks.

Boston led 72-61 early in the fourth quarter and 75-65 with 8:25 left before Starks made a scoop shot and, after a Celtics turnover, Chris Childs added a layup to make it 75-69.

Toronto Raptors 91
Philadelphia 76ers 87

TORONTO

Oliver Miller got loose for a go-ahead layup with 3.5 seconds left and the Toronto Raptors tied a team record with their third straight win Monday night, 91-87 over the Philadelphia 76ers.

Miller, who scored nine points, made a layup with 21 seconds remaining that tied it at 87.

Marcus Camby then lofted an inbound pass over Derrick Coleman's reach and into the hands of Miller, who had an easy shot for the lead.

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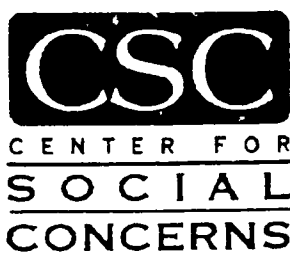
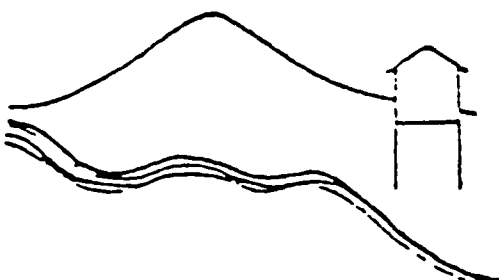
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■ MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame claims revenge

By MATT YUNG
Sports writer

Revenge is sweet, and the Irish had a craving for sugar when they faced Western Kentucky on Saturday. Western Kentucky dished out two painful defeats to Notre Dame in their last two meetings, including a win on the final relay of last year's meet; however, this year bucked the trend.

After Christmas break and productive training at Auburn, Notre Dame's men's swimming and diving team made a strong 1998 debut, avenging the defeats and winning nine of 13 events in a lopsided 137-94 victory over the Hilltoppers. The win moved the Irish to 6-1 on the season and provided the team an opportunity to readjust to racing conditions.

Sophomore Herb Huesman showed brilliance and set a school record in the one-meter diving and won both the one- and three-meter diving events to lead the Irish. Huesman's record performance of 335.6 destroyed Sean Hyer's 1993

record of 314.4. Junior Scott Zumbach won the 200 butterfly and the 200 individual medley to pace the Irish swimmers.

Sophomore John Lubker showed speed and endurance en route to his 500 freestyle victory. Mike Doyle, Vince Kuna, and Ron Royer finished one-two-three in the 50 freestyle, and James Scott-Browne, John Lubker and Grant Burrell performed the same feat in the 1,000 freestyle to help Notre Dame build a sizable lead.

While the Irish had many first places, the team's depth emerged as a key in the victory and will prove valuable in the future meets. This Friday the team travels to Bowling Green for some high octane racing against a powerful opponent.

With only four meets before the Big East Championships in Pittsburgh, and such success thus far, the Irish and head coach Tim Welsh are excited about their possibilities in the tournament, but have vowed not to look too far ahead and to take it one meet at a time.

■ HOCKEY

Wolverines hope to bounce back

By SHARAT RAJU
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. For weeks, the hockey showdown between No. 4 Michigan and No. 7 Miami was highly regarded as a test for each team.

If that is indeed the case, then Michigan is going to have to do some more studying.

The first-place Wolverines (14-4-1 CCHA, 20-6-1 overall) were swept by RedHawks (12-5-2, 17-5-2). Miami won 4-3 on Saturday and 3-1 on Sunday at Groggin Ice Arena.

"We battled hard and it feels like we should have come out of here with more than no points

on the weekend," Michigan right wing Bill Muckalt said. "But you have weekends like that and it's better now than later."

The situation appeared out of hand for the Wolverines after seven minutes into the third period in Saturday's game. The RedHawks went up 3-1 and quickly made it 4-1 after Miami right wing Marc Tropper and left wing Adam Copeland each scored within 20 seconds of each other.

"We tried keep the puck on the wall against them and take away their transition game," Miami coach Mark Mazzoleni said.

The Wolverines played strong defense for the remainder of the

period. At 13:48, Michigan freshman Josh Langfeld blasted a shot from the left slot past Miami goaltender Trevor Prior, cutting Miami's lead to two goals.

With 58 seconds left to play in the game, the Wolverines made it really interesting. Michigan goaltender Marty Turco was pulled to give the Wolverines an extra skater. Gregg Crozier skated onto the ice, took a pass from captain Matt Herr from just beyond the left faceoff dot, and scored top shelf on Prior.

"Coming back from behind on the road is tough," Michigan coach Red Berenson said. "And we finally did come from behind but it was too little, too late."

■ SPORTS BRIEFS

Shorin-Ryu Karate — This semester-long course meets in Rockne Room 219 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m., starting Jan. 29. You must register in advance at RecSports and the fee is \$18. A demonstration will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27, in Rockne Rm. 219. Call 1-8237 for information.

Ballet — RecSports will be sponsoring Beginner and Advanced Ballet. Both are semester-long classes with a fee of \$35. Classes will be held

in Rockne Rm. 301. Classes begin on Saturday, Jan. 31. **Downhill Ski Trip** — RecSports will be sponsoring a Downhill Ski trip to Swiss Valley on Friday, Jan. 30. The buses will leave the Library Circle at 5 p.m. and return to campus at approximately 11 p.m. The fee for those needing to rent skis is \$28, and for those who will bring their own skis, the cost is \$19. All participants must register in advance at RecSports on or before Wednesday, Jan. 28.

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■ NBA

Mourning, Heat fall short, 94-93

Associated Press

MIAMI

Rookie center Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 23 points, including a free throw with 1.3 seconds left that gave Cleveland a 94-93 victory over Miami on Monday night.

The win was the third straight for the Cavaliers, who snapped a 10-game losing streak at Miami Arena.

Trailing 88-81, the Heat rallied to tie at 93 on Tim Hardaway's 3-point shot with 21.4 seconds left. The Cavs then worked for the final shot, and the 7-foot-3 Ilgauskas found himself free on the baseline and drew a foul from Jamal Mashburn.

Ilgauskas hit the first free throw and missed the second. Miami couldn't get a shot off, however, as Dan Majerle's inbound pass was deflected as time expired.

Reserve center Vitaly Potapenko had 18 points and Wesley Person added 16 for Cleveland.

Hardaway led the Heat with

33 points, while Alonzo Mourning had 23.

With Miami trailing 88-86, Mourning missed a pair of free throws that would have tied the game with 1:54 left. After getting his own rebound, Mourning twice missed close-range shots.

Person then scored at the other end to put Cleveland ahead 90-86.

Hardaway hit a pair of free throws to pull Miami within 92-90 with 53 seconds left. Ilgauskas hit one of two free throws to give Cleveland a 93-90 lead, setting the stage for Hardaway's game-tying shot.

The Heat missed their first four shots of the game, committed three turnovers and fell behind 8-0. But Miami then scored 12 straight points and took a 36-23 lead after one period.

Cleveland opened the second quarter with a 14-2 run that featured 12 points by Potapenko, but Miami regained control for a 53-46 halftime lead.

The third quarter belonged

to Cleveland, which outscored Miami 23-11 to grab a 69-63 lead. The 11 points in the period matched a season-low for the Heat.

Phoenix Suns 96 Atlanta Hawks 91

ATLANTA

Rex Chapman scored 13 of his 26 points in the third quarter and Danny Manning got nine of his 19 in the final period as the Phoenix Suns beat the Atlanta Hawks 96-91 Monday night.

It was the fifth victory in six games for the Suns and the fourth loss in a row for Atlanta, which chopped a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit to 87-86 on Dikembe Mutombo's two free throws with 4:39 remaining.

But Mutombo missed four free throws in the final four minutes, and the Suns got baskets by Steve Nash, Mark Bryant and Manning to keep the lead the rest of the way.

Steve Smith led the Hawks with 26 points and Mutombo added 20.

The Hawks had their best start in five games, taking a 30-21 lead in the first quarter. But Nash triggered a Suns' rally by hitting a 15-footer as the period ended.

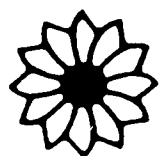
Nash opened the second with a 3-pointer to start a 9-2 run that cut was able to build more than a 3-point lead.

Phoenix broke a 56-56 tie with a 11-2 run keyed by Chapman to take the lead for good. Chapman had six points in the run.

Nash scored 13 points, while Jason Kidd had 10 points and 13 assists for Phoenix. Tyrone Corbin scored 15 for Atlanta.



Despite the efforts of Alonzo Mourning, the Miami Heat fell last night to the Cleveland Cavaliers, 94-93. KRT Photo



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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

'Cuse rebounds against Hoyas

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Etan Thomas surpassed his career high in the first half, scoring 17 of his 23 points before the break as No. 20 Syracuse routed Georgetown 84-66 Monday night.

Working against an undermanned Hoyas front court, sophomore center Thomas was 8-for-11 from the field and defied his 53 percent free throw percentage by making 7 of 10 from the line as the Orangemen (16-4, 6-3 Big East) broke a two-game losing streak.

The loss snapped a two-game winning streak for Georgetown (11-7, 4-6), which is danger of finishing with a losing record in Big East play for only the second time in the John Thompson era.

From the first possession, there was no hiding Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim's offensive strategy: Attack the middle early and often against a Hoyas team missing injured centers Jahidi White and Ruben Boumtje Boumtje. Thomas scored the Orangemen's first six points, and all but 14 of the team's 45 first half points came on inside baskets or free throws. Syracuse held a 24-13 rebounding edge by halftime, and Hoyas point guard Kenny Brunner, the Big East assists leader, had neither an assist nor a point.

Todd Burgan finished with 21 points for Syracuse, while Boubacar Aw led Georgetown with 15 before fouling out with 4:32 to play. Brunner scored 10 points with two assists before getting his fifth with 4:51 remaining.

A 12-2 run, during which Georgetown missed several inside shots trying to negotiate

Thomas, gave Syracuse an 18-9 lead near the midway point of the first half. With Aw — who had eight straight points over six-plus minutes for the Hoyas — providing Georgetown's only scoring threat, the lead grew to 20 at 43-23 just before halftime.

Georgetown twice cut the lead to 12 in the second half and got Burgan and Maruis Janulis into foul trouble. But Syracuse kept responding with baskets to prevent a big run — Janulis made two big jumpers just before fouling out with 7:56 to play — and the Hoyas made only 19 of 33 second-half free throws.

Syracuse, a 63 percent free-throw shooting team coming in, made 34 of 46 (74 percent) from the line.

No. 11 Princeton 59, College of New Jersey 50

PRINCETON, N.J.

Playing its first game in 16 days due to an exam break, a rusty No. 11 Princeton got 16 points from Brian Earl in a 59-50 victory over Division III College of New Jersey on Monday night.

Princeton (14-1) annually schedules a lower division opponent as a warmup after its annual exam break. It was the first time the Tigers played nearby CNJ (14-2), which is ranked No. 5 in the Division III coaches' poll.

Trailing by nine at halftime, CNJ missed its first nine shots after intermission. Earl scored five points in an 8-0 run during that time to give Princeton a 41-24 lead. An 11-2 burst pulled CNJ within 43-35 with 8:30 left, but Princeton scored five straight and 12 of the next 14 to open a 55-37 lead with 2:33 remaining.

Joe Amari, a high school

teammate of Earl's, led all scorers with 20 points on six-for-10 shooting. Gabe Lewullis had 13 points for Princeton, while Jamie Mastaglio and Mitch Henderson had nine apiece. The Lions got 11 points each from Bill Burr and Sean Covington, while Dewey Ferguson had 10 rebounds for the Lions.

Princeton showed signs of its layoff in the first half as CNJ came out swarming with switching defenses. Neither team scored for the first four minutes. CNJ opened a 9-5 lead and the game was tied 11-11 with 11:30 left before Lewullis' 3-pointer gave Princeton the lead for good with 9:41 remaining.

The Tigers opened a 28-18 lead before a 6-2 run pulled the Lions within six. Mastaglio drained the Tigers seventh 3-pointer of the half with 1 second left to open a 33-24 lead for Princeton at intermission.

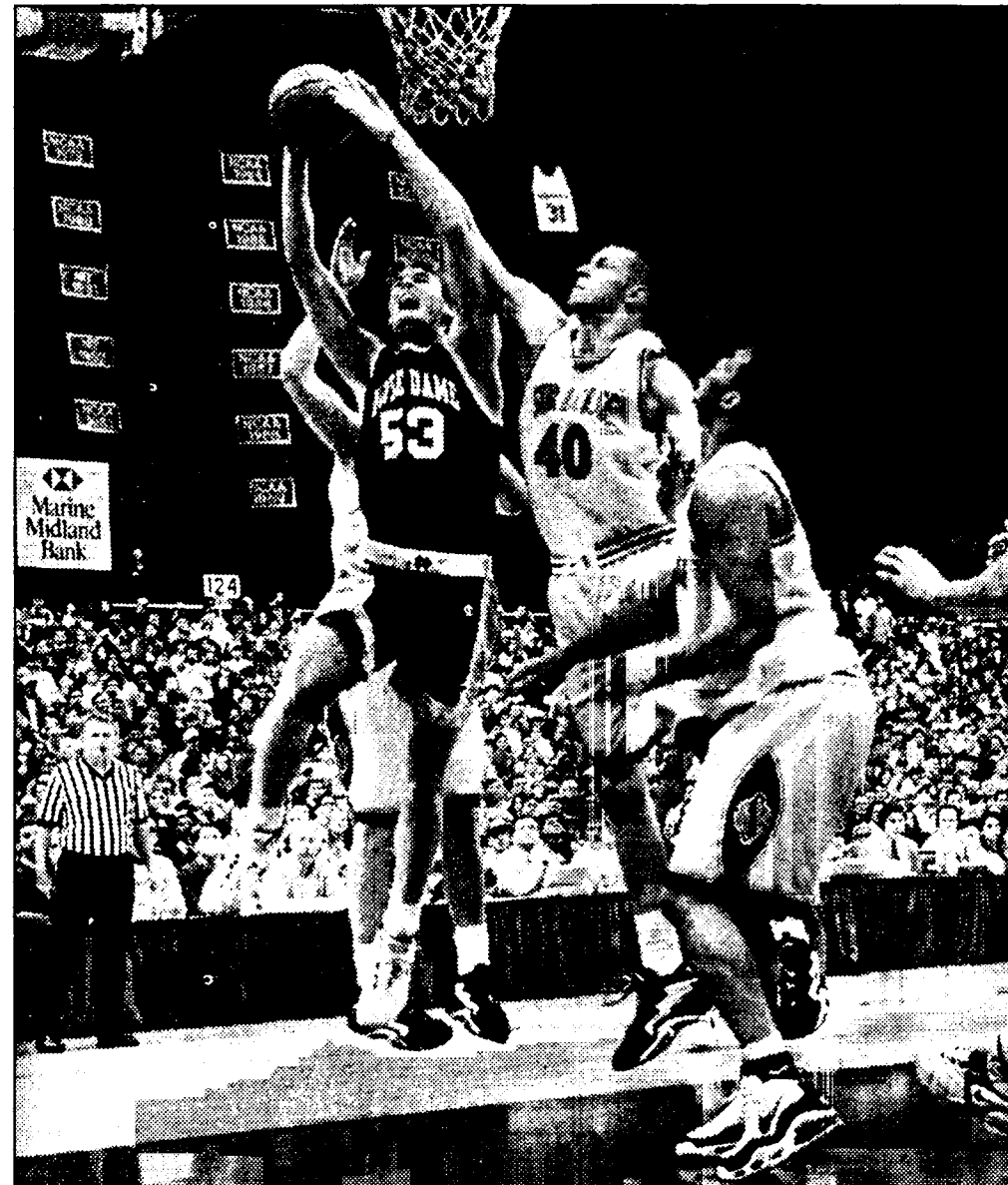
No. 13 South Carolina 79 Furman 52

GREENVILLE, S.C.

BJ McKie scored 14 of his 16 points in the first half, including three of South Carolina's season-high 11 3-pointers, as the 13th-ranked Gamecocks ran past Furman 79-52 Monday night.

South Carolina (14-3), in the midst of five games in 10 days, hit nine 3-pointers in the first half. The Gamecocks led 44-20 and went on to win for the sixth time in seven games.

Even South Carolina's sloppy play in the second half — the Gamecocks didn't score for more than five minutes after the break — did not help the Paladins (7-13), who were held to their second-lowest scoring total this season.



Syracuse's Elvir Ovcina, shown here attempting a block against Notre Dame's Pat Garrity, helped the Orangemen route the Hoyas last night.

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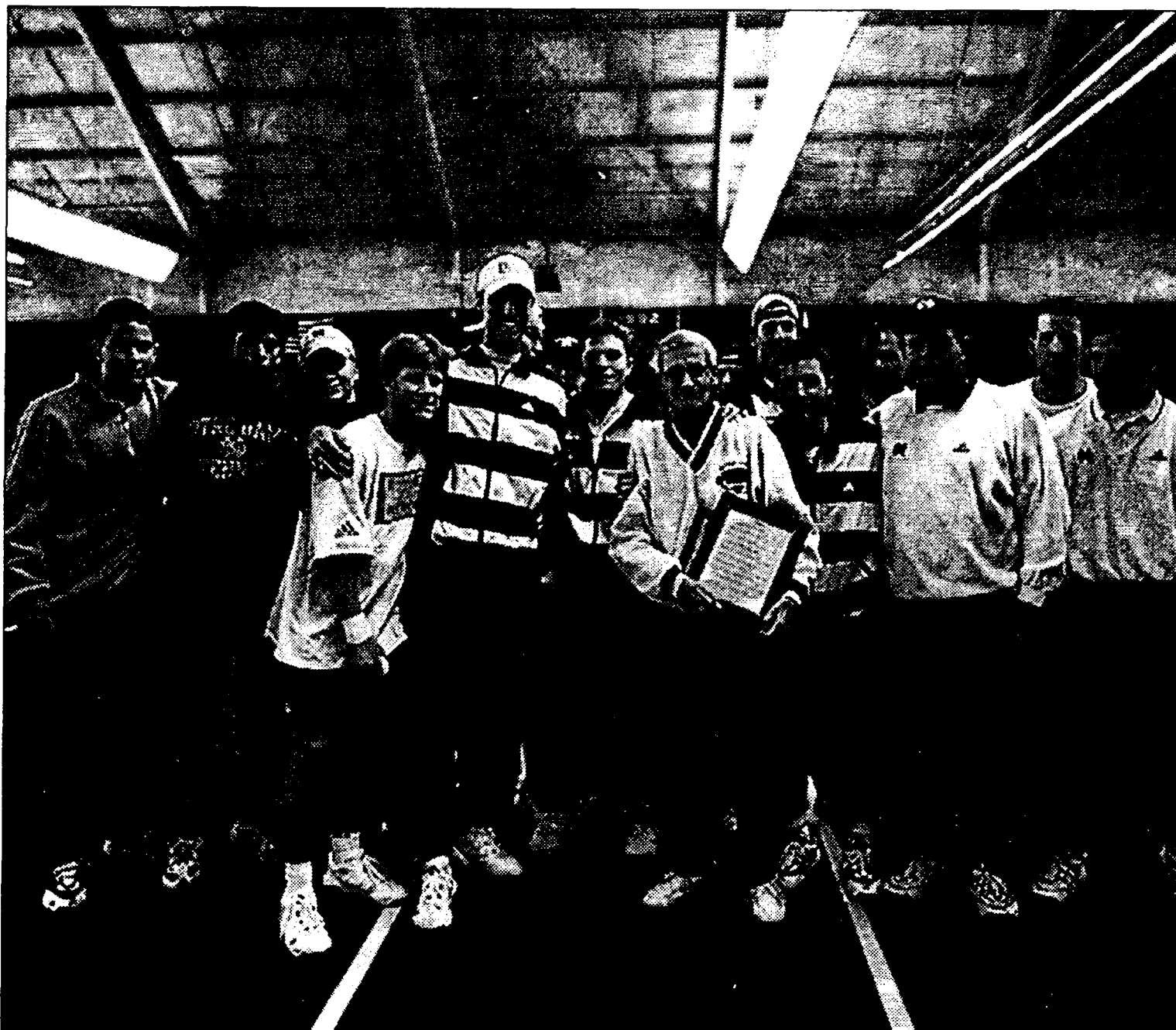
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■ NCAA

Athletes face new opportunities

Coaches see problems with jobs for athletes

By JEFF MCDONALD
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

The NCAA recently passed a proposal allowing college athletes to hold part-time jobs year-round, reversing a long-held policy prohibiting such a thing.

Somewhere, Barry Switzer is smiling — and planning a comeback. Just imagine the possibilities for some good old-fashioned cheatin' for Switzer, the man who never met a rule he couldn't stretch to the limits.

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What it all amounts to is a de facto cash payment, which, for the moment, is still a no-no in NCAA Land.

"We're opening a can of worms," Oklahoma basketball coach Kelvin Sampson said in a Monday teleconference. "I'm all for rules we can manage. My question is this: Is this going to have an effect on your recruiting in certain situations? Then we've created more problems."

Indeed, there is little to stop

an unscrupulous coach from abusing the rule to improve the Program.

But wait, there's more. All too often with today's athlete, going to school takes a back seat to going to the basket. And now with pursuit of the almighty dollar thrown into the mix, more and more players will avoid class like a bad case of turf toe.

That's yet another downside, Kansas State hoops coach Tom Asbury admits.

"It's great in theory, but it's not workable," he said. "These guys do not have time to be student-athletes and hold down a job. Something's going to suffer. There are two things that won't suffer — basketball and their jobs. So what's left to suffer? It's going to be their academics."

In an era when the NCAA investigative team already has to play Dragnet to catch rules violators, the last thing it needs to do is to create a loophole the size of Michigan's Robert Traylor.

For a better solution the NCAA should look to the root of the problem — the fact that an

academic scholarship can fall up to \$1,500 short of the full cost of attending a given university. If these scholarships showed players all of the money instead of a portion, there would be no need for an athlete to look for a job in the first place.

If it's broke, it needs to be fixed, not broken further.

"With all the millions of dollars they bring in, I can't understand why kids don't get that kind of stipend," UT head coach Tom Penders said. "I don't think you'll find a coach in the country who would be against players getting a full

Riley claims award

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame freshman Ruth Riley, from Roann, Ind., has been honored for the third consecutive week as the Big East rookie of the week.

She shared the honor with



Riley

UConn's Svetlana Abrosimova, as she averaged 20.0 points, 10.5 rebounds, and 2.5 blocks.

Against Syracuse, Riley registered career-highs of 29 points

and 13 rebounds, which marked the fifth straight game she had posted a double-double to become the first Irish women's basketball player to record five straight double-doubles. She was 13-15 shooting from the field in 32 minutes of play. In the Providence game, Riley scored in double figures for the sixth straight game as she scored 11 points, grabbed eight rebounds and blocked four shots.

Riley, who has played in all 18 games and started the last 12 contests, has been in double figures in eight games and has grabbed 10-plus rebounds six times.



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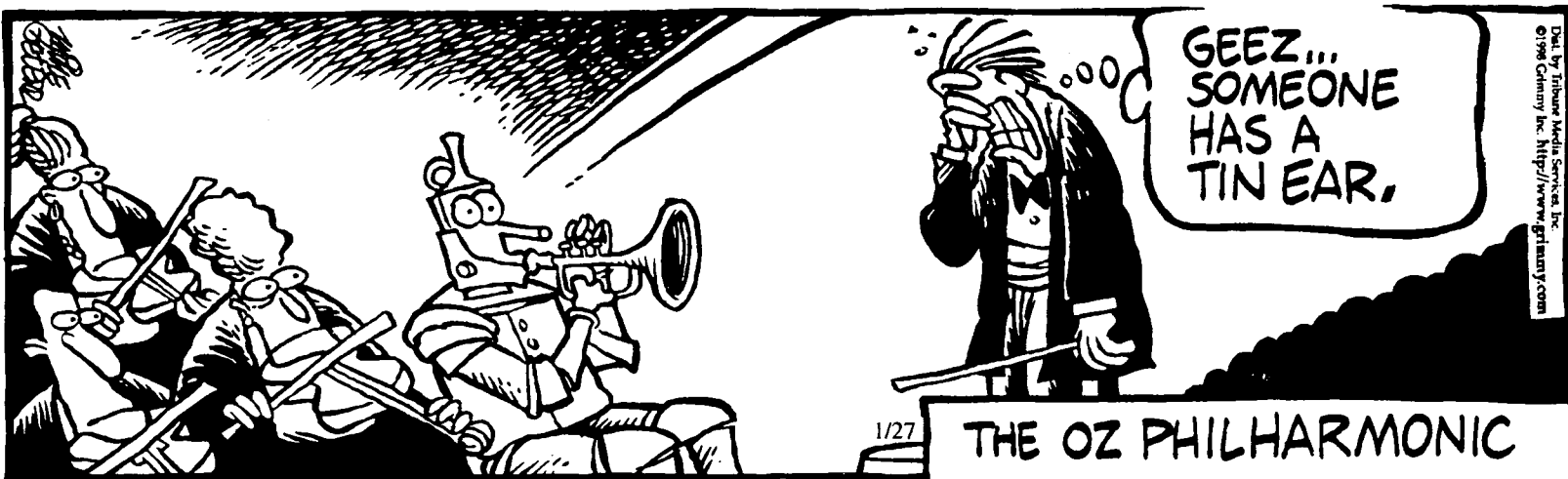
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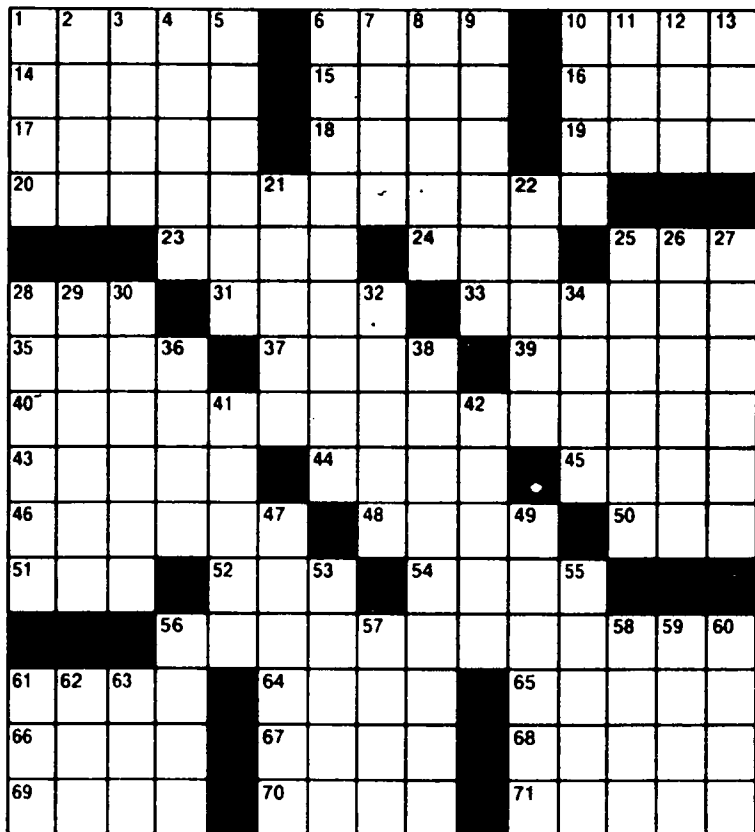
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 - 35 Official proceedings
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 - 45 Back talk
 - 46 Where some shoes are made
 - 48 Bring home the bacon
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 - 51 Martial arts expert Bruce
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 - 11 Anger
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Aries: Way to go Aries, at long last all that hard work is paying off. Make sure to make time to give yourself a giant pat on the back, and plan a vacation. Just be sure to take someone special with you.

Taurus: Make the most of what you've got Taurus, and don't be afraid to rise to the occasion. You should make time for close friends today, it's not always good to be a hermit.

Gemini: Your cup is overflowing today, and the Stars are shining happily upon you. Take your best pal out for a day of play, and enjoy the moment well you can. A good day for a train ride.

Cancer: Take advantage of your current fiery feelings but putting a little energy into love. See just how creative you can be, and you will be overwhelmed by the responses. Today you could even place a successful personal ad.

Leo: Don't let anything hold you back Leo. Remember: you have all the power of the Fire, the Sun, and the strength of the Lion. Your social prowess is at an all time high, so organize a wild, spontaneous gathering.

Virgo: Don't get on your high horse today Virgo, too many people are listening. It's a good time to be humble, and make a good impression. The fruits you will reap will be bountiful.

Libra: They say that Libras are the supreme rulers of peace, harmony, and justice. You may well be called to mediate a public debate today, so call upon the powers of Venus for some extra eloquence.

Scorpio: Scorpio, the sign ruled by both Mars and Pluto, is a little in an uproar today. You feel like being the life of the party, and why not? Just be tasteful in your attention-grabbing stunts.

Sagittarius: Fly solo today Sag, it's a great time to captain your own ship. People around you want your company, but you just want a little space. At times like these, it's okay to say no.

Capricorn: You are seriously in need of a little love, romance, candlelight and fine food. If no one is around to provide it for you, don't be afraid to treat yourself. Sometimes the best company truly is your own.

Aquarius: Since the Moon is currently in your sign, it's certainly a good time to howl. Make the most of your naturally gregarious nature today and you will be sure to get what you want.

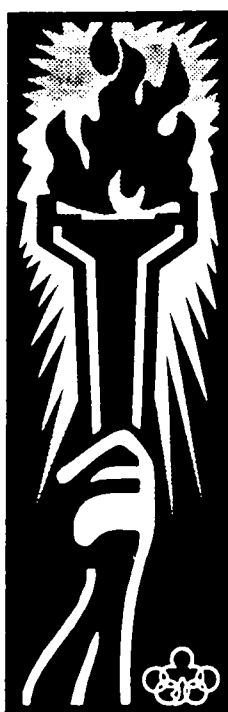
Pisces: You're under the influence of the Water Bearer and the element of Air. It's not as obvious as it sounds to suggest you should take a boat ride. Today's a great time for romantic encounters on the high seas.

■ MENU

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| Notre Dame North | South |
| Chicken Stew with Biscuits | Italian Beef Sandwich |
| Long Grain & Wild Rice Pilaf | Sugar Snap Peas |
| Broccoli Cuts | Italian Blend Vegetables |
| Tomato Soup | Grilled Chicken Breast |

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■ FENCING

Irish cap weekend sweep

Notre Dame opens up season on high note

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

The sweeping of league powerhouses in a team's first season matchup can give it the confidence necessary to propel it through the rest of its schedule. The fencing team did just that, beginning the NCAA spring season this Sunday defeating St. John's, Stanford, and Rutgers.

"[The tournament] was a

matter of us getting our rhythm," said head coach Yves Auriol. "Despite our fine play, it is the beginning of the season, and there's room for improvement."

"But the NCAA race will be between a handful of top teams, and we've already beat two of them [St. John's and Stanford]."

The biggest room for improvement should come for the men's foil, who lost at the hands of the Red Storm and the Cardinal. The only winning record for the Irish against these teams came from sophomore Chaz Hayes with a 2-1 record versus St. John's.

The squad will need to build on teamwork to put them on

top again. Said Auriol, "Their strength is as a team. By working together they can be excellent."

The team built its confidence for the day on the strength of Luke La Valle's play in sabre. His perfect 9-0 record included the defeat of last year's NCAA champion Keith Smart (St. John's). Epeeists Carl Jackson and Brian Stone continued their consistent performances with 7-2 and 5-2 records, respectively.

Sara Walsh's fine return to fencing in competition assured the women's foil team that last year's second place finisher at the NCAA championships is ready to lead the squad once again.

Junior Myriah Brown was right behind her, turning in seven wins for the day.

Fencing 1-3, senior Anne Hoos began the day weak against the Stanford squad,

placing the Irish behind early. But undefeated four-win marks by both Magda Krol and Nicole Mustilli against the Cardinal picked up the slack.

The entire squad started slowly, quickly falling behind St. John's. It took an entire team effort to overcome the early deficit and push Notre Dame to the top of the standings.

"The team has gained confidence with the sweep, but the early setbacks will need to be

mentioned to the team," Auriol said. "They should not be overly confident."

"It was surely a team effort," he continued. "I'm confident now that we will qualify 10 fencers (two for each event) for the NCAA tournament. The question now is whether we will win them."

The Irish will come closer to that answer this weekend as they compete in meets at both Harvard and Brandeis.



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With wins over St. John's, Rutgers, and Stanford, the Notre Dame fencing team completed its first weekend of the season on a high note.



FENCING SCHEDULE



Jan 31	Cornell, Harvard	at Harvard
Feb 1	Brandeis, Boston College, Duke, MIT (men), NYU, NC, Wellesley (women)	at Brandeis
Feb 7	Cleveland St, Northwestern, Ohio St, Penn St, Wayne St	ND
Feb 8	Detroit-Mercy, Lawrence, Michigan, Michigan St, Purdue	ND
Feb 28	Midwest Team Championships	ND
Mar 7	Midwest Regional Qualifier	at Northwestern
Mar 19-22	NCAA Championships	ND

■ TENNIS

'Super Fan' provides inspiration for Irish netters

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

Every practice, every match. He's there. Indoor or outdoor, rain or shine, South Bend or Montgomery, Ala., win or lose. Religiously, he's there.

He's not a team member's grandfather or a former coach, but for more than a decade, Irish tennis teams have listened for his trademark voice to crescendo above all other cheers. And sure enough, just when they need it most, it comes.

The frail man spotted with age marks cups his hands and lets out the slow, familiar, droning call. "Here we go ..." He calls them by their nicknames like an old friend would. "Here we go, Sach" or B.P. or Zeno. "Here we go, Irish."

"You'd always hear that cheer," junior tennis player Brian Patterson said of the man the team has dubbed "super fan." "You'd look up into the stands, and there he'd be just like you knew he would be."

Although Lou Gehrig's disease is deteriorating his body, Richard Bowman, as certain as sunrise, still shows up at every one-and-a-half hour practice. Picking up tennis balls, applauding lightning serves or

just looking on, smiling.

The disease has robbed him of his famous, beloved bellow. His words are now merely sounds with little distinction. Talking on the phone is impossible. Saying "I love you" to his wife of more than 30 years is an obstacle. Even chatting about the weather is complicated.

Nevertheless, even the deadly disease hasn't stop the super fan from cheering or straining to ask how players' parents are or what their classes are like.

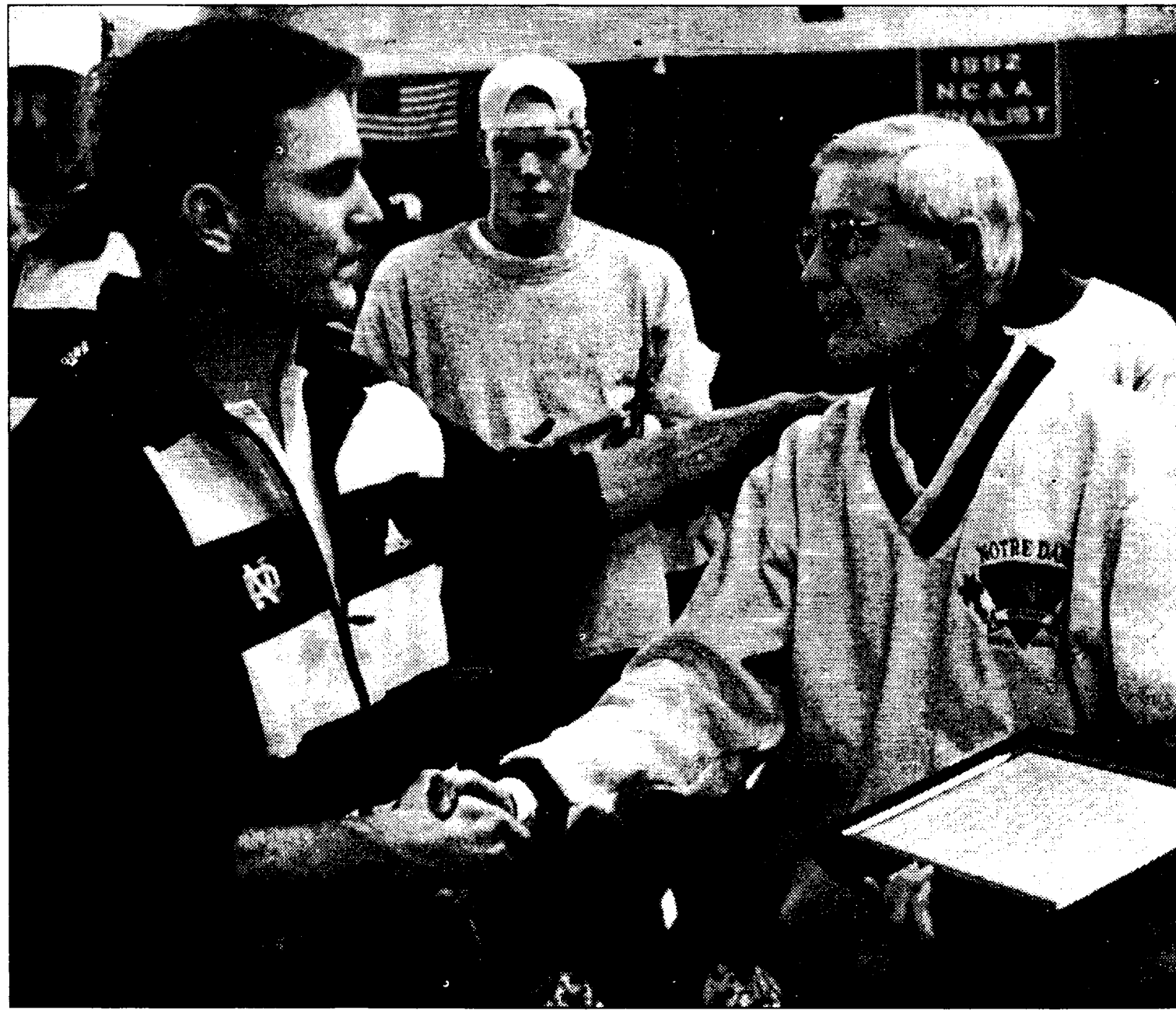
"It's amazing to me that with all the problems he must be dealing with ... he still has the strength of character to ask how we're doing," Patterson wrote in a letter to his teammates.

But why should anything change now? This is exactly what Bowman has been doing since he and his wife Yvonne adopted the team in the mid-1980s.

"We came over to cheer the team and found they didn't have a lot of fans," Mrs. Bowman recalled, speaking for her husband as well. "They put a lot of energy into the game and needed support. Since then, every Saturday afternoon was planned."

The weekend would roll

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Not even Lou Gehrig's disease has stopped Richard Bowman (right) from being an inspiration to the Notre Dame men's tennis team.



Men's Basketball
vs. Villanova,
Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball
at Villanova,
Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m.



Hockey
vs. Michigan,
Jan. 30, 7 p.m.

Swimming and Diving
vs. DePauw,
Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m.

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