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Breaking up Britain?



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Archie Brown (right), Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Kellogg Institute, lectured on the topic of "The Breakup of Britain? The Scottish Question in Comparative Perspective." A professor of politics at Oxford University, Brown has served as the author, editor or coauthor of 12 books. His most recent book, "The Gorbachev Father," has received awards including the Alec Nove Prize from the British Association for Slavonic and Eastern European Studies for best book on Russia, communism or postcommunism.

EDS case program challenges students

By LAURA ROMPF
News Writer

A select group of Notre Dame students had the chance to get a taste of the business world and the challenges they may face once they enter the workplace.

The EDS Case Challenge gave the University students this opportunity to solve real-life problems.

Bob Mintz, EDS executive president of human resources, said the challenge is part of the computer company's commitment to advance higher education.

"Our goal is to offer students a forum to test their business savvy against colleagues from all over the world," Mintz said. "It gives them a taste of what it's like to go head-to-head in the marketplace against the best. It's a real education in the workplace."

Notre Dame students who participated in the challenge were senior College of Business Administration students Anne Faust, Carlye Schuler, Greg Szilier and Patrick McIntyre. Participants were called and asked if they would be interested in the contest.

Although the Notre Dame team did not advance past the event's first round, participants agreed much was gained from the experience.

"The challenge was a new way of solving problems different from classroom experience," Schuler said. "The series of interview processes with the EDS associates allowed me to gain information from them."

"We learned a ton," Szilier agreed. "We learned how to work well under pressure. Also, none of us knew each other previously and we became so close under a

team working environment.

"This parallels the type of situation you have in a professional environment: you will be put with individuals you don't

know and have to solve a problem," he added.

Both Schuler and Szilier believe there will be long term benefits to their participation in the challenge.

"The challenge was good practice in a new setting," Schuler said. "It gave me real-world exposure to solving problems in a realistic business setting."

"I gained problem-solving skills and learned how to solve a massive problem in which getting the information was the hardest part — not necessarily finding the exact solution," Szilier said.

"For the rest of my life, I will have to use these skills when working with a group of people," said Szilier.

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BOB MINTZ
EDS EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

■ BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Eldred makes first appearance at group's meeting

President fields questions about Performa group

By EMILY McCORMICK
News Writer

Tuesday's Board of Governance meeting marked the first appearance by Marilou Eldred since the start of her presidency.

Eldred commended the Board for its leadership and energy at the meeting.

"The spirit on campus is really positive and the credit for the

good feeling is due to the Board of Governance and its leadership," Eldred said.

Eldred answered questions about the Performa Group, a consulting company, which has compiled a report that will make recommendations for handling increasing student population in coming years. The Performa Group has met with students, faculty and staff to determine what changes need to be made to the Saint Mary's campus to accommodate the increasing student population and will meet with the Administrative Council today to present a

detailed report, Eldred said.

The Board also agreed to



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MARILOU ELDRED
SAINT MARY'S PRESIDENT

donate \$700 for a conference at Texas A&M University. Last

year, the conference was attended by 10 African American students from Saint Mary's.

The group also decided to put money towards a contribution that the Student Government Association makes to Bengal Bouts, which benefits the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh.

In other BOG news:

• The Student Academic Council reminded the Board that the major of the week is Humanistic studies and next week's major of the week will be Religious Studies.

• Nancy Midden, student government vice president, also encouraged members to attend a luncheon in Haggar on Monday which will highlight women's roles in entrepreneurship. There will be three women speakers.

• Student Activities Board coordinator Janet Horvath announced that the movie "Ever After" would be showing this Saturday at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

The Verdict: Not Guilty

I'd like to start out by congratulating USC on defeating the Notre Dame football team minus its starting quarterback. Enjoy it while you can. Last Saturday's Trojan upset carries as much significance as beating the Venus De Milo at an arm-wrestling contest. At least that's what I've been telling my friends from Southern California who keep sending harassing e-mails.

Dustin P. Ferrell
Assistant Viewpoint
Editor

Fortunately, we have more important things to worry about at Notre Dame. We even have a collection of wannabe hippies to ponder styrofoam and other pressing issues. As for my part, I've personally curbed some of my bad habits such as cutting down trees in old growth forests, and I don't hunt spotted owls as regularly.

In all fairness, I commend those who have stood in objection to the School of the Americas, an institution I find questionable at best. Unfortunately I can only offer praise for the idea itself. In last week's PSA column, the authors felt the need to criticize the armed forces in general, then proceeded to detail their heroic efforts against the big, bad military.

Ignorant statements about the military don't bother me. In fact, I've come to expect them from sheltered college students. Dave McMahon's weekly installment of unintelligible garbage last year is a fine example. Still, I get tired of watching as people pick and choose facts to draw general conclusions about the military. While I object to the terrible things that have occurred in our nation's past, the overall conduct of our fighting forces should be celebrated and respected. Any and all wrongdoing should serve as a lesson to future generations so that these mistakes are not repeated.

Along the same line of thinking, many bleeding-heart students feel a great sense of guilt for what we did to the Native Americans or what we did to other groups. Sheila McCarthy goes as far as to express feelings of guilt for her part in the atrocities in South America, and compares them to the slaughter of Indians here in America. The idea that we have any direct involvement as college students is asinine. But it exemplifies the actions of many guilt-ridden people intent on clearing their consciences. We would be much better off without the nauseating accounts of those who want to "take their share of the blame" and feel better about themselves. While you're at it, take my share of the blame, too.

I'm not obligated to blame myself for what other people have done. I like to learn as much as I can about our nation's imperfect policies and actions, but I will not accept any personal responsibility for the deeds of "our ancestors." Speaking of which, my background consists of roughly 90 percent European ancestry, with the remaining 10 percent comprised of various Native American tribes, so I don't know whether to feel oppressed or guilty. If I ever come around, perhaps 90 percent of me will take the other 10 percent out for a mocha latte and ask forgiveness. I just need to figure out which is which.

As for anybody still harboring hateful feelings towards our military and our government, I'll be the first to wish you a safe trip to Costa Rica, or any other country where your conscience can rest at ease. Now leave the rest of us alone.

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

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Researchers uncover information about HIV reproduction

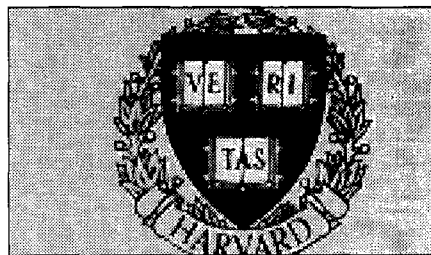
CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

A team of Harvard researchers has developed a new portrait of how HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, reproduces itself in a development that may provide clues for future drug treatments.

Through a collaboration between the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology and the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, researchers were able to take a snapshot of a stage of the mechanism by which the enzyme reverse transcriptase (RT) works on a strand of viral DNA to make new copies.

Understanding this mechanism may help researchers make new drugs that will serve as options in the drug cocktails — mixtures of three or four drugs — that have resulted in far more effective treatment of AIDS.

RT, one of several major proteins in



the AIDS virus, is one of the most important enzymes in the replication of HIV, performing various functions at different stages of replication.

Currently, one major class of drugs that fights AIDS, called RT inhibitors, tries to interfere with RT. These drugs range from AZT to DDI to DDC.

But mutations in RT — which lead to mutations in HIV — sometimes make these drugs ineffective, said Huifang Huang, a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology who served on

the research team.

"The virus finds a way to evade the action of the drugs that we come up with to fight it," said David Ho, a Harvard Overseer who won Time Magazine's Man of the Year Award in 1996 for AIDS research.

With an understanding of the mechanism, researchers said they have made another important step in combating AIDS, which killed 2.3 million people worldwide last year.

Higgins Professor of Biochemistry Stephen Harrison, who worked with the research team, said that while this is not "some major breakthrough ... in the history of AIDS research," it is certainly an advance.

"Here's one more small step in the direction of trying to make this process faster, better, more rational, more effective," Harrison said. "[And] it's a contribution I'm very proud of, incidentally," he added.

■ UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Officials mandate barriers in small bars

TUCSON, Ariz.

Arizona liquor officials Wednesday mandated that small bars and nightclubs construct physical barriers to separate people of legal drinking age from underage customers. Howard Adams, director of the Arizona Liquor License and Control department, ordered venues accommodating less than 1,000 people to stem the passage of alcohol into minors' hands. Issuing 21-and-over customers wristbands and hand stamps wasn't cutting it, said Myron Musfeldt, chief of investigation in Adams' department. "There seemed to be increasing problems that needed to be addressed in these all-ages venues," Musfeldt said Monday from his Phoenix office. "It seemed to be eroding and uncontrollable. It had gotten to the point that it was introducing young people to a club atmosphere and it was not good public policy." The barriers must prevent underage individuals from moving out of their designated areas.

■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

Undergraduates support strike

BERKELEY, Calif.

UC Berkeley's graduate student instructors should fight for the recognition and money they deserve, as long as they do not interrupt the learning process at the university, according to a sampling of student opinion. "I think it is a good thing as long as it does not hurt the students," said junior Anna Vrska, a psychology and molecular biology major. "If it becomes detrimental to student learning, it would become a bad thing." Other students supported the ideas behind the strike, but wished it could have been handled differently. "I absolutely agree with the reasons behind the strike," said freshman Ashianna Esmail. "But this is an institution for the students and I came to college to learn and to receive my grades. I wish people here were in tune to me rather than other political things." Freshman Jacquelyne Tobkin said she believed there were options other than striking that she wished the GSI's had considered.

■ OHIO STATE

House passes bill for \$112.8 million

COLUMBUS, Ohio

Ohio State is expected to receive \$112.8 million as part of a two-year capital construction bill that the Ohio House is likely to vote on Tuesday. On Nov. 19, the Ohio House Finance Committee unanimously passed the \$1.72 billion appropriation proposed by Gov. George Voinovich on Nov. 17. As it stands before review by the Ohio Senate, the bill earmarks most of the money for education. The funds include: \$505 million for construction and repairs of public school buildings and \$547 million for projects at colleges and universities. After the bill clears the House, the Senate is expected to vote on it Dec. 8 or 9. OSU officials appear content with the proposals. "We're very pleased," said Jill Morelli, university architect. "We haven't seen any modifications, from what came out of the Board of Trustees, to this point. We should see everything we asked for."

■ PENN STATE

University dismisses riot charges

STATE COLLEGE, Penn.

Penn State dismissed six students charged in connection with the July 12 riot yesterday, suspended two others and placed three on disciplinary probation. An independent inquiry by the Office of Judicial Affairs resulted in the disciplinary action. Many of the students dismissed or suspended are still awaiting criminal trials for charges related to the riot. Vice president for student affairs William Asbury said disciplinary action such as this is not unusual and these students clearly violated university policy by having a "substantial adverse effect on the university." The disciplinary actions were taken after deliberations by the Office Judicial Affairs were completed, Asbury said. The deliberations were spurred by criminal complaints forwarded to the university by the State College Police Department. "I hope people will understand that there are consequences to their behavior," Asbury said.

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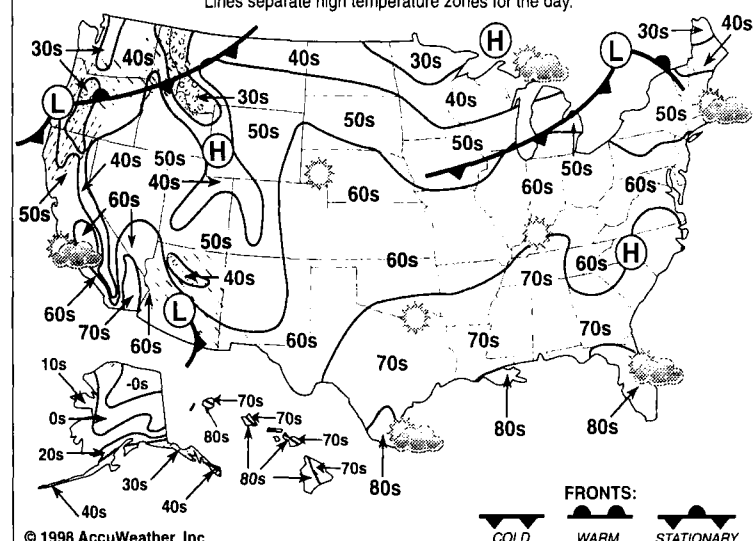
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Cleveland	47	60	Miami	72	81	Santa Fe	28	45

Male stripper pleads innocent

Associated Press

PLEASANTON, Calif. A male dancer who allegedly stripped nude at a Halloween party pleaded innocent to four felony counts of sexual contact with teenage girls, saying he didn't know the high school freshmen and sophomores were underage.

Steven Schmitt was paid to perform a 45-minute routine for as many as 50 girls — most of them 14 and 15 years old — at the party on Oct. 30.

"He was exploited," said his attorney, William Gagen, after Monday's arraignment. "He wouldn't have been there or stayed there if he had thought

the girls were underage." Gagen and Deputy District Attorney Deborah Streicher

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WILLIAM GAGEN
SCHMITT'S ATTORNEY

both blamed Carye McGrath, the mother of the party's 15-

year-old host, for sanctioning the party.

McGrath, 39, was arraigned Tuesday in Alameda County Superior Court on one count of exposing minors to lewd entertainment. She was scheduled to enter a plea Wednesday.

Schmitt was charged with three counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with minors 14 or 15 years old and one count of oral copulation with a minor under 16.

If convicted, Schmitt could face up to 12 years in prison. McGrath told investigators that Schmitt was hired without her knowledge but she let him perform rather than embarrass her daughter.

AYA program brings Brazilians to families

By BRAD UNTIEDT
News Writer

Notre Dame families will have the opportunity to open their homes and give international students a taste of American life by hosting Brazilian students through the Academic Year in America (AYA) program.

"I wish every family would host a student. Then they would realize how rewarding the experience is and how much love they receive," said Laura Weir, an AYA host mother. "You wouldn't trade the experiences and memories of hosting these kids for anything in the world. They come into your life as strangers and leave as a member of your family."

The AYA is a program sponsored by the American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that has been bringing international students and American families together for the past 17 years. Brazilian students from 15 to 18 years old spend the semes-

ter attending the local high school while living with area families.

Students are placed throughout the country with host families who share in the learning of a new culture and many new experiences. The students have the opportunity to participate in the "American way of life," while living with the families and attending school.

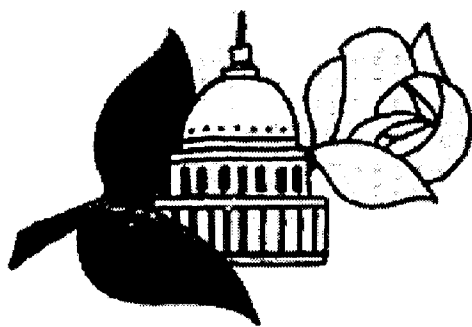
The host family has the opportunity to earn a scholarship worth up to \$500 on a variety of college or travel-study programs or academic year high school study-abroad programs.

The AYA places students from countries other than Brazil, such as Spain, Germany and the Netherlands. This year, the program expects to place almost 1,100 students throughout the country.

The students must complete a personal interview before they are accepted into the program and must be able to provide their own medical insurance and spending money.

Anyone who would like to seek further information about hosting a student can contact Andrea Baskinger at 1-800-322-4678 ext. 6078 for more details on this program.

MARCH FOR LIFE



Each January 22nd and 23rd, Notre Dame Right to Life sponsors a trip to Washington DC for the National March For Life on the anniversary of Roe vs Wade. We encourage you to join us this year as we work to protect the unborn.

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WASHINGTON

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18-year-old confesses to fatally shooting family members

Associated Press

MUSKEGON, Mich. — An 18-year-old man confessed to fatally shooting his parents, grandfather, brother and his brother's girlfriend on the day his father had threatened to kick him out of the house, a prosecutor said.

Seth Privacky was arraigned Tuesday on five counts of open murder. Privacky said he would have had to move out Sunday — the day of the shootings, prosecutor Tony Tague said.

The teen said he shot the five in their heads at close range, execution-style, Tague said.

Privacky's classmate, 18-year-old Steven Wallace, was arraigned on the same charges. Both were jailed on

\$5 million bail.

Killed were Privacky's parents, Stephen Privacky, 50, and Linda A. Privacky, 49; his grandfather John J. Privacky, 78; his brother, Jedediah, 19; and Jedediah's girlfriend, April A. Boss, 19. Their bodies were discovered early Monday morning.

Court records released Tuesday indicated that Privacky's parents became concerned with his psychological well-being last year after he was twice picked up for shoplifting. The Muskegon Chronicle reported Tuesday.

In a letter to Muskegon's Juvenile Court on May 22, 1997, Linda Privacky said a family doctor prescribed an antidepressant medication for Privacky and referred the fam-

ily to a psychologist for therapy.

After the arraignment, Tague told reporters that Privacky made his confession about an hour before the arraignment.

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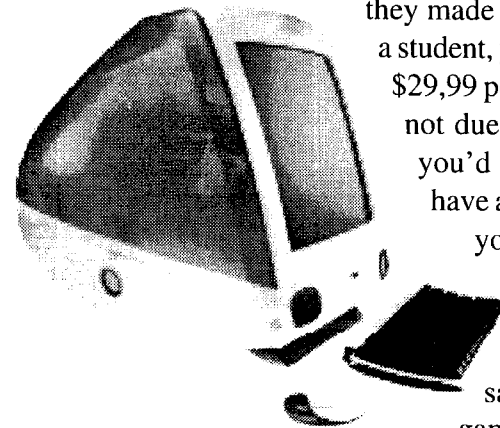
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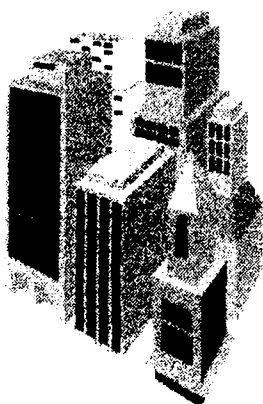
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Space station still nameless

CAPE CANAVERAL

If it were up to kids, NASA would be blasting off Thursday to build the Dudeship. Or the Milky Way Bar Stop. Or the Totally Rad Space Place. With hours remaining before the first space-station construction flight, the international space station still lacks an official name. For lack of anything better, NASA calls it the international space station or, worse, ISS, pronounced letter by letter by NASA, I-S-S. That's about as glamorous as a white, short-sleeve shirt and a pocket protector. It's not for lack of suggestions. More than 2,000 youngsters took part recently in an Internet name-the-space-station sweepstakes, and the most popular suggestions, reflecting the influence of TV and the movies, were Enterprise and Apollo. Other choices, all of which were forwarded to NASA: Dudeship, Way Out, Man, Totally Rad Space Place, Milky Way Bar Stop, Vegas, A Giant Space Thingy.

Christmas returns to Cuba

HAVANA

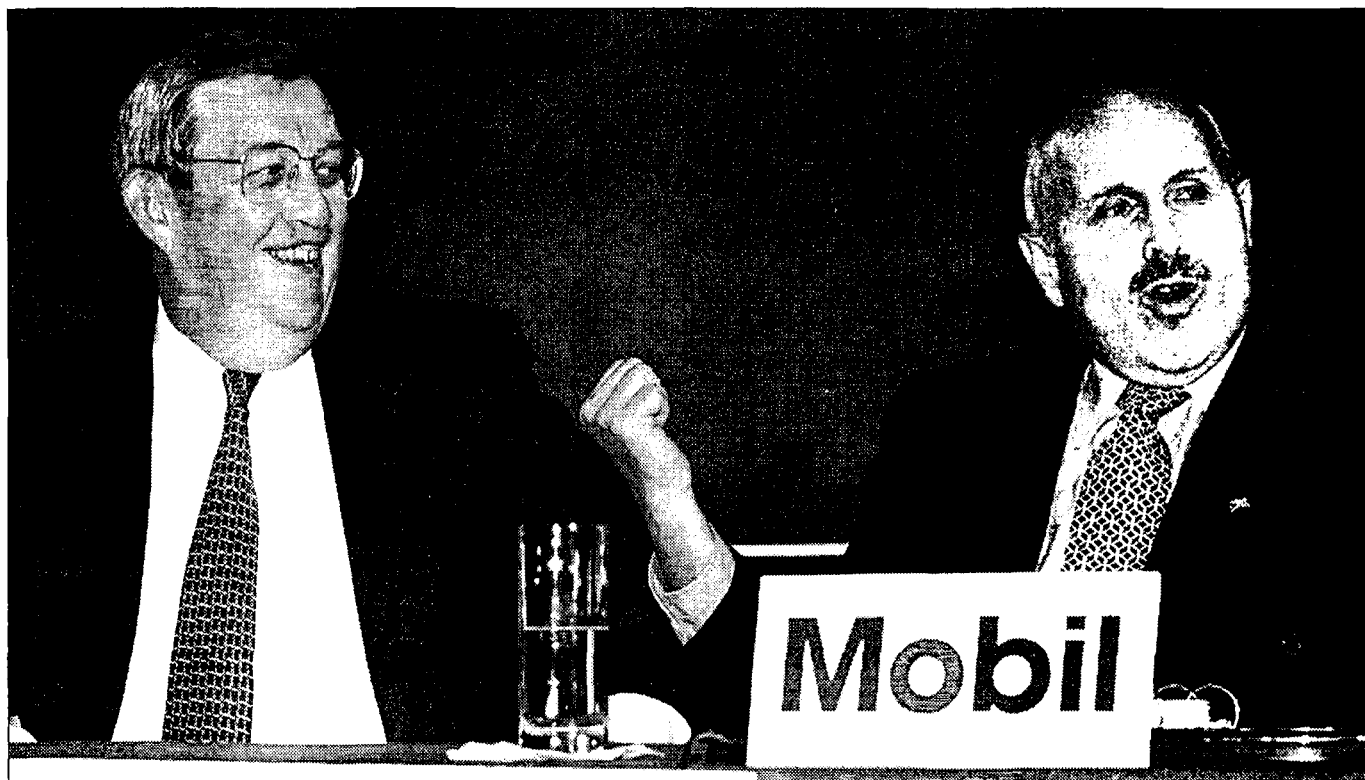
Christmas is coming to Cuba this holiday — officially, that is. The Communist Party used the entire front page of Cuba's only daily newspaper, Granma, to recommend Tuesday that "from this year on" Dec. 25 be a permanent holiday in Cuba. Adoption by the Communist government is assured. Ordinary Cubans — whether religious or not — welcomed the news, which re-establishes a custom the communist government abolished in 1969. "It makes me very happy," said Marta Soler, a secretary who came to the Our Lady of Carmen church to buy nativity figurines. "It's another day to rest — You can share it with the family," said Judith Arango Rodriguez, 26. Cuba's Roman Catholic Church issued a statement declaring it "highly values this gesture."

Impeachment hearing focuses on the effect of perjury

WASHINGTON

From judges and military officers to two women prosecuted for lying in sex cases, the House Judiciary Committee heard Tuesday from witnesses who said perjury undermines the court system and, if committed by a president, can weaken the military. "We're exploring whether there's one rule of law for the powerful and the rulers and another for the ruled," chairman Henry Hyde, (R-Ill.), told the 37-member panel. "I just think it's important to understand that there are consequences for perjury." Democrats said Republicans had staged the perjury session to rally support for impeachment articles, which House leaders hope to bring to a floor vote later this month.

UNITED STATES



AFP Photo

Lee Raymond, CEO of Exxon Corp., looks on as Lucio Noto, CEO of Mobil Corp., speaks to reporters at a news conference Tuesday in New York. The merger of the two petroleum giants will create the world's largest oil company.

Exxon buys out Mobil for \$77.2 billion

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

Pulling off the richest corporate takeover in history, Exxon will buy Mobil for \$77.2 billion to create the world's largest company and reunite two of the biggest pieces left by the breakup of John Rockefeller's Standard Oil empire.

The deal, announced Tuesday, joins the nation's two largest oil and gas companies. It's the latest example of rapid consolidation in an industry whose profits have been slashed by worldwide overproduction and weak demand.

However, despite the massive size of the new Exxon Mobil Corp., the global trends that prompted the deal are expected to keep pump prices at rock-bottom levels for now.

Exxon Mobil will surpass Royal Dutch-Shell Group as the No. 1 energy company and vault past General Motors Corp. as the largest corporation in the world, with \$203 billion in combined revenue last year. Exxon is about twice Mobil's size in annual revenue.

Company executives said Tuesday

they expect the deal to reduce annual expenses by \$2.8 billion. That includes the elimination of roughly 9,000 jobs or about 7 percent of the companies' combined work force of 123,000.

The decision to merge two once-fierce competitors was necessary given the increasingly difficult competitive climate, the companies said.

"We need to face some facts. The world has changed," Mobil chairman Lucio Noto said at a news conference. "The easy things are behind us."

Exxon Mobil will have about 48,500 gas stations around the world, with roughly a third in the United States, plus exploration and production operations worldwide. On a daily basis, the companies together produce 2.5 billion barrels of oil and equivalent amounts of natural gas more than Kuwait.

The companies' well-known gas station brand names — along with the Exxon tiger and Mobil's red Pegasus — will be retained. But analysts expect the companies will have to sell off numerous gas stations and refineries to satisfy government antitrust regulators.

The stock swap deal will give Mobil shareholders 1.32 shares of Exxon. It tops British Petroleum's planned \$58.5 billion purchase of Amoco Corp. as the largest corporate takeover and, at current stock prices, outranks Bell Atlantic Corp.'s \$72.6 billion merger with GTE Corp. and the \$69.9 billion union of SBC Communications Inc. and Ameritech Corp.

Energy prices have been hammered to historic lows by weak demand from the tattered economies of Asia and, more recently, unusually warm autumn weather in the United States. Adding to the oversupply is the failure last week of the OPEC nations to agree on production cutbacks. Also last week, Iraq renewed its oil-for-food deal with the United Nations allowing a partial lifting of the world oil embargo against Iraq if it uses the proceeds for food and medicine.

At the time of the Persian Gulf crisis in 1990, the wholesale price of a barrel of crude oil topped \$40. Today it's around \$11. The average price of a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline was 97.4 cents this week, the lowest since the U.S. Energy Department began keeping track in 1990.

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Palestine demands prisoner release

ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM

Palestinians stepped up their demands Tuesday for the release of prisoners jailed for anti-Israel acts, as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he would not budge on the issue.

"The leadership that threw stones is prepared once again to throw stones in order to free the people and to free the land," Ahmed Qureai, speaker of the Palestinian legislature, said at a rally for prisoner releases in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

The comments drew a sharp response from Israel. "The prime minister will not tolerate threats of violence," read a statement issued by Netanyahu's office.

Palestinians claim Israel promised at the Wye River summit last month to free 750 prisoners from political factions. Israel released 250 prisoners last month, but most were car thieves and petty crooks.

Netanyahu said he could not release prisoners who

had been involved in attacks on Israelis. "I will not back down on this," he vowed.

Ahmed Tibi, an adviser to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, appealed to President Clinton to resolve growing tensions over Israel's refusal to release so-called security prisoners.

Tibi said only about 300 of the Palestinians in jail had been involved in attacks that killed Israelis. The rest he described as "political prisoners."

The issue, which has prompted clashes between stone-throwing Palestinian youths and Israeli soldiers, is raising concerns about violence in advance of Clinton's Dec. 12-15 visit to Israel and the Palestinian-ruled lands.

The Israeli daily Haaretz reported that Israeli security officials had urged Netanyahu to agree to free more Palestinian activists to prevent rioting.

Demonstrations have been held almost daily in support of Palestinian prisoners, with some of the anger directed toward Arafat and his government.

- Wednesday, December 2, 1998

— Excerpt from The Offspring's 'She's Got Issues'

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Is ND Cheap? Tell me so I can not Listen

I am but a lowly freshman at this fine institution and as such have been on campus for only three short months. In this time I have become a relatively consistent reader of the Observer and have noticed, as was documented in an "Inside Column" from earlier in the week, that the issues which most raise the ire of our student body are, if nothing else, repetitive. In addition, the article noted, some students respond to these issues with such frequency and tenacity that the "Letters" department has become little more than a column for the select group which speaks out. In short, some people complain, while others merely complain about the complaining.

I must admit that I have yet to feel so touched by any such issue as to actually sit and compose my thoughts. Call it apathy if you must, but none of the controversial powderkegs planted by both the students and administration have genuinely raised my interest. Until now. I have run smack into an issue which I can not get past and which, I vow, affects at least potentially each and every student on this campus regardless of their age, race, gender and yes, even sexual orientation.

I'm not sure that Notre Dame will ever be accused of being inexpensive. In fact I'm sure it won't. Cheap on the other hand, well that's a different story. This morning at the conclusion of my gym class, I was informed that in order to sharpen my new and improving racquetball skills during my free time, I'd better bring a dollar. To rent a racquet. (Yes, I'm serious). If I want to keep both of my own eyeballs, woops, sorry, gotta' buy a pair of goggles. Disgust kept me from hanging around to find out how much ... if you're interested, call The Rock. When I got back to my room and vented this frustration on my dormmates who, incidentally, enjoy the occasional late night match of ping-pong available at our state of the art Rolfs Fitness Center, they laughed at me. Oh you didn't know? Ping pong balls are a dollar too. For one.

I suppose a more legitimate complainant would have researched such a gripe and found out exactly where this money goes. (probably the same place the mandatory ten dollar ticket to PE does) but I decided I didn't have to. No matter what answer I received it would be inadequate. Whether the cost is twenty bucks or two bits, I'm wondering why I have to pay (AGAIN) to use the on-campus facilities? Don't my parents, really don't all of our parents, already pay enough? Could they possibly try and tell me that the dollar is insurance of my bodily health while I play ping-pong, or is something else, say, a hidden slush fund to commission new and exciting modern art sculptures for the quads, in the works? One can only wonder ...

Maybe I'm being a little overzealous here ... maybe, you'll say, I'm just another giddy freshmen who has come to college and is dying for a cause of my own ... maybe ... maybe not. In my own estimation (and believe me, the chance of this getting published and causing for me endless hours of torment and embarrassment the likes of which could be assuaged only through transfer to a less credible, say, BIG 10 school, has compelled me to think this one over) this question is highly practical. If there is an answer out there I'd invite someone, anyone, to provide it as soon as possible. Not that I'll listen to your argument, but then isn't that what writing these letters are all about?

Paul A. Camarata
Freshman, Dillon Hall
Thursday, November 19, 1998

■ WE LEARNED MORE FROM A THREE-MINUTE RECORD, BABY

What Does African Reconciliation Have to do With us?

Here's a photograph — It's a hot November day an hour outside of Bloemfontein, South Africa. The sky is brightest blue. Long grass the color of honeyed toast carpets the land which gently falls and rises. There are no fences or phone lines. In the middle of the frame, at the end of an overgrown pair of wagon tracks, stands

Mary
Margaret
Nussbaum



Johannes
Kraalshoek.
Johannes is a wiry little man. He is just over five feet tall, has jutting cheekbones and squinted charcoal eyes. A 'Cat' tractor

company hat floats on his head of tight black curls, white wisps sneaking out here and there. His name attests to the Germans and Afrikaners who have claimed this land for their cattle, their missions, and their laws of 'separate development.'

But, Johannes is a Griqua, one of several tribes in the area, and he knows who this land belongs to. He is one in a long line of herdsman, their cattle growing strong in this dry corner of earth. Now there are no cattle anywhere and the herdsman's descendants live in the tin and cardboard 'squatter' houses in town. A scattering of clay bricks behind Johannes is what little evidence remains of where his family's house once stood. This photo is mostly of emptiness.

But, look closer, those squinting eyes are full of stories and full of wonder. The Southern African government

began moving Johannes' family, slowly, systematically, off of their land in 1920. The people were taken to tribal 'homelands,' desolate, overpopulated scraps of land that bred bleakness. Johannes left his ranch in 1974. He's spent the last twenty some years working for the railway, raising his children and cleaning white men's swimming pools.

He retired last year. Now he's coming home. South African history, like the people's history of the United States, sounds like a long sob. Separated by time and space, both nations tell the tale of independent European settlers escaping persecution only to turn and vanquish the people living in these treks of wilderness.

It's page upon bloody page of a class struggle, or a power struggle, or a race struggle, or maybe a noble struggle where guns all too often symbolize providence smiling, depending upon

who's summarizing. Whatever sort of struggle it is, anonymous men like Johannes Kraalshoek are the footnotes of the footnotes somewhere in the endnotes and they are the ones who get squished like mosquitoes.

South Africa and the United States lead the world in, per capita, the highest rate of gun possession, the largest prison population and the most churches. Until recently, South Africa had the highest rate of capital punishment.

Both nations see things in black and white. We tend to think of our civil rights struggle as one that 'ended' around the dawn of the disco era and occasionally snags us in awkward conversations about O.J.'s glove, or why the car doors need to be locked in certain neighborhood, or admission to California law schools. We have the suburbs, they have the townships. We are much, much farther along.

But these struggles; they are variations on a theme. For South Africans the wounds are raw.

Four short years ago, political 'comrades' were still disappearing in the night and the police were torturing tactfully, so as not to leave marks.

Four short years ago, Johannes' dream of returning home was only that, a dream.

This November, with 15 other Griquas and a small herd of cattle, he came home. This, perhaps, is when hope and history rhyme. The South African government, under the leadership of Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress, is trying something new. They are

trying, in the word used by Nobel Peace Prize recipient Archbishop Desmond Tutu, to "reconcile." It's a brave and brutal thing to watch.

It gets messy because everyone, oppressor and oppressed, is dirty and now everyone must jump in the same cleansing waters together. Head first. The socialists have a say; land is being redistributed. But, it's being bought back at market value, the capitalist way.

The former security forces and resistance forces are answering to their victims through the arduous Truth and Reconciliation Commission proceedings. But, unlike the blanket amnesty granted to retreating Latin American juntas or the more punitive justice of the Nuremberg trials, the TRC is holding truth (with amnesty as the incentive) above all else. Mothers ask booted men, "where are my child's bones?" Everyone waits for the answer.

Mandela abolished the death penalty and the courts are being told to exercise their teaching capacity, not deliver Pavlovian shocks of sentences. Churches in Cape Town post signs for weekly 'reconciliation' meetings where you sit and talk to your neighbors who are so foreign to you. South Africans are starting to tell the truth about who they are, where they've been, what's been lost and what can be done. It may never end. But this is what political leaders can do. They can signal the time for a changing of seasons ... to everything turn, turn, turn ...

There is really no reason why any of us should give a damn about Johannes Kraalshoek. He is a tiny speck on this golden landscape, tinier still in the maelstrom of South African history and truly inconsequential to an undergrad in Indiana with papers to write.

He doesn't need a government 'handout.' He certainly doesn't need the knee-jerk reactions of guilt-laden leftists. But we need him, and desperately. We are so tainted by the sordid soap opera that 'politics' has come to mean, that we've forgotten it's most basic application: who gets what, when and how.

We, by virtue of our apathy, will let that star-spangled thing that everybody wants, a representative democracy, slip away. We're Americans, we're like the pretty prom queen that you're scared to turn your back on. We've got it all: fast cars, faster computers, full bellies, heroin, Hollywood and higher education. So who needs Mandela and all of this talk of consciousness? Who needs an old, tattered Griqua man and his old, tarnished dream?

We do, desperately.

Johannes has a few

months before the rainy season. First, he says, he is going to clear the thick moss film from the spring. Then he is going to rebuild the houses. He will have to get many more cattle to support the 400 Griquas who are joining him and he has much to teach his city-raised grandchildren about ranching. This is his retirement.

This is the sweating man that folks in air-conditioned offices would like to write off as a lazy-good-for-nothing leech. Is it the afternoon light, or is Johannes glowing? He walks through the rubble; "this was my kitchen; the sleeping room ..." He laughs recalling how his father would holler for coffee and how he and his brother would squabble over who had to rise and milk the goats. He climbs to a lone tree on the hill and tells of how, under its gracious shade, his father taught him to paint. They painted pictures of this lonesome landscape. He'll return here with his grandchildren. The days will be long and the work exhausting. But, this is where his treasure lies, and so to, his heart.

Johannes sees us off. "Next time you see me," he says, "I'll be fat." There's a rustling. Is it the wind in the grass or the rustling of wings — those feathered soul dwellers — the birds of hope, alighting on his shoulders? They carry him away. We're caught in the breeze.

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The views expressed in this column are those of The Author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



album reviews



Photo courtesy of Capricorn Records

311

Live

Capricorn Records

★ (out of five)

Recently the trend in the music world has been to follow up a couple of successful studio releases with a live compilation. Bands such as Counting Crows and Dave Matthews Band have released strong live albums that have nicely complemented their small amount of studio work. Now 311 is trying to stick to the trend with their latest album simply titled *Live*. A couple summers ago, I was coerced to attend a 311 concert with a few of my buddies. This unremarkable experience gives me great insight to attempt to review the crap 311 has packaged and made available for the American public. Some of the same silly shenanigans that occurred at that concert are regurgitated on this CD. Only this time the pain is not as severe because I am able to stop the CD player whenever I want.

Live is high on energy and low on musicianship. The album starts out with the explosive track "Down." The expert drumming of Chad Sexton, probably the only good musician in the group, anchors the song. Even the rapping of vocalist SA Martinez is fairly tolerable, ignoring the fact that he is from Omaha, NE and not Compton.

Other tracks offer rays of hope, such as the party song "Freak Out" and the adrenaline-filled "Homebrew." It's too bad that the band only shows glimpses of being decent as they plow through their short songs.

Guitarist Tim Mahoney could be decent if his guitar wasn't so heavily distorted on every single song. Although his work on "Beautiful Disaster" is acceptable, his solo

on "Nix Hex" is so cheesy and distorted that it sounds like a stereo shorting out. Bassist P-Nut (yeah, that's what they call him) is a mediocre bassist that tries to be like Flea on every track, including "Feels So Good."

Co-lead vocalist SA Martinez could be somewhat entertaining, that is if his darned voice wasn't higher than my eight year old sister's. His rapping on "Galaxy" is simply ridiculous. And that brings us to the leader of the band: Nick Hexum. This man has the most annoying voice on this planet. He tries to rap; it doesn't work. He tries to sing; it doesn't work. He tries to sing reggae; that definitely doesn't work. His songs, designed to accommodate the attention span of a chimpanzee, are very short and very pointless.

Some bands should just not be putting out live albums. Ok, if I had it my way some bands wouldn't be putting out any albums at all. 311 has shown with this album that they are an annoying group with bad songs and bad musicians. They should regroup before their next studio album, and probably never release another live album again. Do not be fooled by the funky cover art: 311's *Live* is a dead effort.

Geoff Rabie

Peter Wolf Fool's Parade Polygram Records

★★★★ (out of five)

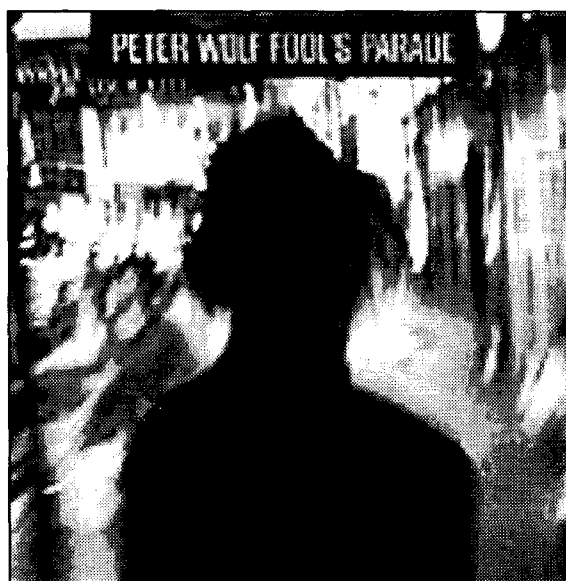


Photo courtesy of Polygram Records

After reading the heading to this review, you are probably wondering who this Peter Wolf character is. Is he some new, groundbreaking, solo artist that is emerging from obscurity to superstardom? Or, is he the next Snoop Doggy Dogg? You probably don't have a clue even though I'm sure you've heard his music before.

For years, Peter Wolf sang in the J. Geils Band. Who, in case you're not familiar with The J Geils Band, was responsible for the timeless 80s anthem, "Centerfold." Yes, the gaunt, wiry guy dancing on the top of school desks and drawing on chalkboards in the video is Peter Wolf. So, now you at least get a picture of who I'm talking about.

Since The J. Geils Band broke up in 1983, Wolf has gone on to pursue a solo career. He has released four, barely noteworthy, albums before this current release of *Fool's Parade*. All of his previous albums just seemed to be missing something. But *Fool's Parade* is different. Wolf, himself, calls this his "most intimate and personal work." The album is dedicated to his mother who passed away just before he went into the studio to record this album.

The music on *Fool's Parade* is good. Wolf begins the CD with the soulful and reminiscent "Long Way Back Again," which really summarizes his attempt, after his success with The J Geils Band, to climb back to the top. His soulful sounds invoke images of the great soul singers. His songs remind you of Al Green, Wilson Pickett and Otis Redding. This album also sounds a little like Wolf's friend and former roommate, Van Morrison.

His songs are personal and true. They are pretty easy to relate to your own life. He sings about struggling, hard lessons finally learned and the cost of a lost love. My

favorite track on the album is "The Cold Heart of the Stone." It's a look back into the crazy days of his youth.

On this album, Wolf tugs the heartstrings and forces you to relate the songs to your own life. *Fool's Parade* is a powerful album that provokes philosophical thought on life and hardship. Which isn't too bad for a white guy that used to sing about his angel, the centerfold and something called a freeze frame.

Although this album is reminiscent of those great artists, I don't think Peter Wolf will be mentioned in the same breath. On the whole, *Fool's Parade* is a good album. Wolf provides the slow jams and the rock 'n' roll. The only problem is Wolf doesn't do anything that hasn't been done before. These songs of heartache and remembrance have been sung by many and will be sung by many more. Wolf can definitely sing them, but because he wasn't one of the first, he won't be recognized as one of the great soul singers. That doesn't mean you people can't listen to him though.

How many more times can you stand listening to "Brown-Eyed Girl" and "Moondance" anyway? How many more 311 or Bush albums can you listen to? Who can take all that aggression all the time? If you're sick of hearing distorted, post-grunge and old classics all the time, give Peter Wolf a listen. Take a class in good old rock 'n' soul-he was making records before the guys in 311 and Bush were born anyway.

Joe Larson

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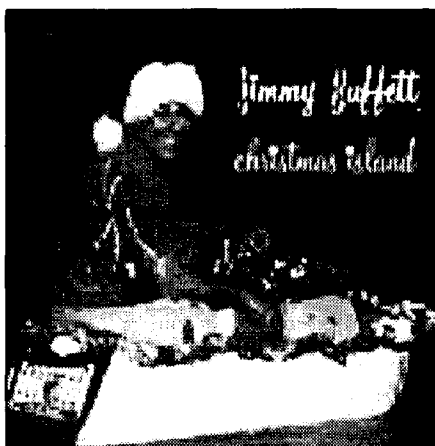
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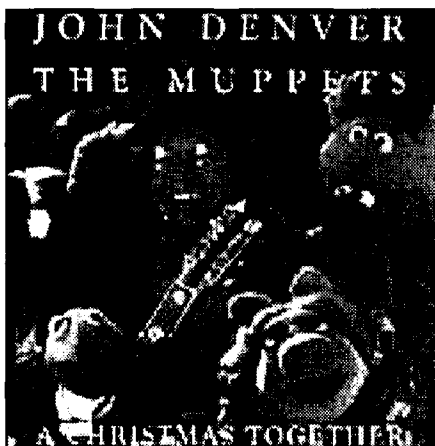
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Koko Taylor	Dec. 3	Patio Lounge
Neil Diamond	Dec. 7	Roberts Stadium
Bruce Hornsby	Dec. 7	Vogue Theatre
KISS	Dec. 13	Market Sq. Arena
Better Than Ezra	Dec. 17	Vogue Theatre
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Tori Amos	Dec. 2	Van Andel Arena (G. Rapids)
Dave Matthews Band	Dec. 10	Palace of Auburn Hills
Candlebox	Dec. 11	Mich. Theatre (Ann Arbor)
Beck	Dec. 20	Joe Louis Arena (Detroit)
Garbage	Dec. 20	Joe Louis Arena (Detroit)
Barenaked Ladies	Dec. 27	Van Andel Arena (G. Rapids)
Edwin McCain	Jan. 1	St. Andrews Hall (Detroit)
Ekoostik Hookah	Jan. 15	Magic Bag (Ferndale, MI)

■ NFL

Leg injury puts Young down for the count

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. Bryant Young's agonized scream as he collapsed told Tim McDonald all he needed to know about his teammate's gruesome injury.

"I understand how the leg bends and it wasn't bending like it was supposed to," McDonald said.

Young, one of the league's best players and the San Francisco 49ers' defensive anchor, underwent surgery Tuesday at Stanford Hospital, the day after fracturing both bones in his lower right leg in a freak, sickening collision on the field.

Team physician Dr. Michael Dillingham inserted a metal rod into the tibia, the main weight-bearing bone between the knee and ankle.

The fibula, a smaller supporting bone, was set and will be allowed to heal on its own. He's out for the rest of this season and could miss a part of next season, as well.

"With all things considered, he seemed to be in good spirits and certainly he's getting a lot of support," said coach Steve Mariucci, who visited Young in the hospital before the surgery.

"In speaking with Dr. Dillingham about the prognosis, he shared with me that there's a good possibility that B.Y. will play next season. Obviously, there are no guarantees, because a lot of healing has to take place and things have to go right."

Dillingham estimated Young would need eight to nine months of rehabilitation before trying to play again. Mariucci said former 49ers center Jesse Sapolu suffered a similar injury early in his career and was able to come back and resume a productive career.

"It's quite a loss for us," said Mariucci, who choked up at times as he spoke of Young. "It's a similar situation to when we lost Jerry Rice, which also was devastating and we needed to regroup and rally and pick up the slack."

Added defensive tackle Junior Bryant: "There is not one person that is going to compensate for him. It is going to have to be all of us."

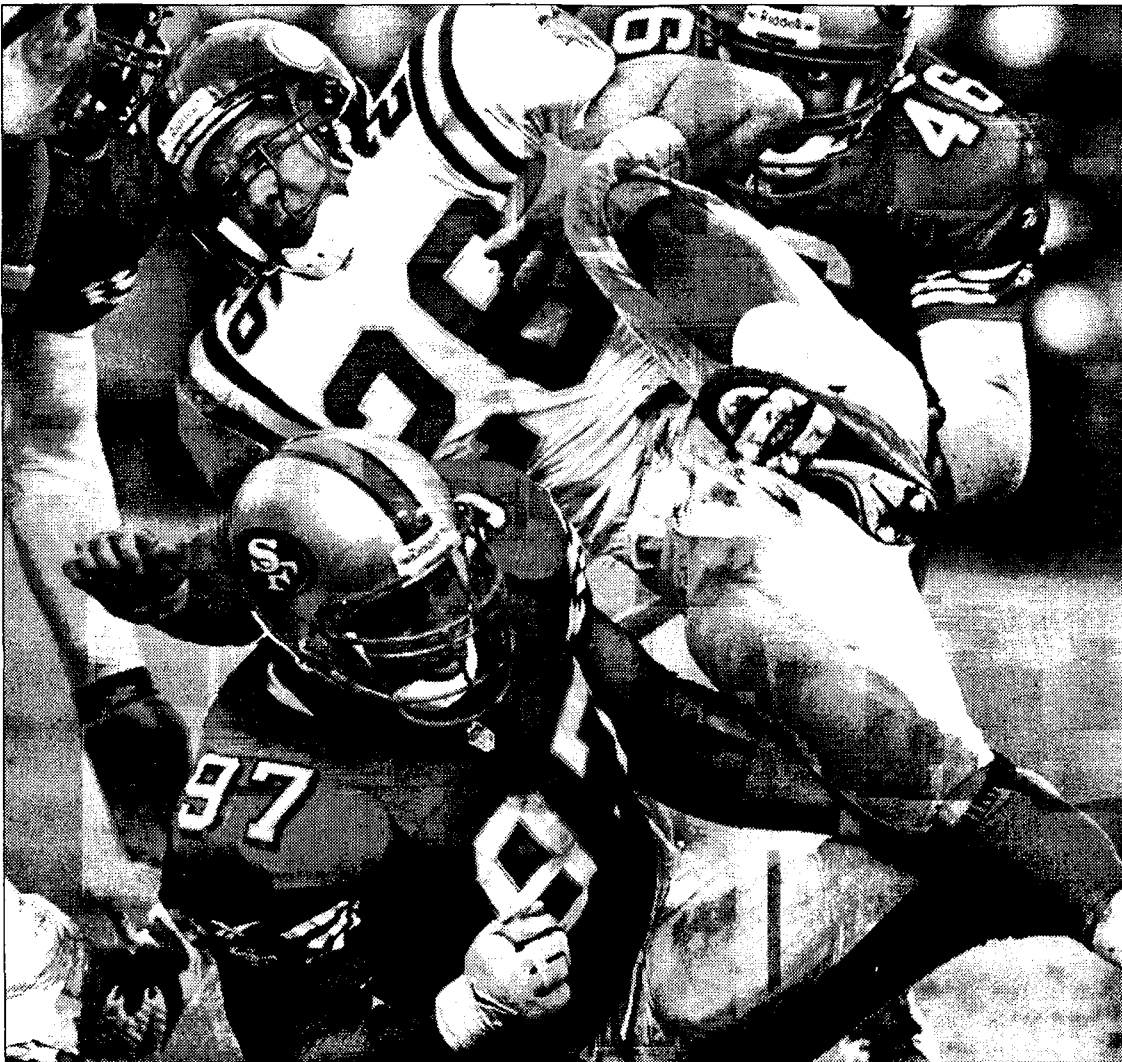
Young, San Francisco's first-round pick out of Notre Dame in 1994, had 9.5 sacks and was on his way to another Pro Bowl season when he went down in a fast, frightening sequence during the fourth quarter of Monday night's 31-7 win over the New York Giants.

New York's Kent Graham scrambled out of the pocket and Young and linebacker Ken Norton Jr. closed in from opposite directions to make the tackle. Young had grabbed hold of Graham's jersey when Norton plowed into the fray and his helmet struck Young squarely on the leg.

With Young's cleat firmly planted in the soggy turf, his leg buckled, bending at a grotesque angle. Young fell to the ground, his anguish evident to anyone who saw his face or heard his screams.

"I could tell Bryant was hurting pretty bad," said Graham. "It was a Joe Theismann-type injury. It's something you just hate to see."

Theismann was playing for Washington when he suffered a broken leg in a 1985 Monday night game after being hit by the New York Giants' Lawrence Taylor. It was Taylor who immediately after the tackle began frantically waving for a doctor. Theismann never played again.



San Francisco's Bryant Young (97), who fractured both bones in his right leg, underwent surgery Tuesday.

With the exception of Young, perhaps no one took his injury harder than Norton, who played the rest of Monday night's game in a fog and then left for the hospital, where he stayed at Young's bedside until the early morning.

It must have seemed like a recurring nightmare for Norton, who was also involved in the hit during a 1994 Monday night game that left Los Angeles Raiders run-

ning back Napoleon McCallum with a career-ending knee injury.

"This game is so strange," Norton said. "You're so fortunate to play it, but I don't think people realize the chances we take to play this thing. Everybody is one play away from something like this. It knocks you out. It's a big hit in the chest. It's very hard to live with."

Mariucci said Norton was devastated by Young's injury.

"He feels as bad as anybody does and Kenny has to get over it, too," Mariucci said. "It wasn't his fault."

Mariucci said for now, Young would be replaced with a three-tackle rotation using Brentson Buckner, Shane Bonham and Gabe Wilkins. The 49ers also plan to activate defensive tackle David Richie from the practice squad after the formality of placing Young on injured reserve.

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■ WAY OUT IN LEFT FIELD

NFL's performance leaves much to be desired

By JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Columnist

Whatever happened to the National Football League?

Only a short time ago, the NFL was a league of power and panache, blessed with proud teams like the Washington Redskins, Chicago Bears, Kansas City Chiefs and Cleveland Browns. Today, the latter team will rejoin the league under expansion auspices. Meanwhile, the former three teams have become disgraces to the league. When did the NFL turn into the predictable and disappointing entity that it has become this season?

The answer does not lie so much in "when" as much as in "why." The five following reasons allude to "why" this might possibly be the worst NFL season in recent memory:

The NFL has more crybabies than the NBA. Latrell Sprewell, meet Kerry Collins. Collins is the epitome of what many NFL stars have become. As the first pick in the history of the Carolina

Panthers franchise, Collins was expected to carry the Panthers into the next century. After leading them to the NFC title game two years ago, something happened.

Between breaking his jaw, denying a serious drinking problem, and making racist remarks about teammates, Collins became one of the worst quarterbacks in the league. A few weeks ago, he "quit." Saying his heart was no longer in it, Collins benched himself and left his teammates stranded, all the while collecting his paycheck. He was eventually released, and picked up by the New Orleans Saints. After a game against (guess who?) the Panthers, Collins was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

He is currently starting for the Saints, which is not much of an accomplishment, and feels that he has finally been freed from expectations. Other players who could join Collins and Sprewell include Bryan Cox, Derrick Thomas, and Ryan Leaf.

The NFL should throw away

the refs and bring back instant replay. In a recent poll on ESPN.com, 60 percent of those polled felt that the best way to solve the problems in officiating would be to bring back instant replay. The Indianapolis Colts-San Francisco 49ers game in Week 7 was given to the 49ers by the referees, a mistake later admitted by the league.

Routine problems could be solved through instant replay, and the games could be decided by the performance of the players on the field; not by the opinions of the guys in black-and-white running around like chickens without a head. It could even solve really difficult problems, like say the calling of the coin toss. Even if it is brought back, the referees need some other assistance (i.e. classes, fines, etc.) to help them make the right calls they have been missing all year.

The Denver Broncos have become the Chicago Bulls of the NFL. I am not a Broncos fan, but even I enjoyed watching them win last year's Super Bowl after

all the times that they and John Elway had fallen short in the big game. When he decided to return this year, I thought it was a bad decision. Was I ever wrong.

There are only two teams that can stop the Broncos: the Vikings and themselves and, as good as the Vikings are, the latter team poses a much more serious threat than the former. Broncos games have become mere formalities, with Bubba Brister leading Denver to five-touchdown victories. Sure, it's fun to watch complete domination ... for a quarter.

The NFC East, a traditionally dominant division, has become football's answer to baseball's American League Central. This year, the Dallas Cowboys are leading a division that seemingly nobody wants to win. Like the AL Central, a record over .500 (never a problem for perennial division-winner Cleveland) guarantees you a division crown.

As bad as the Detroit Tigers, Minnesota Twins, Kansas City Royals, and Chicago White Sox

were last year, with a combined record of 287-370, the NFC East has been worse (a combined record of 15-32). This division, with the Cowboys, New York Giants, and Washington Redskins has won the most Super Bowls since 1987. The two other members of the league are the Philadelphia Eagles and the Arizona Cardinals. Ugh. The Eagles were once respectable, but so was Marv Albert. The Cardinals may be the future of the division, but that alone should concern you.

The Atlanta Falcons are in first place. I have nothing against the Falcons and applaud their resurgence, even if it is in a division that is perennially the worst not only in football, but in all sports. It is the NFC West, with members such as the Panthers, Saints, and St. Louis Rams.

However, the Falcons base their success on three factors: control the clock, run the ball and play good defense. Watching a Falcons game is about as exciting as going to The Boat Club if you're the designated driver. If the Falcons do make it to the playoffs, their style of play will turn fans off and further hurt NFL ratings.

Is there hope for the NFL? Of course. Young stars like Moss, Peyton Manning, and Charlie Batch have given their teams a charge, and eventually powerhouses like the Broncos and the Green Bay Packers will fade. In the meantime, however, I'll dream of the NFL of a few years ago rather than reminisce about last week's Falcons-Rams "game."

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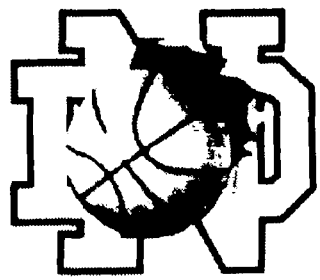
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program in the last several years than a coach might expect to lose in a 10- or 15-year tenure: Far too many people feel like they are better off elsewhere.

Some coaches at the premier programs in the nation have the same problem, but their players are blinded by the dollar signs awaiting them in the NBA rather than galvanized by a desire to play for and earn degrees from schools like Pepperdine, Virginia or Oklahoma State.

There were more reasons for Gottlieb's departure than playing time, coaching style or homesickness. Gottlieb had his infatuation with running up the bill at Spiece with his roommate's credit card, which led to his transfer to Oklahoma State and its team.

But the others leave too many questions to be deemed normal and there have been too many to be acceptable.

You simply can't return a program to where it should be when you can't keep your players. It's not quantum physics we're talking about.

MacLeod recruited some talent, but it certainly wasn't the right talent. For one reason or another, they didn't find their home under the Dome.

Potentially more dangerous than losing current players is losing future ones.

How does coach MacLeod respond to blue-chippers who are considering donning the blue-and-gold of the Irish when they ask why there have been five transfers in three-and-a-half years?

If those kids are just thinking about all the playing time they'll see their freshman year, their parents, who still hold quite a bit

of influence over the decision, certainly will ask those questions.

MacLeod certainly isn't making kids miserable with severe tongue-lashings like those seen at the Indiana University bench Tuesday night.

None of the transfers have bad-mouthed MacLeod, his pro-

gram or the University. They just didn't fit.

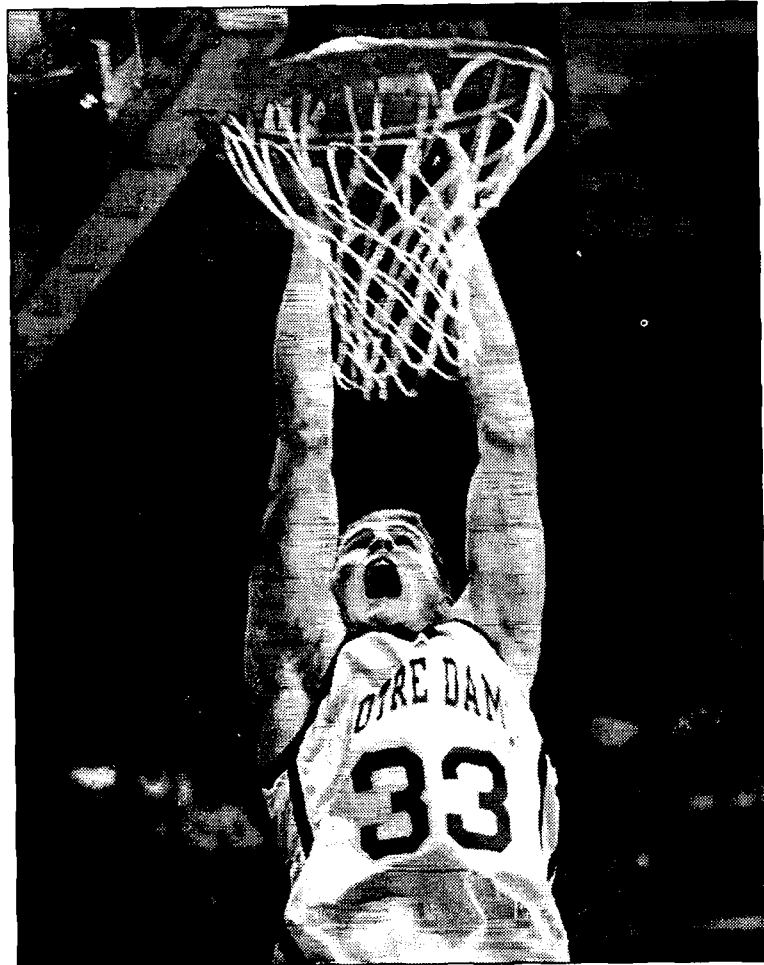
It's MacLeod's responsibility to make sure the seniors in high school who sign letters of intent to play for Notre Dame fit. MacLeod needs every one of the four years out of his recruits.

Freshman David Graves and Troy Murphy are the team's

leading scorers and Harold Swanagan shows promise.

When their senior year rolls around, or if their senior year rolls around, their experience, talent and some help from other classes could bring the Irish back to prominence.

But that's another couple of years away.



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Sophomore forward Hans Rasmussen left the Notre Dame basketball team this week, deciding the program wasn't a perfect fit for him.

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get anything going," Murphy said.

Notre Dame did display an ability to play with one of the top

teams in the country for over 40 minutes. That was no small task after a long flight home from Alaska after losses to Duke and Alaska-Anchorage, and a struggle to beat Southern Utah.

"We had a lot of time to think on the flight back," Murphy said. "We were thinking about how

we really wanted to take it to Indiana and it's a big rivalry and we really wanted this one."

Knight's Hoosiers had to battle the same jet lag and grueling schedule after three games in Hawaii, but Knight colorfully stated that there was no excuse for his team's 15 turnovers and

getting out-worked on the boards by a 43-33 margin.

"Notre Dame came back from Anchorage, at least the sun shines in ... Maui," Knight said. "You freeze the ass on a Polar Bear up there. They played a hell of a lot better coming back playing three games in a row then we did."

Said MacLeod, "When you play against Indiana you're either going to play hard or you're going to get a licking. It was a great college game and we put out a tremendous effort."

The packed Joyce Center that might have been more Hoosier red gave the Irish more incentive.

"We came out for warm-ups and there was applause and when Indiana came out there was a roar," said Murphy. "It seemed that most of the arena was Indiana fans and that gave us the extra added incentive to try to get a win."

Recker lead all scorers on 8-for-18 shooting and five three pointers, and A.J. Guyton burned the Irish for 17.

MacLeod got outstanding performances from freshmen Murphy and Harold Swanagan, who had 11 points and nine rebounds, including six offensive boards. Swanagan also gave his squad second opportunities by simply outworking and out-battling the Hoosiers.

"Harold is a leader," MacLeod said. "He's a freshman in his class but he's a leader on the team already. He's a great competitor."

While the Irish couldn't deliver their fans the big treat, they probably gave coach Knight and the Hoosiers a little too much.

"There was no question in my mind how tough this game was going to be," Knight said. "They have had a tendency to play real well here and real well against us. They played real well today."

Notre Dame had Indiana down 47-39 five minutes into the second half, but Guyton and Recker erased the lead and gave their squad a chance to win in regulation. But after Dillon's heroics, they had to earn the victory in overtime.

"I probably get caught up in what we didn't do, but we were down eight or 10 points in the second half and come back," Knight said. "I think it's very tough to have a game won and let it get away from you and then win in overtime. I have to be pleased with their ability to do those things. I'm not very pleased with the way we played."

"I think most people would probably be happy to come up and win," Knight said. "But what makes me happy is playing well. I just don't like to see us not play well and not think."

Ironically, Knight's post-game press conference sounded like it was after a loss, but MacLeod's sounded like the game was a win as he was encouraged by the play of his freshman.

"David [Graves], Harold, and Troy are going to play key roles in Notre Dame basketball for the future," MacLeod said. "They're not afraid and they trust their talent and they are looking forward to these games."

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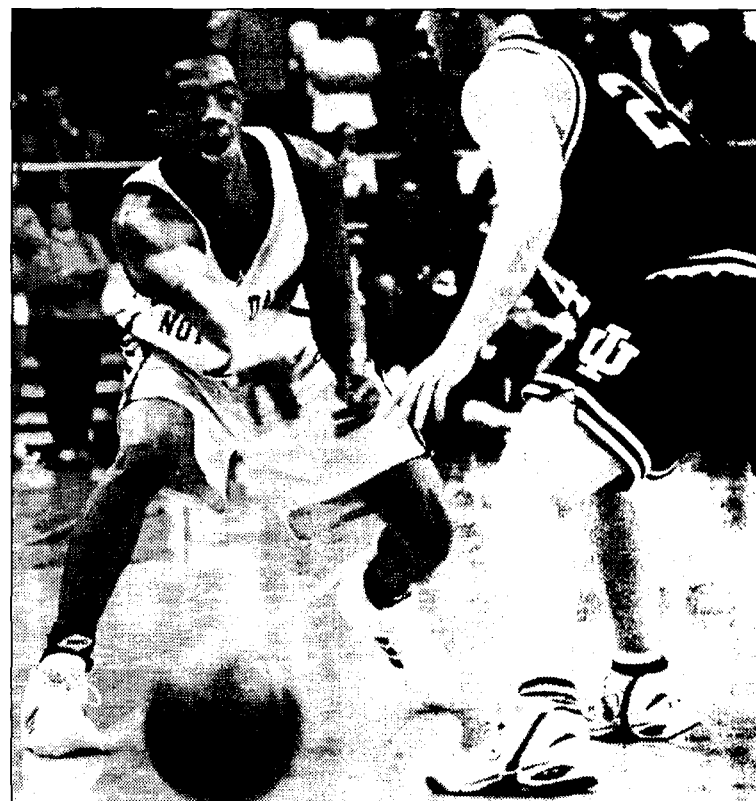
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Antoni Wyche scored 11 points in Tuesday's overtime loss to Indiana. The Observer/John Daily



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Associated Press

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Mike Tyson pleaded no contest Tuesday to misdemeanor assault, a decision that could return the former heavyweight champion to prison.

Although the plea to the two counts is not an admission of guilt, Tyson faces up to 20 years in prison — 10 years on each count — when he is sentenced early next year by a Maryland judge. He also could be fined up to \$2,500 on each count.

The charges stem from an Aug. 31 traffic accident in Montgomery County, Md., involving Tyson's wife, Monica. Tyson was accused of kicking and punching two motorists after the accident.

"You understand that this plea could affect your parole," Judge Steven Johnson told Tyson before accepting his plea.

"I'm truly aware of that," said Tyson, who was released from prison in 1995 after serving three years of six-year sentence for a 1992 rape conviction in Indiana.

Tyson, who is scheduled to fight Francois Botha on Jan. 16, would not discuss his case outside court.

It will be up to Indiana

authorities to decide whether the no-contest pleas violated his probation.

By late Tuesday afternoon, Marion County (Ind.) Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford had not heard from probation officials about Tyson, her clerk, Becky Wagner, said. She said probation officials would decide whether to request a violation hearing for Tyson.

George Walker, chief probation officer for Marion County, was out of the office until Wednesday.

Tyson told Johnson he did not expect leniency or a lighter sentence in return for entering the no-contest pleas.

The prosecutor urged that jail time be included in the punishment.

"The state opposes any probation before judgment," said Assistant State's Attorney Carol Crawford.

Tyson's lawyer, Paul Kemp, said the plea was an appropriate resolution to the case.

"Mr. Tyson certainly concedes that things occurred that were inappropriate," Kemp said.

Following the August accident, Abmielec Saucedo and Richard Hardick said Tyson attacked them. They have reached a settlement with Tyson to avoid a civil suit.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hills earns Big East basketball honors

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame freshman Sherisha Hills (Tampa, Fla.) has been named the co-Big East Rookie of the Week, after averaging 12.5 points and 3.5 rebounds in two wins last week as the Irish beat 25th-ranked Illinois (101-92) and San Francisco (74-43). The Irish rookie shares the honor with freshman forward Tamika Williams of Connecticut.

Hills becomes the third Irish player in as many weeks to claim a Big East honor. Junior Niele Ivey and senior Danielle Green garnered player-of-the-week honors in the first two weeks of the season.

In the win against the Illini, hills came off the bench to score nine points, while adding four rebounds and three assists. She scored a career-best and game-high 16 points in 29 minutes of action, grabbed three rebounds and made four steals. In the two games, she shot 10-for-20 from the field.

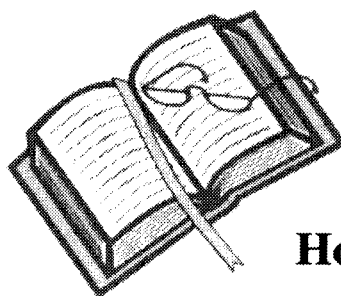
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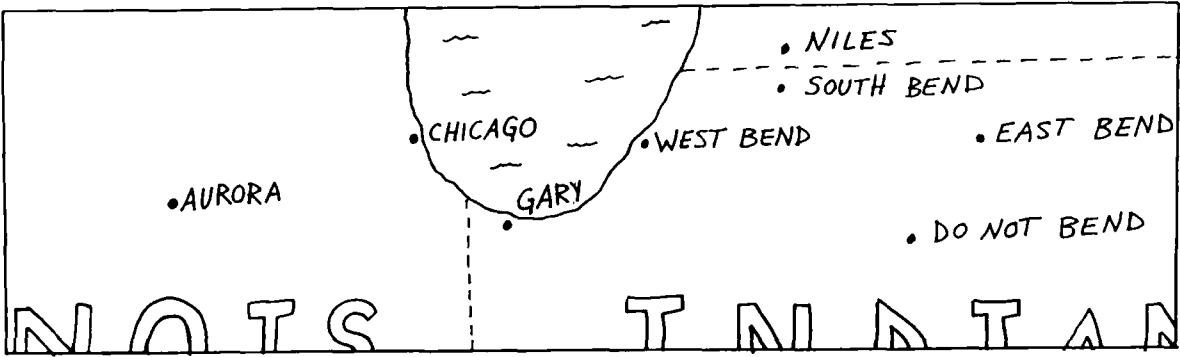


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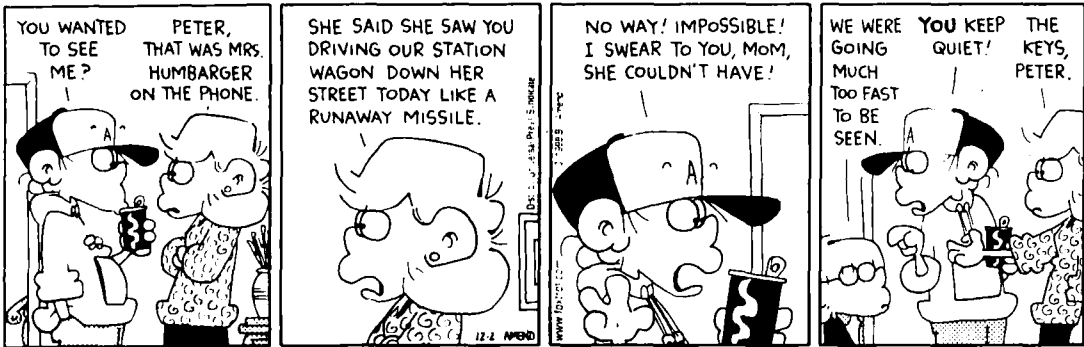
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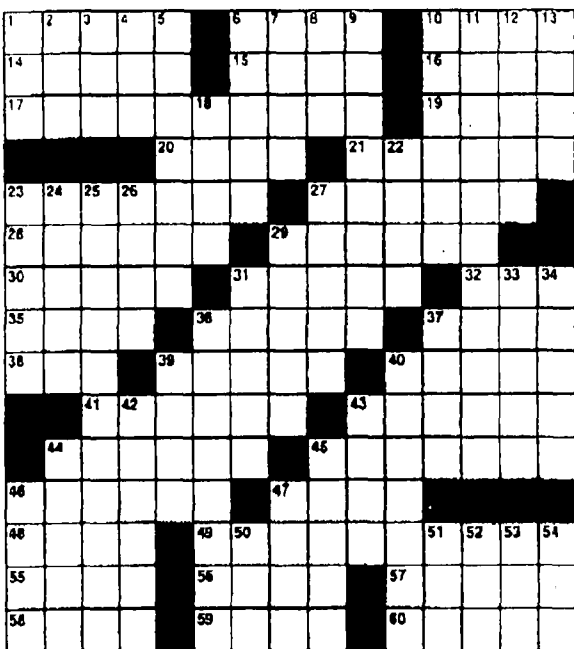


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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Rallying Hoosiers need extra period to defeat Irish

Domers rally but fall short in overtime, 76-72

By JOEY CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

The men's basketball team almost gave Irish fans an early Christmas present Tuesday night.

But the Joyce Center isn't on 34th street. A win over Bobby Knight's 16th-ranked Hoosiers probably would have been too much to even expect from Santa, so Irish fans will have to be content with a 76-72 loss that provides a moral victory and a lot of hope after a dismal 2-4 start to the season.

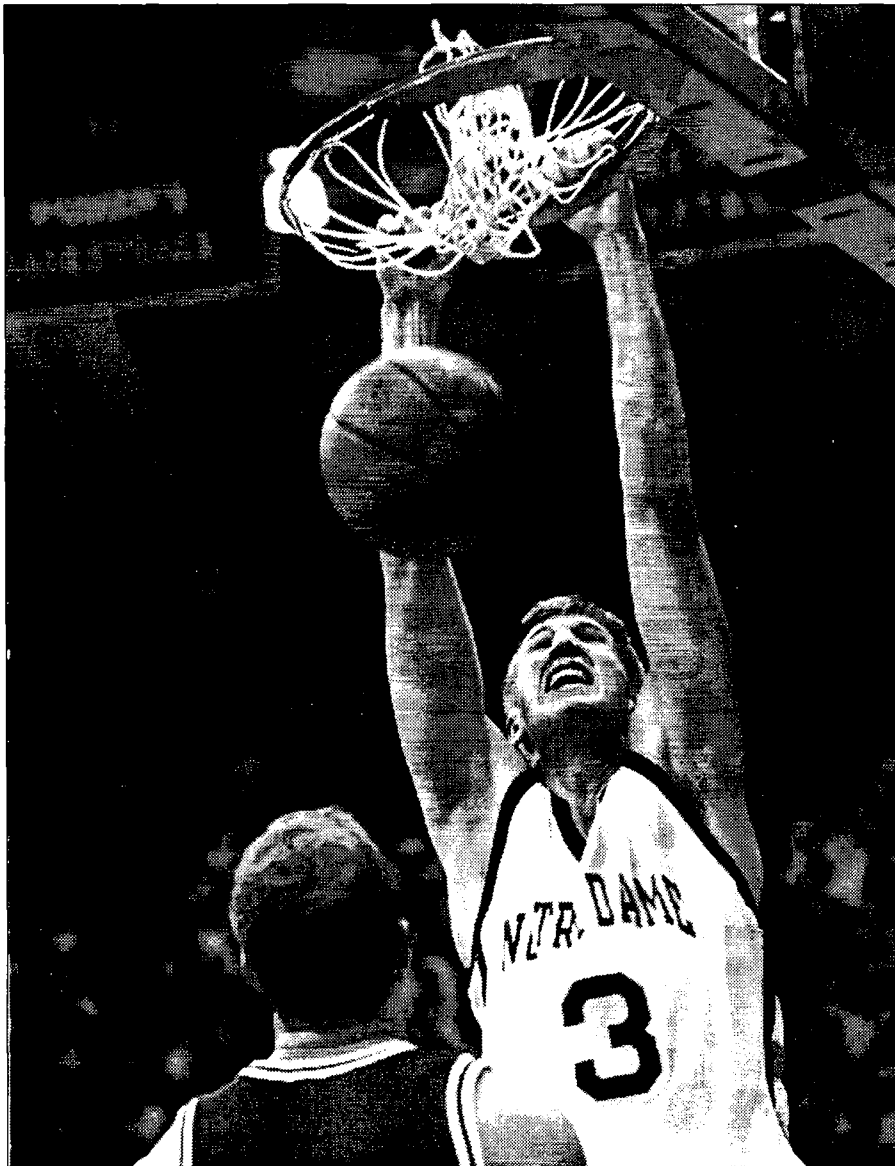
Senior guard Antoni Wyche drained three free throws with 1:25 left on the clock to tie the game at 64 and Jimmy Dillon sent the game to overtime with a drive down the lane and a pretty underhand lay-up.

But the Irish (2-5) couldn't stop the Hoosiers (7-1) when they had to and couldn't contain Luke Recker, who had 27 points. And though Troy Murphy tallied 23 points and 16 rebounds, the offense failed to find him at the critical moments.

"I thought Indiana really played well," Notre Dame coach John MacLeod said. "They got the lead at the end and controlled the clock. I thought our kids battled their tails off."

Notre Dame had its fair share of chances in the final seconds of overtime but Dillon couldn't produce the same magic he found in the end of regulation and Wyche and Martin Ingelsby couldn't find the range on several three pointers that would have tied the game. The Hoosiers outscored the Irish 10-6 in overtime.

"They really buckled down their defense in overtime and made it difficult for us to



Freshman forward Troy Murphy scores two of his 23 points on the night in Notre Dame's four-point loss to No. 16 Indiana.

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Rasmussen completes ND all-transfer team

By JOEY CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

Monday afternoon, sophomore center Hans Rasmussen took the path of too many Notre Dame basketball players in recent years.

He walked into the Joyce Center, into head coach John MacLeod's office, and told him of his decision to transfer.

This comes on the heels of a disastrous northern excursion where the Irish captured seventh place in the eight-team Great Alaska Shootout, edging out Southern Utah by four points.

Rasmussen joins forwards Gary Bell and David Lalazarian and guards Keith Friel and Doug Gottlieb on the MacLeod all-transfer team that has formed in the last three- and-a-half years.

Rasmussen, a native of Portland, Ore., pointed to homesickness and decreased playing time as the reasons for his departure.

"Honestly, I wasn't in a good situation here," Rasmussen told the South Bend Tribune. "One thing that was hard for me was being 2,000 miles away from my family. I just want to go home, take some time off and re-evaluate everything in my life."

Said MacLeod, who is becoming all-too-familiar with these speeches, "We wish him the best. He's a great young man. We hope that everything works out for the best for him."

"We don't want to see him transfer," MacLeod continued. "We're not holding him here hostage. He feels like he'll be better off elsewhere."

MacLeod has seen more players leave his

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Toledo next plate on Irish menu

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The Notre Dame women's basketball team, which has climbed to a No. 6 ranking in the Associated Press Poll, will look to continue its winning ways when it takes on non-conference opponent Toledo tonight at the Joyce Center.

The sixth ranking is the highest ever in school history and the team's 5-0 record also matches a school record. With wins over UCLA, Duke and Illinois, Notre Dame has moved up 11 spots since the preseason poll was released.

"We're excited right now," guard Niele Ivey said. "We have to work hard each day and not worry about the rankings. Everyone is going to play us tough, so we have to go out there and play hard."

Tonight's matchup with Toledo is the first contest of a three-game homestand that includes Big East opponents Villanova and top-ranked Connecticut. The Rockets hold a 2-1 edge in the series with the Irish, but the two teams have not met since 1990, when Toledo defeated Notre Dame 70-69.

Toledo brings a 3-2 record into the Joyce Center, after splitting two games at the Boston College Tournament last weekend. The Rockets dropped a close game to BC, 72-69, but followed it up with an 84-78 victory over St. Joseph's. The two other Toledo victories came over Xavier and Youngstown State.

Kim Knuth leads the team, averaging 28.4 points-per-game. She was named the Mid-American Conference offensive player of the week.

"They are going to be a tough team," Ivey said. "Knuth is a great player. She's a senior and they have a veteran team. They have a lot of weapons besides her and have a lot of confidence heading into the game. They have nothing to lose."

Notre Dame's Sherisha Hills also earned all-conference honors, as she was named co-Big East freshman of the week. Hills averaged 12.5 points in Notre Dame's wins over Illinois and San Francisco last week.

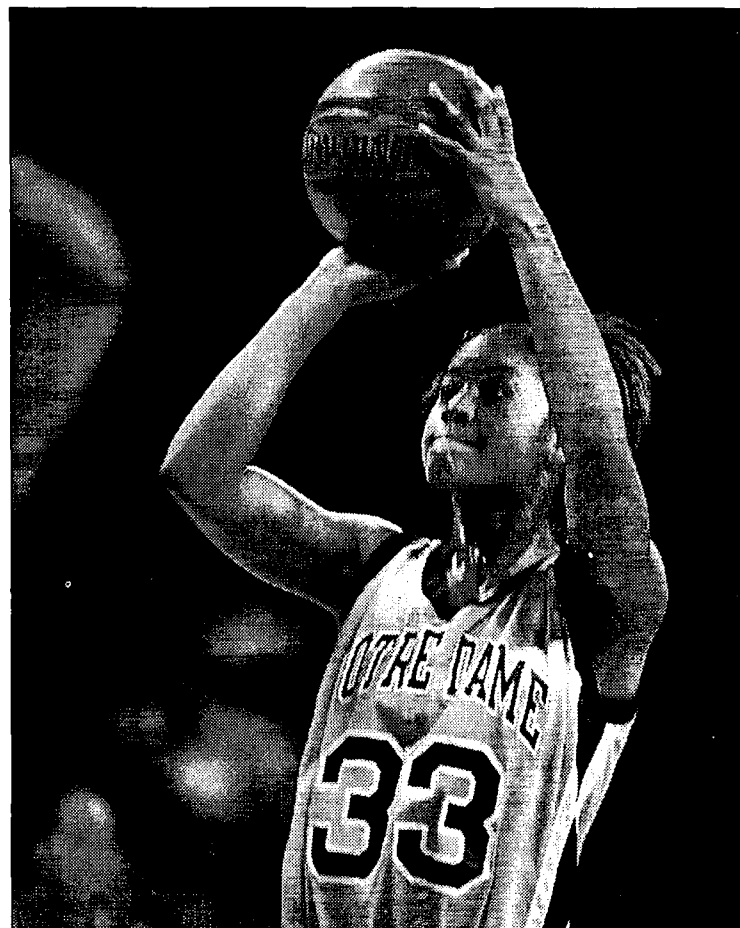
"She's playing great," Ivey said. "She's not nervous and is gaining more and more confidence. She's working hard and is getting better every game."

Ivey finished with 22 points in the victory over the Illini. Center Ruth Riley added a double-double with 21 points and 12 boards. Captain Sheila McMillen had 20 points, en route to becoming the 14th Irish player to score her 1,000th career point.

The Irish have won 14-straight home games, a streak dating back to the 1997-98 regular season, and are averaging 94.7 points in their first three home games of this season. Notre Dame averages nearly 10 rebounds-per-game more than its opponents, with Riley leading the way, averaging 9.2 per game.

"Early on we weren't doing a good job rebounding and the coaches have been pounding defense and rebounding into our heads," Ivey said. "Our game is the transition game, so we have to crash the boards and get quick outlets."

This will be the last warmup for the Irish before they start conference play with No. 1 UConn.



Niele Ivey and the Notre Dame women's basketball team currently have a 5-0 record, the best start for the Irish in 20 years.

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